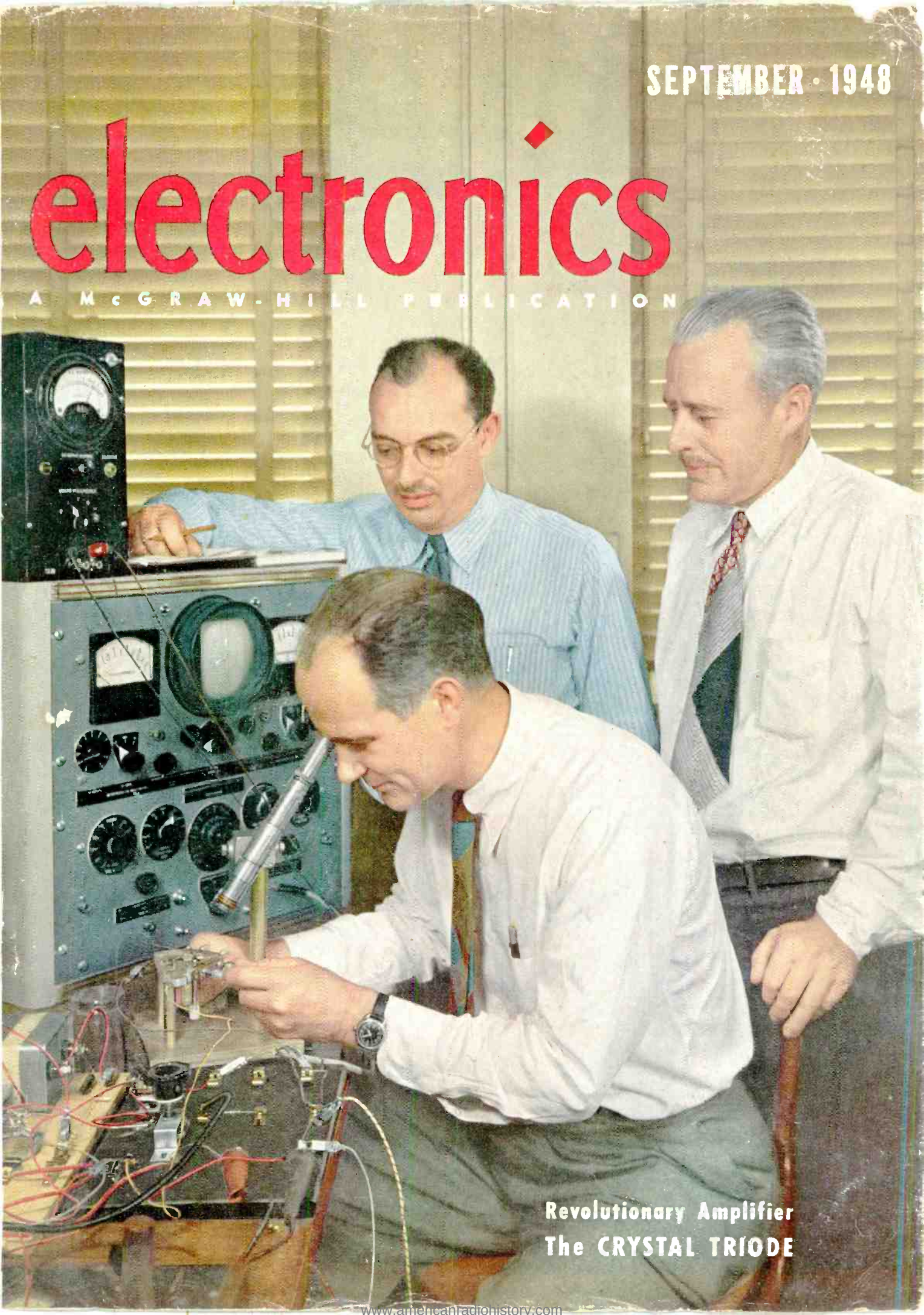
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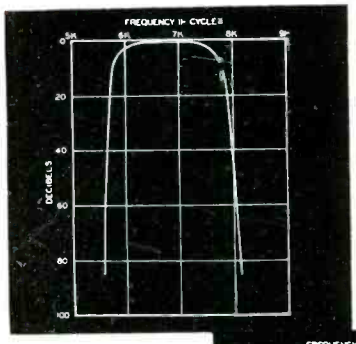


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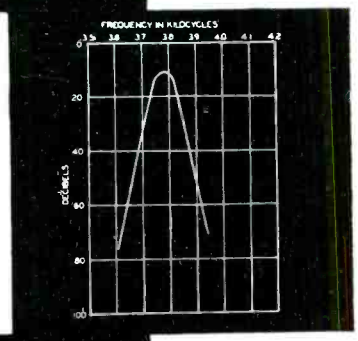
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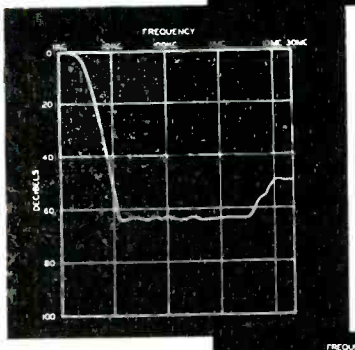
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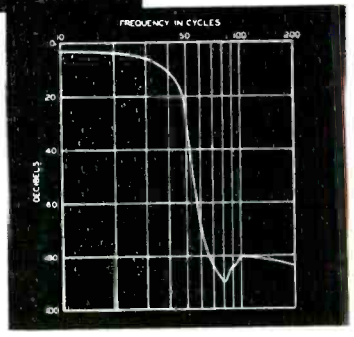

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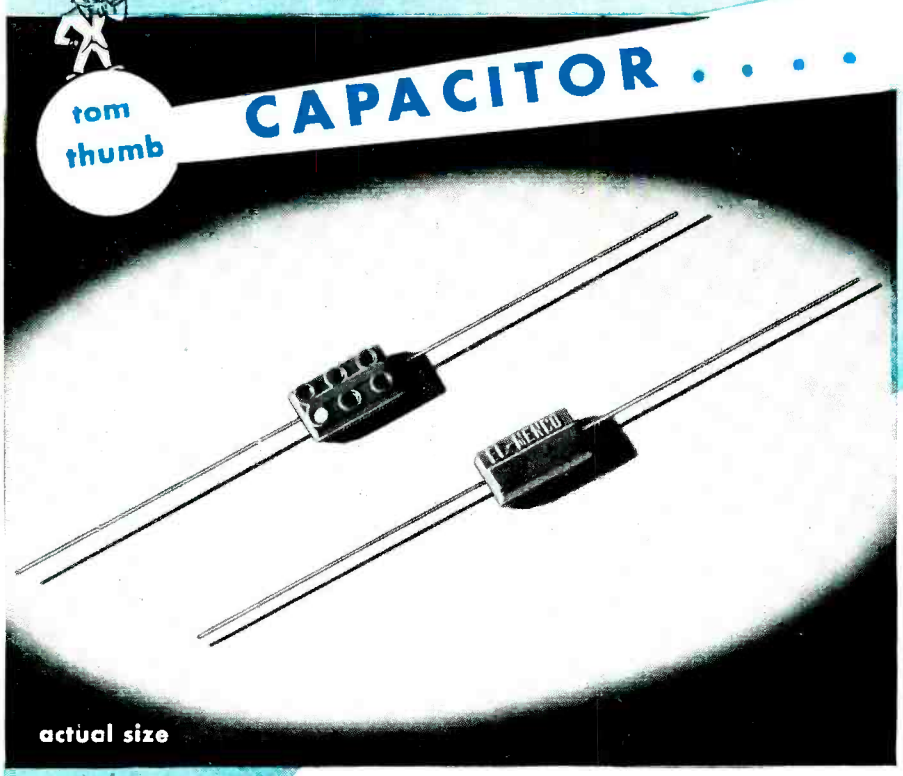
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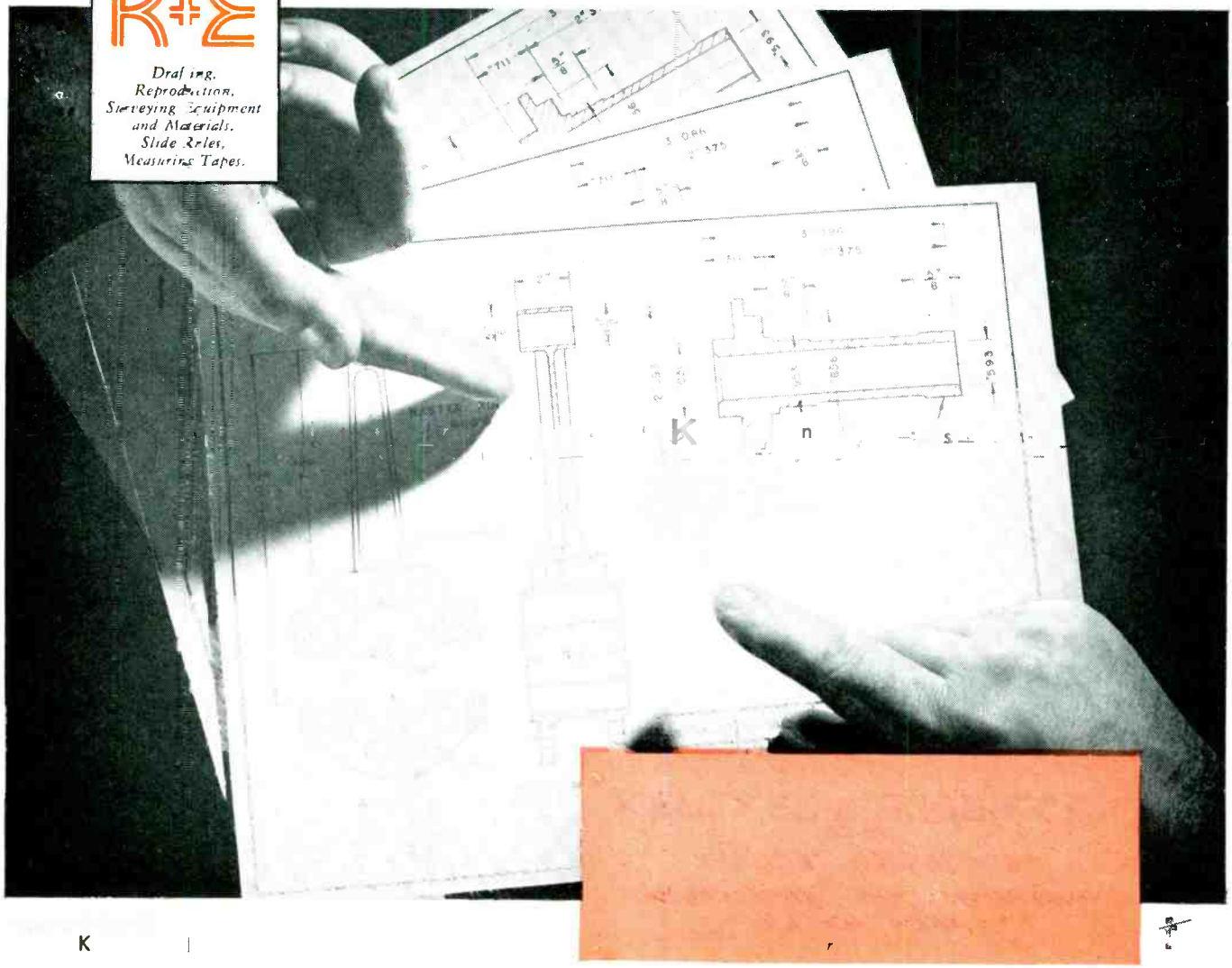
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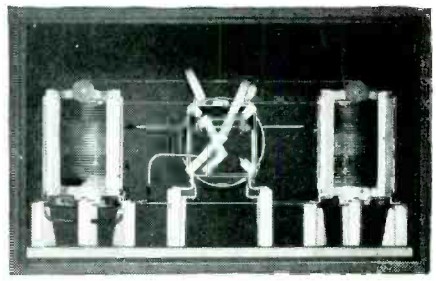
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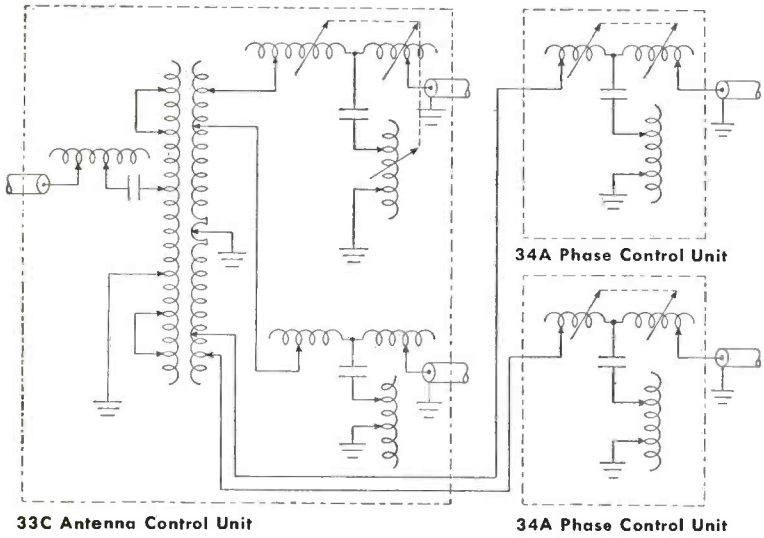
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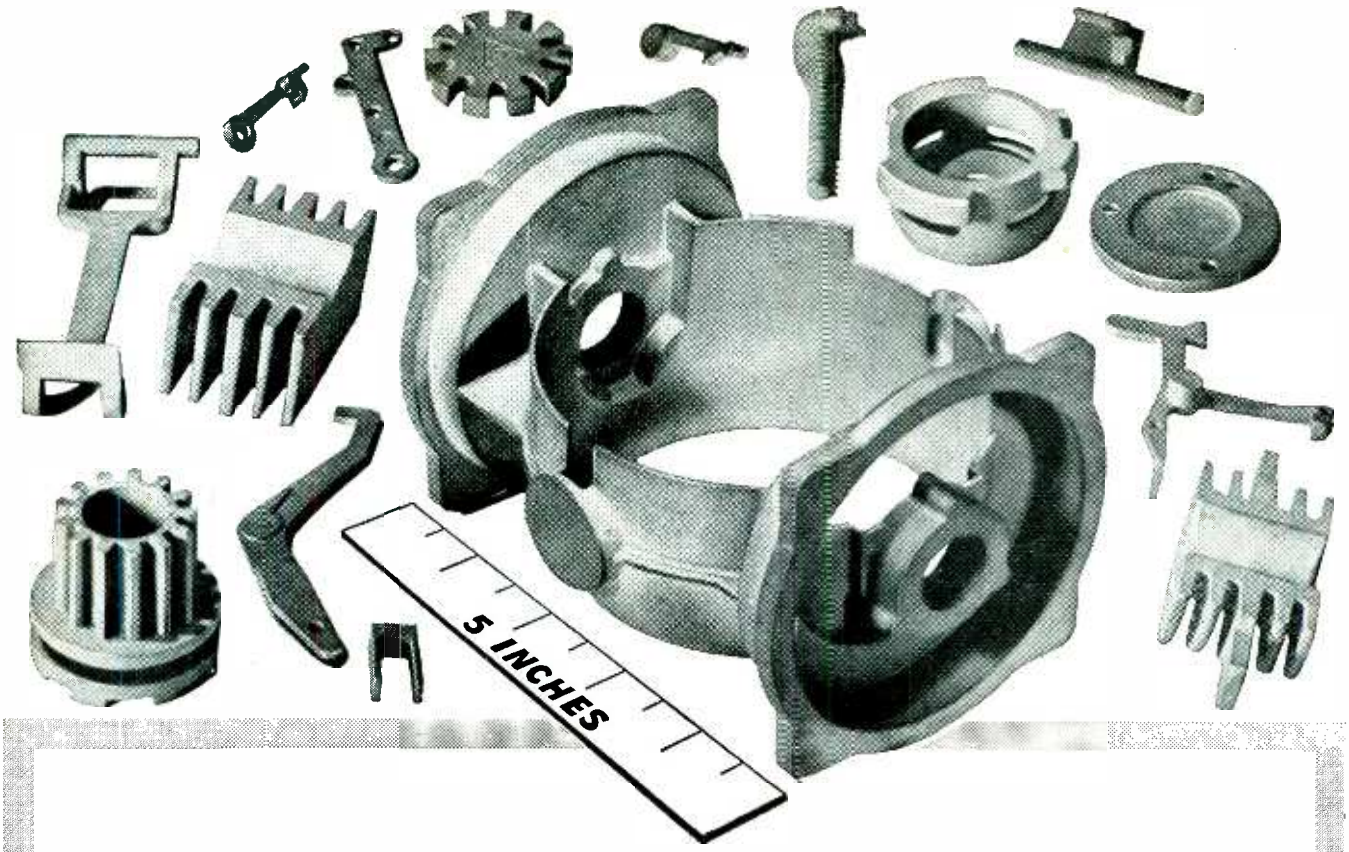
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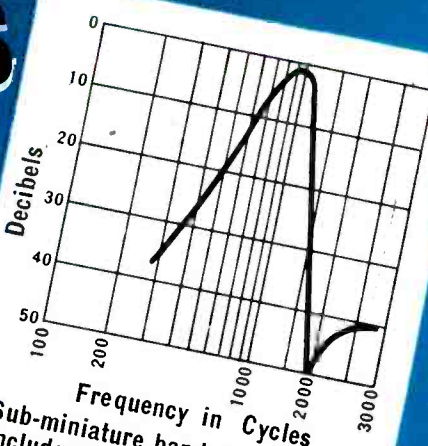
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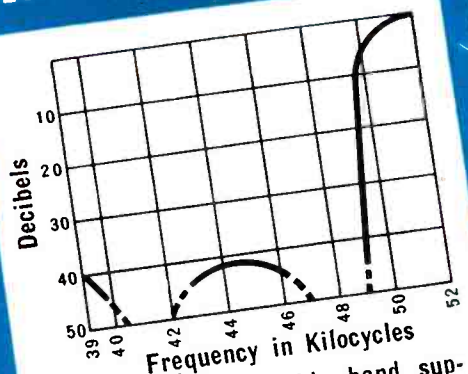
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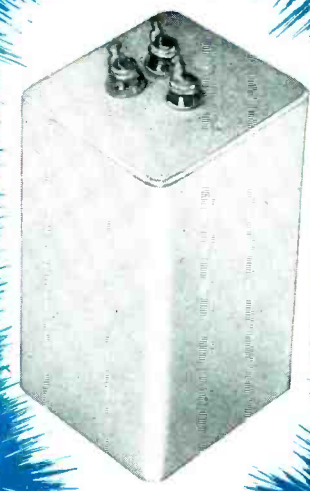
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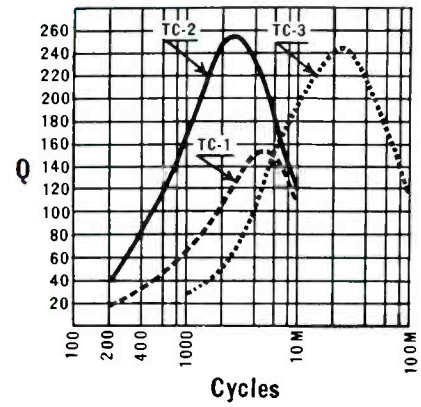



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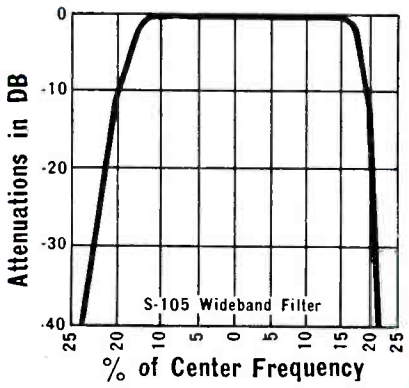



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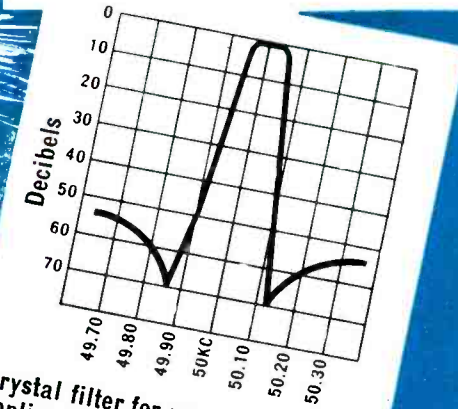



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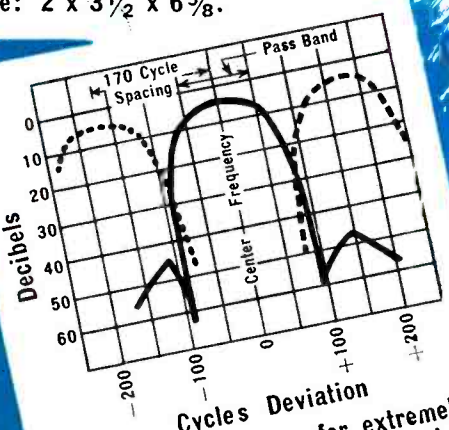



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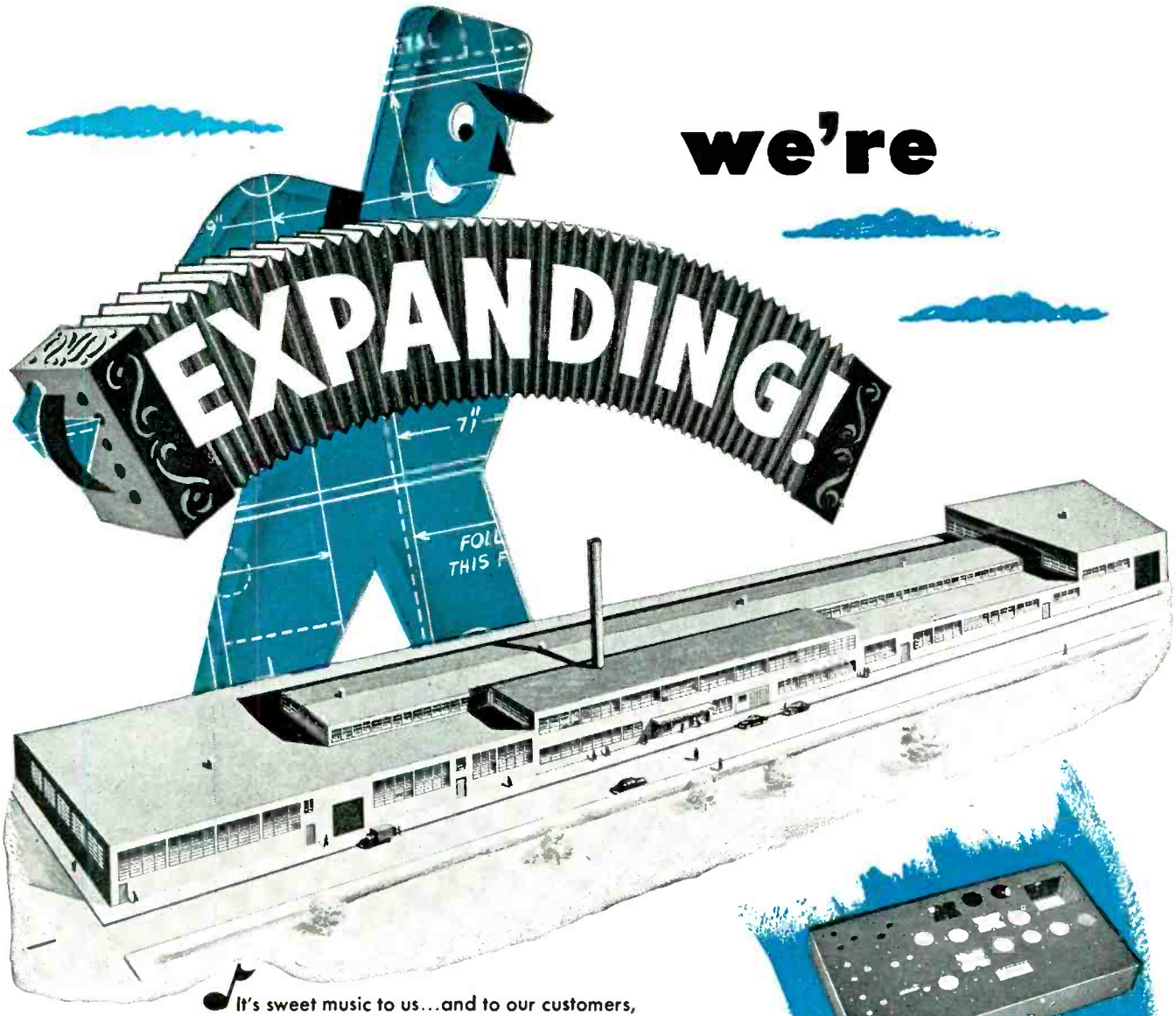



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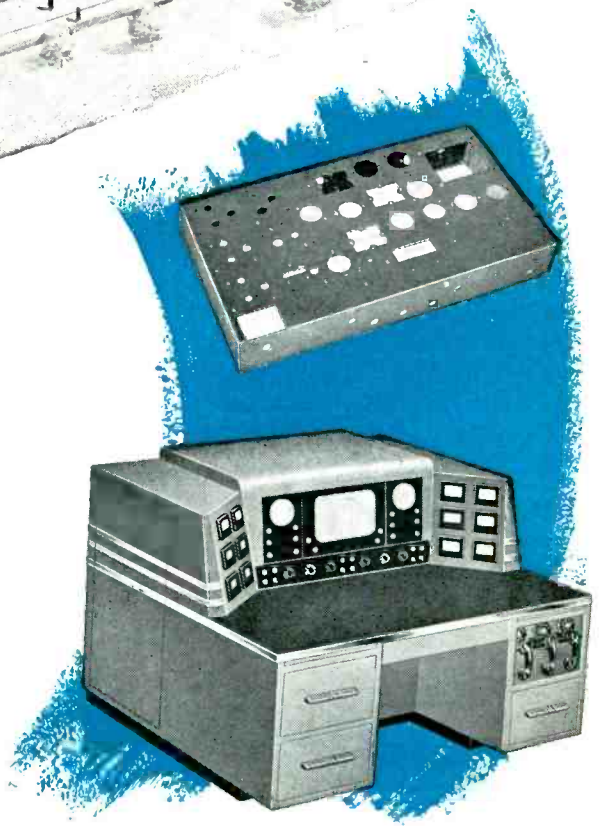



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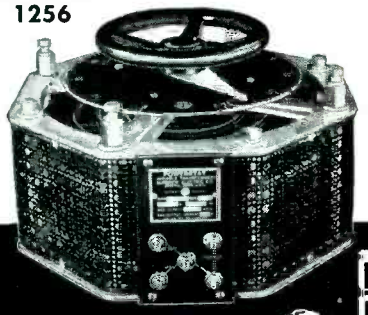
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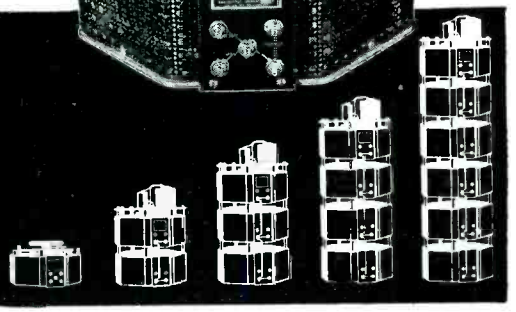
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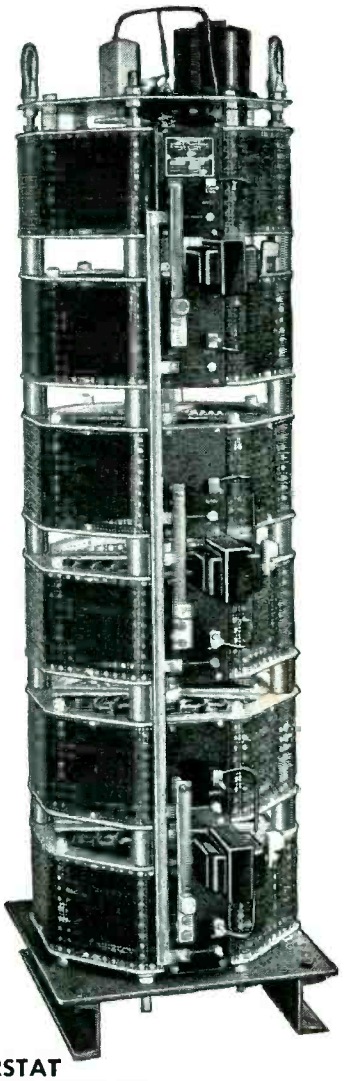
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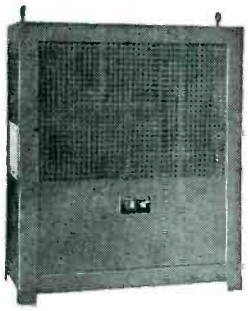

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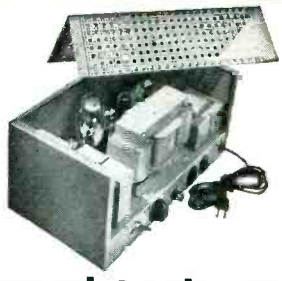
| MODEL | LOAD RANGE VOLT-AMPERES | *REGULATION ACCURACY |
|---|---|---|
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| MODEL | LOAD RANGE VOLT-AMPERES | *REGULATION ACCURACY |
|---|---|---|
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## General Application

| MODEL | LOAD RANGE VOLT-AMPERES | *REGULATION ACCURACY |
|---|---|---|
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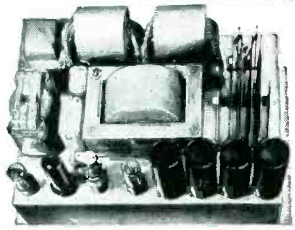


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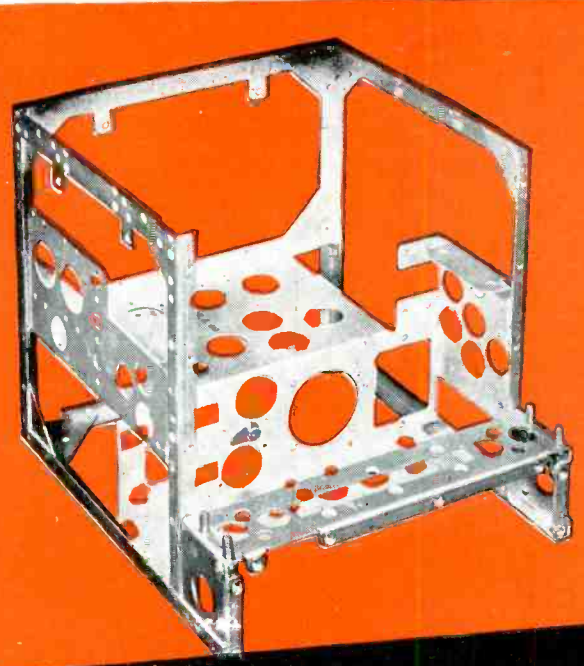
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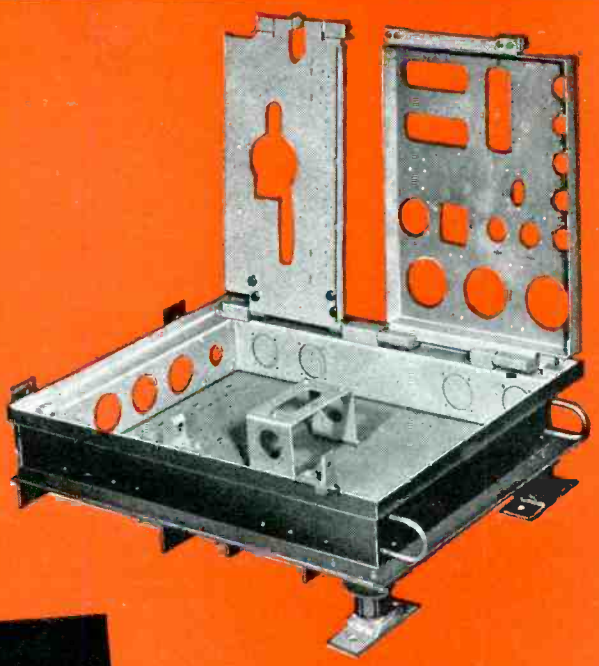
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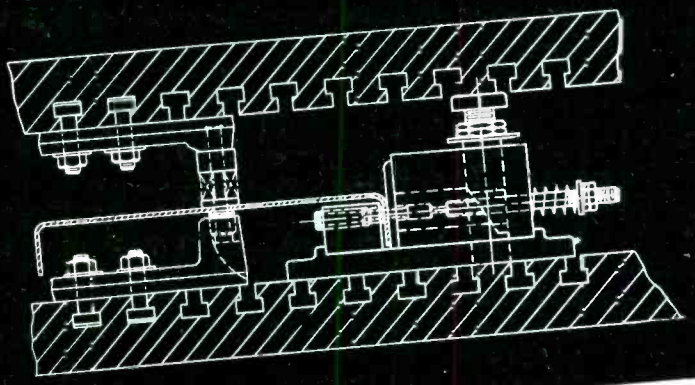
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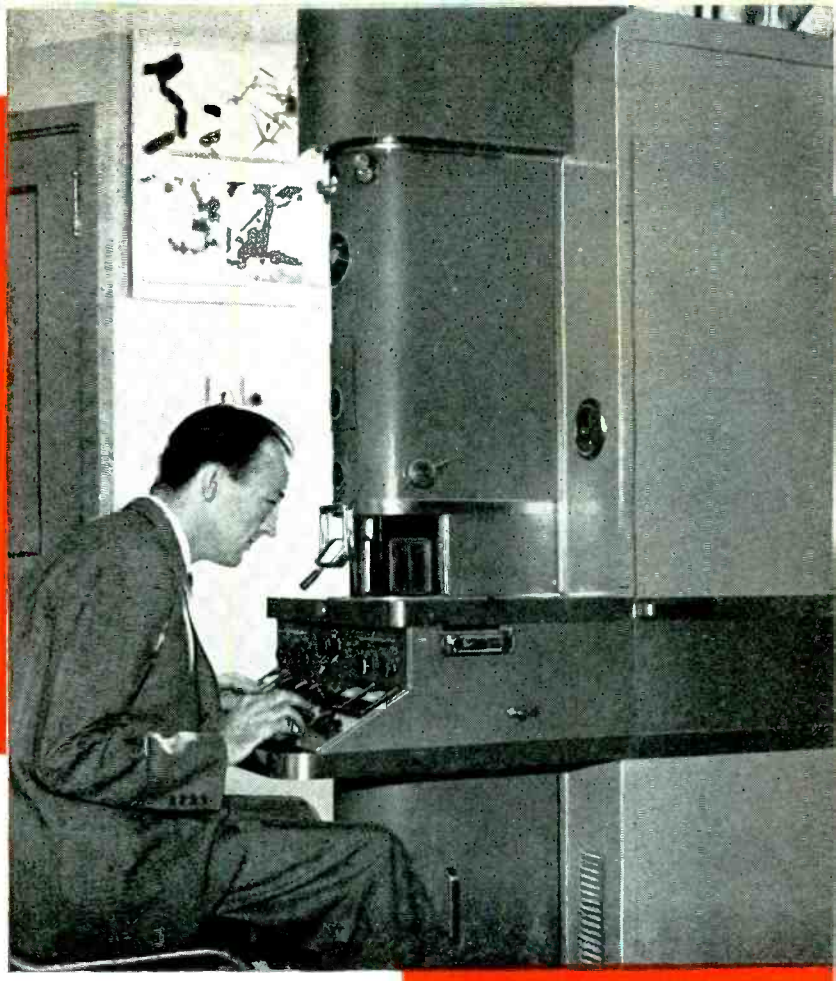
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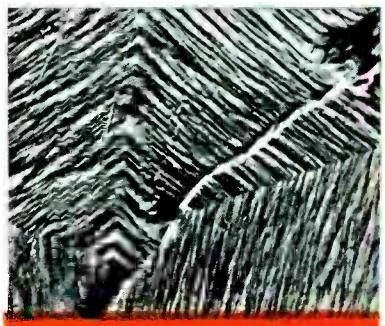
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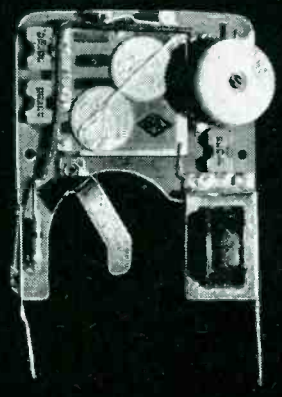
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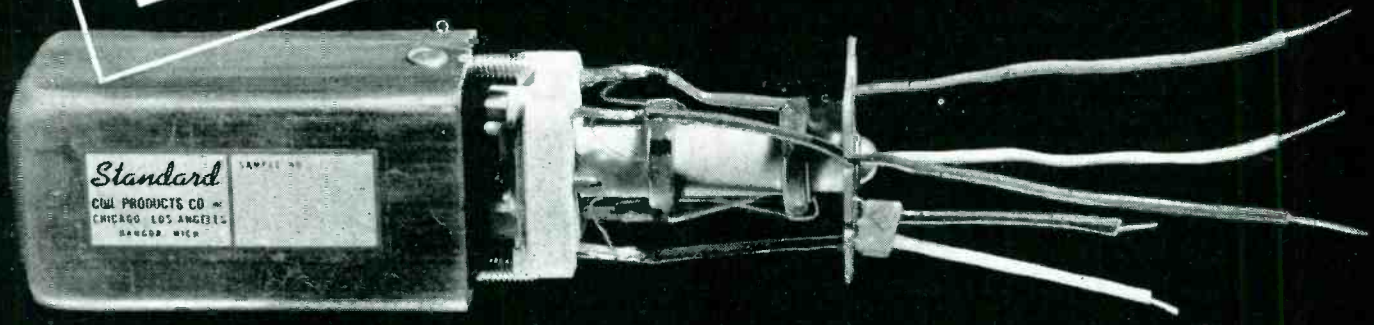
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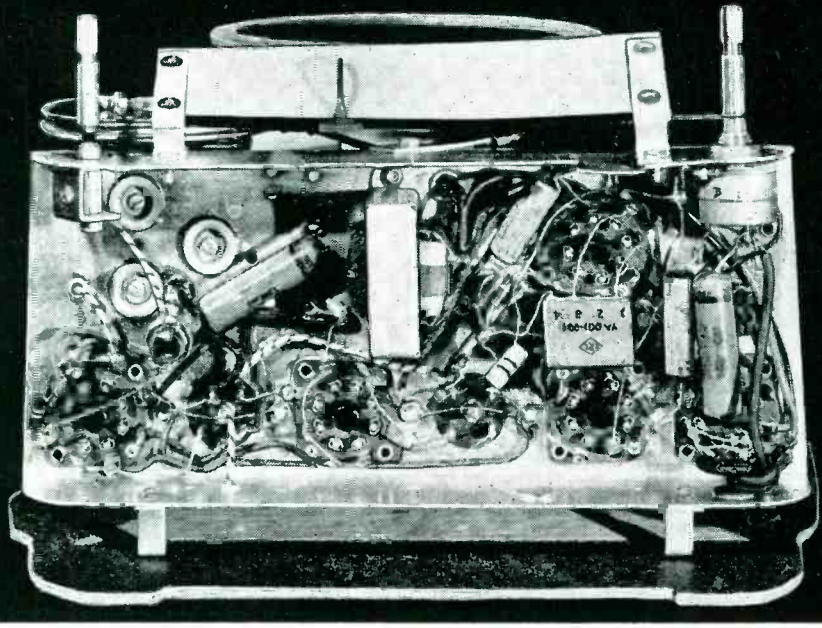
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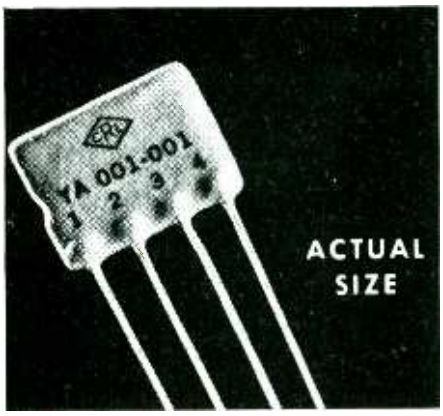
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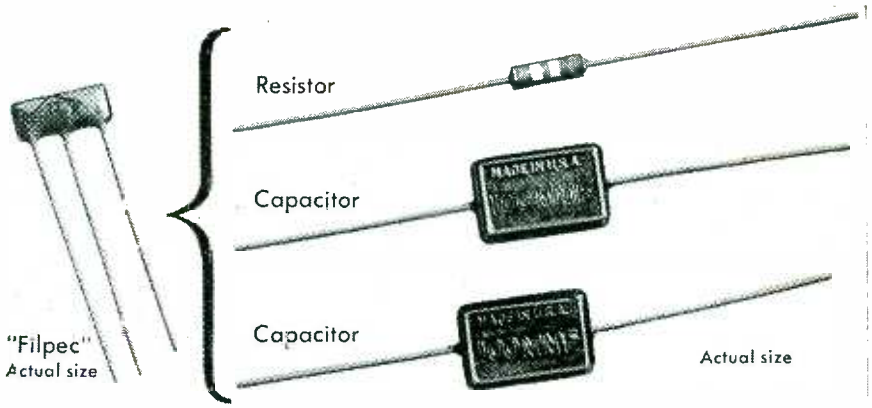


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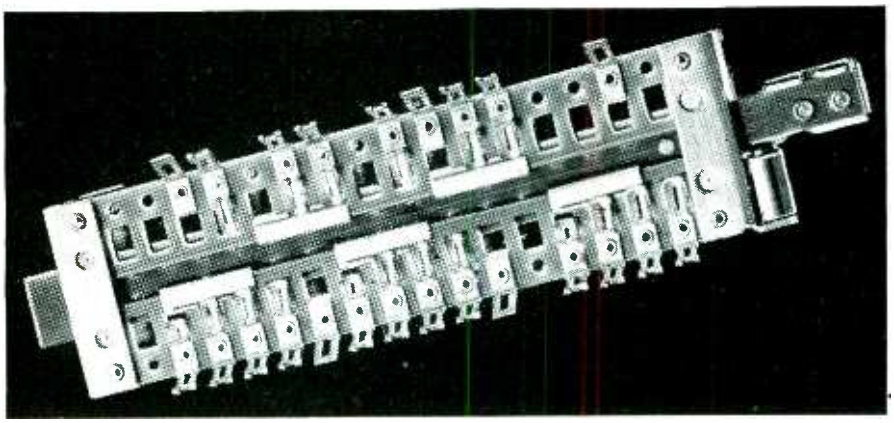
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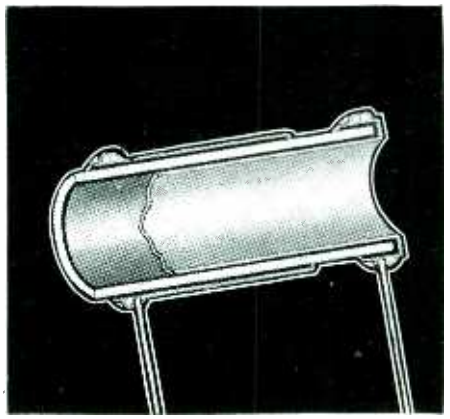

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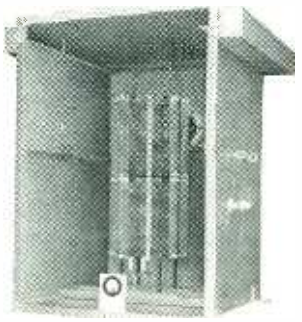
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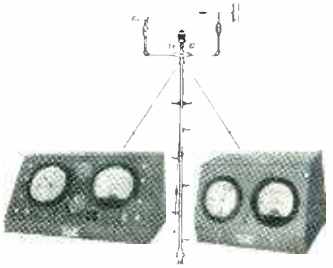
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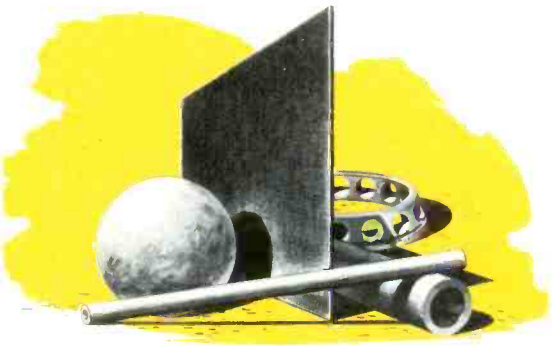
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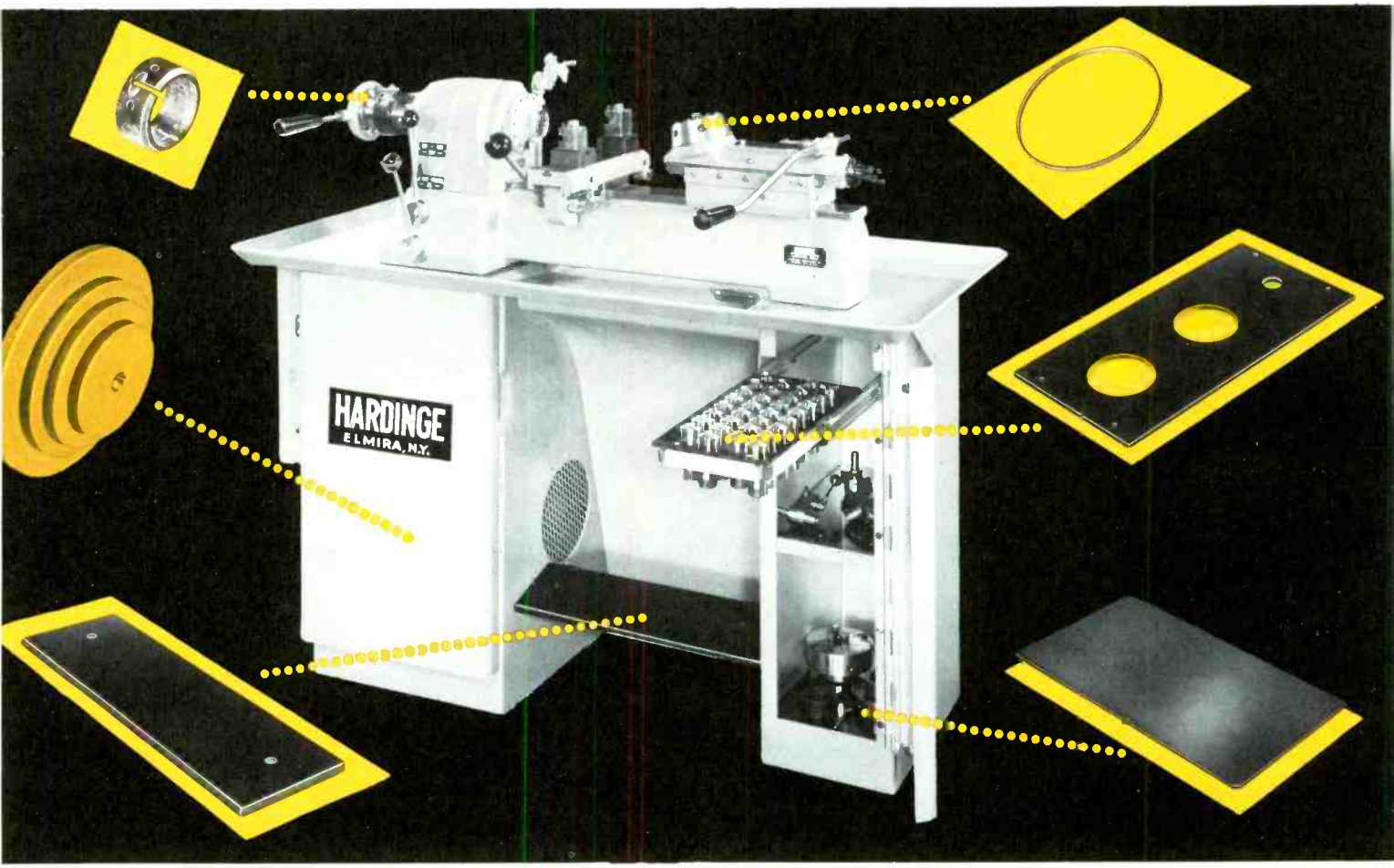
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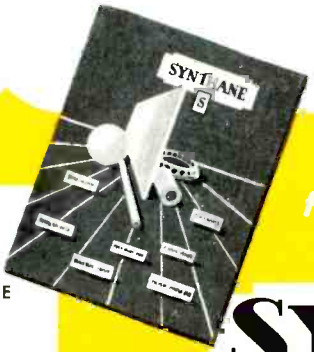



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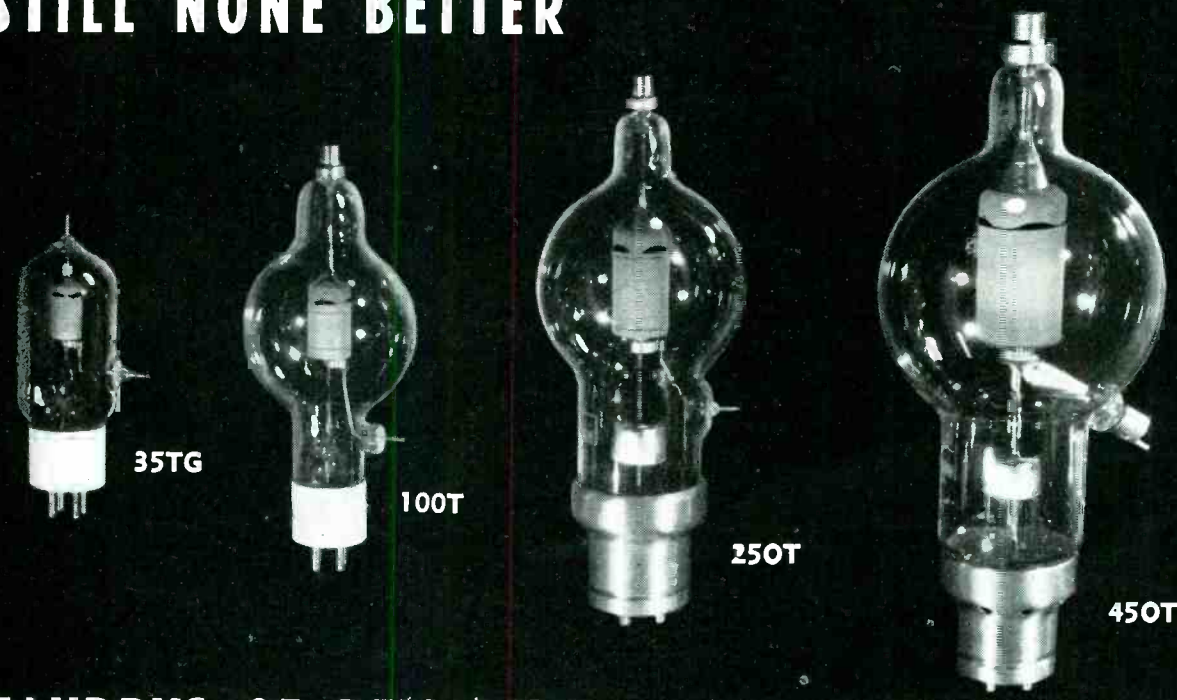
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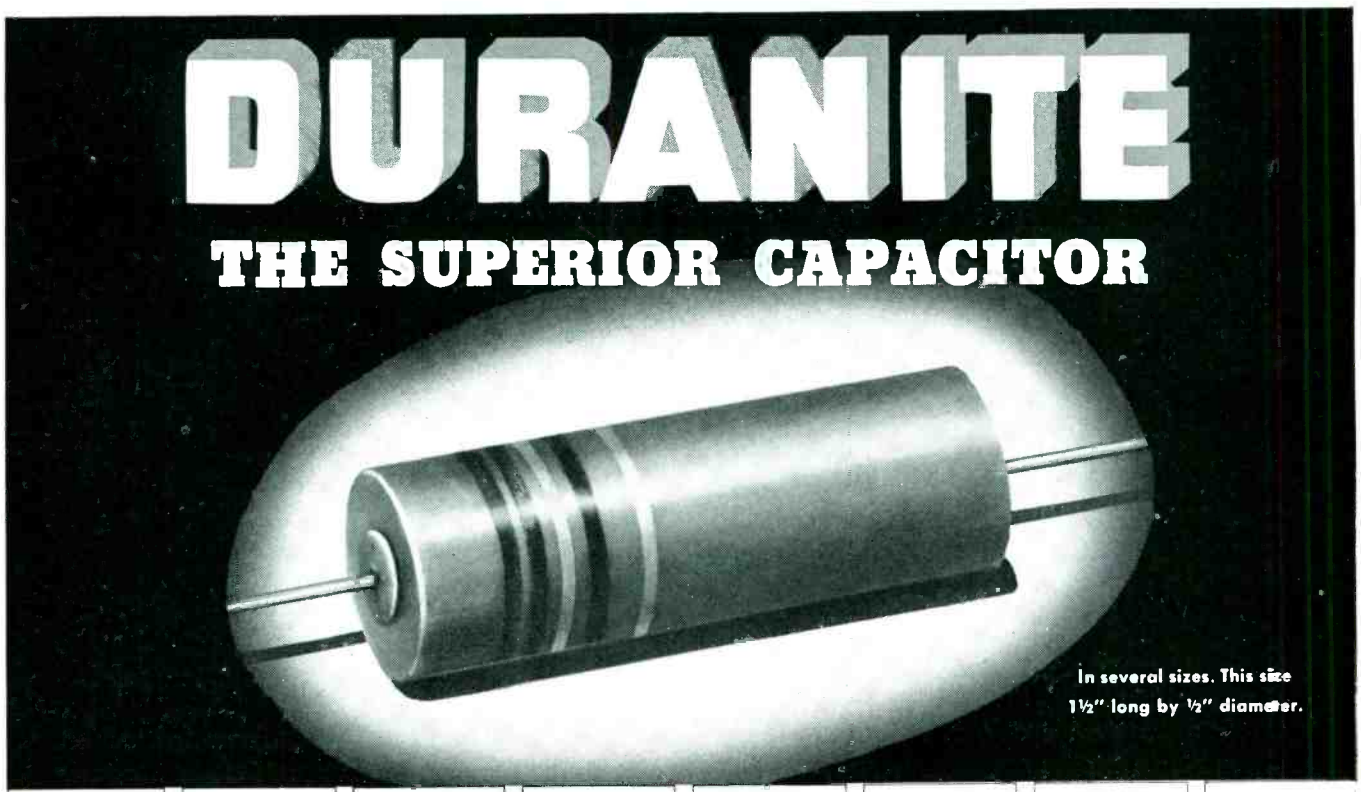
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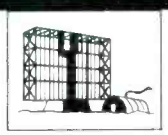
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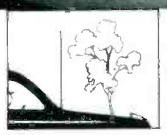





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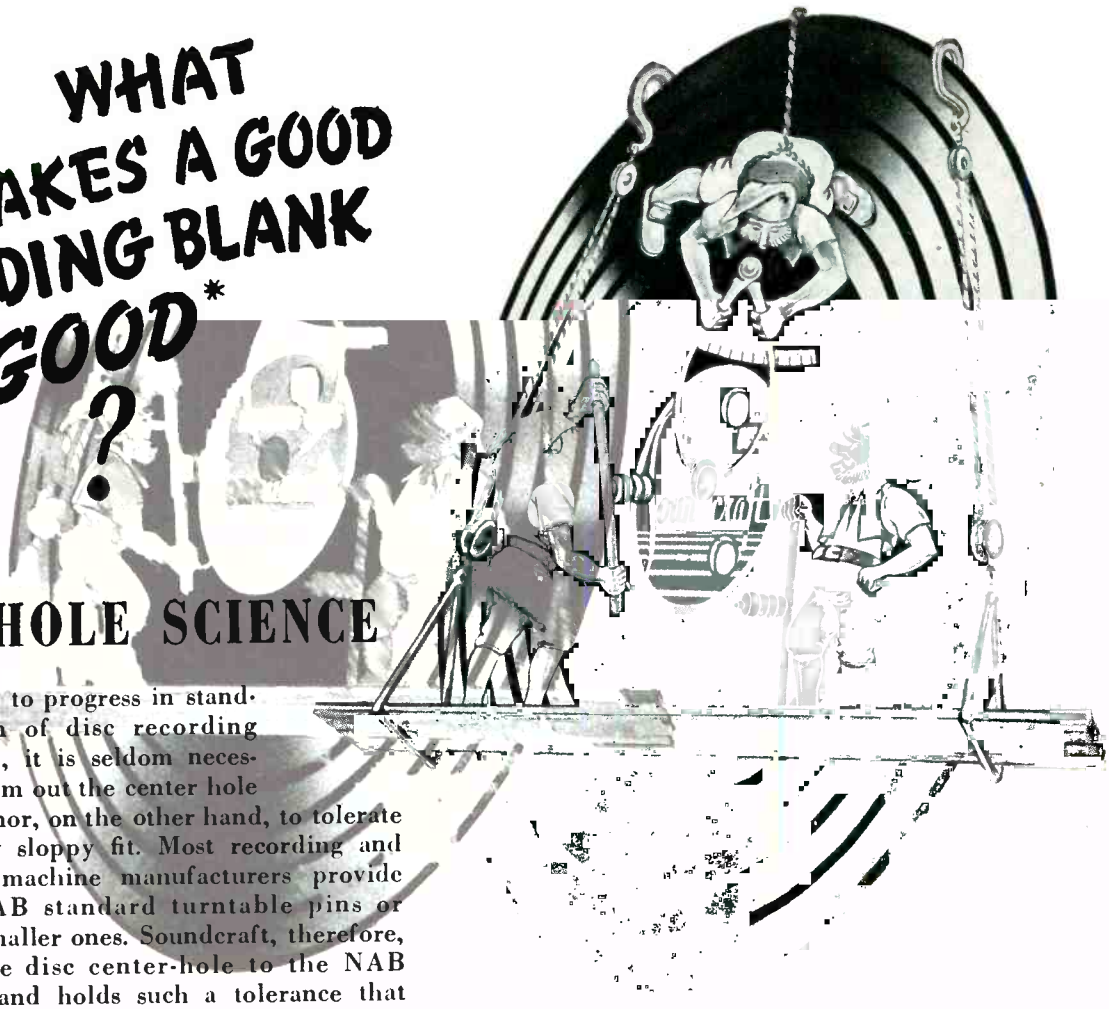
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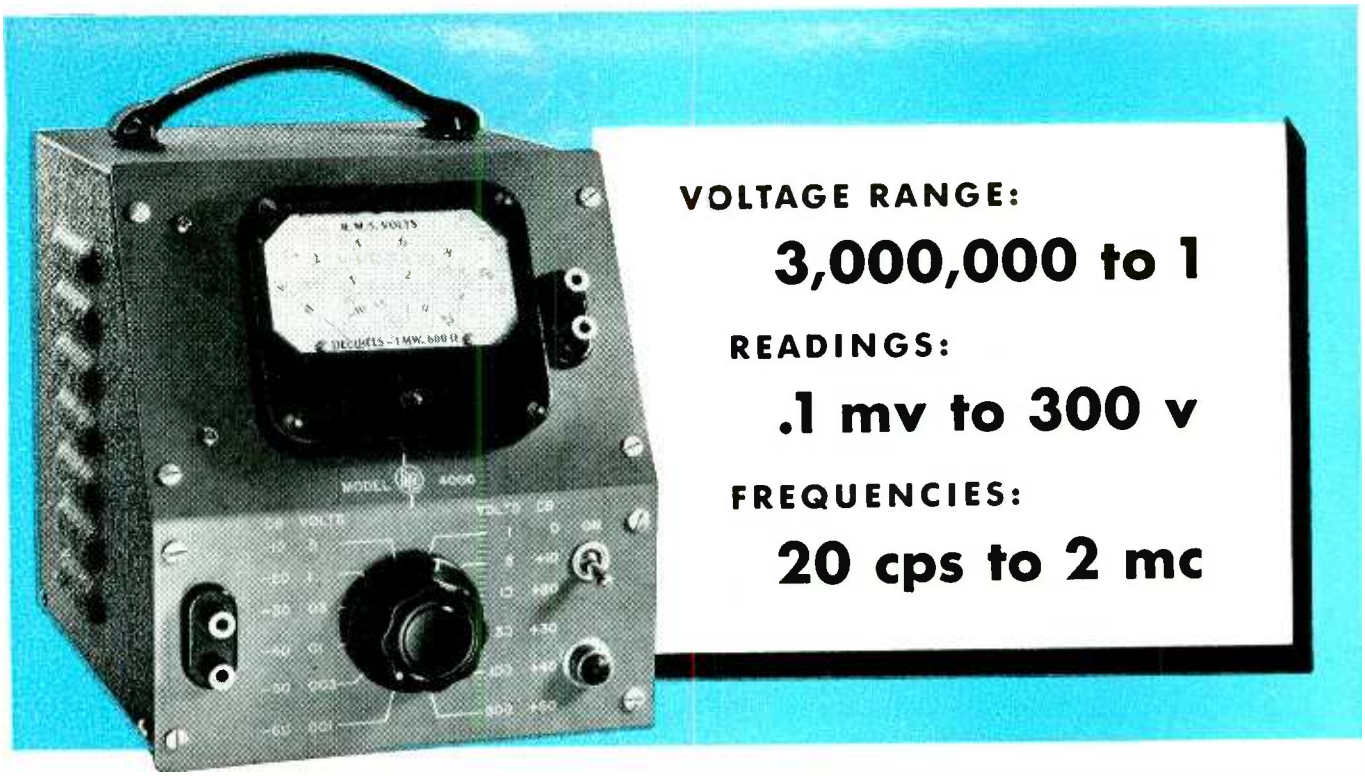
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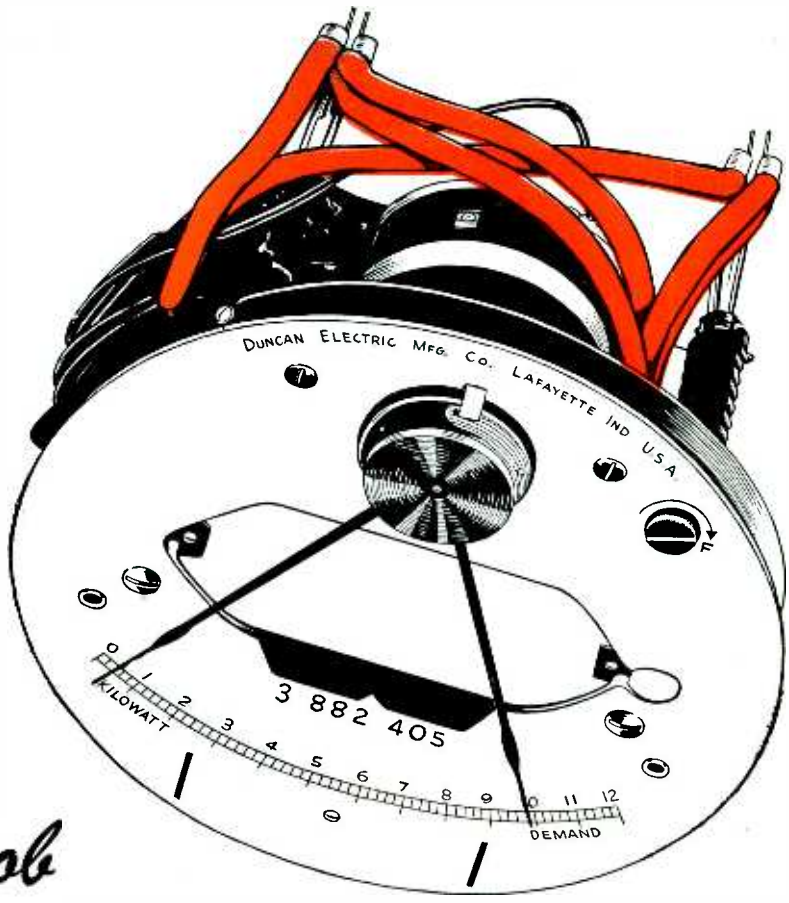
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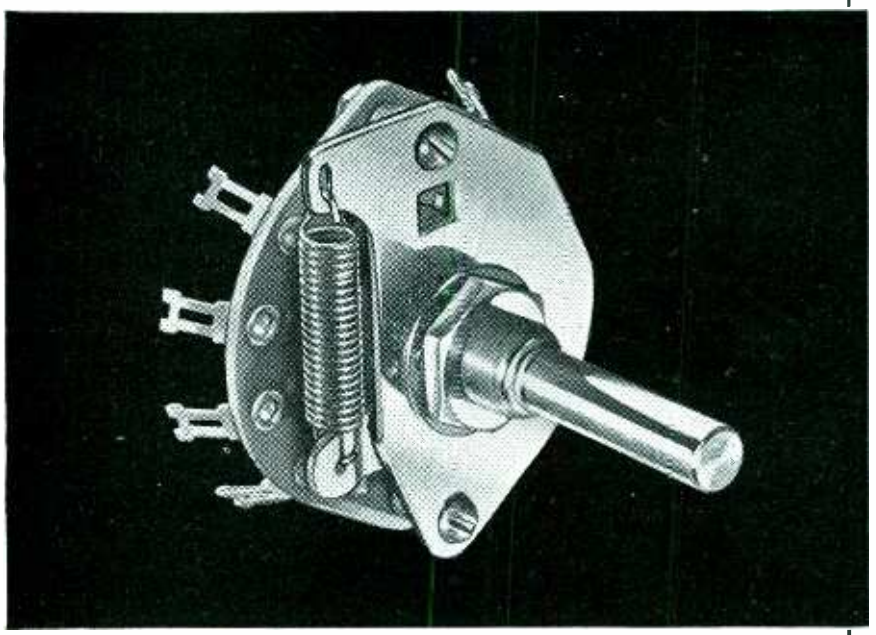
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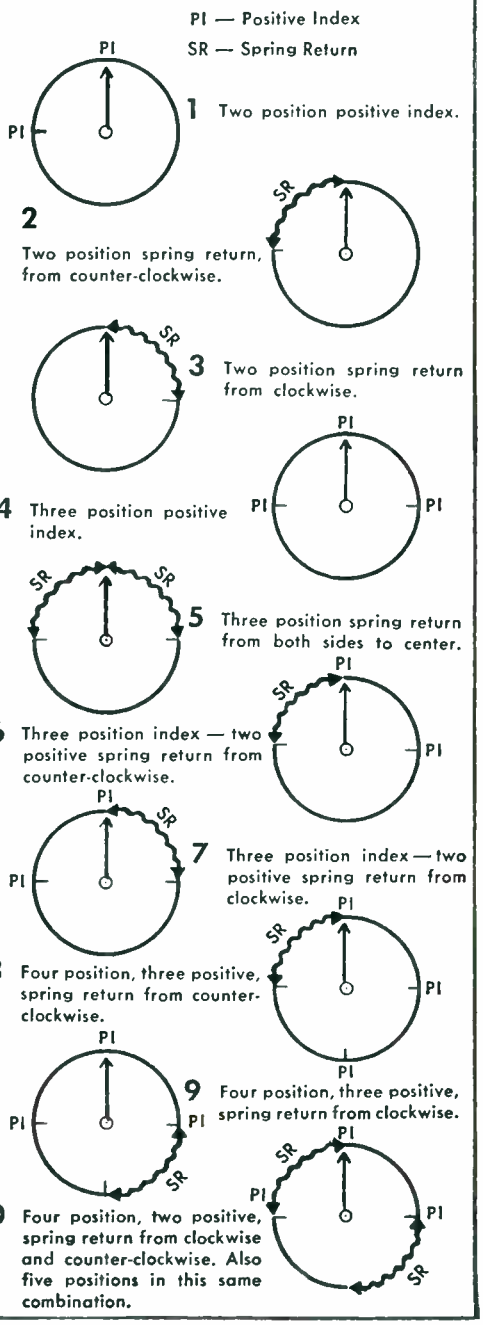
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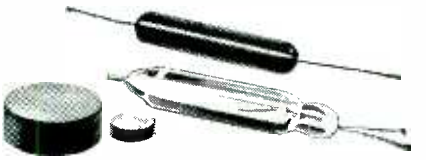
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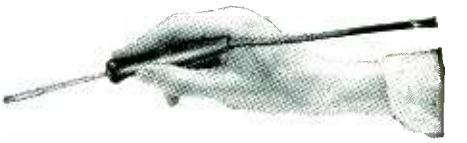
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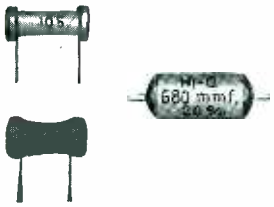
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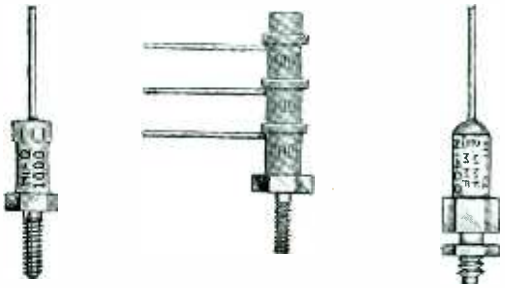
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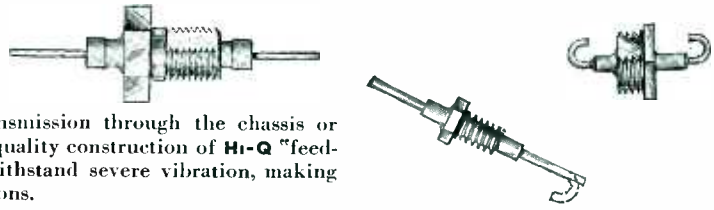
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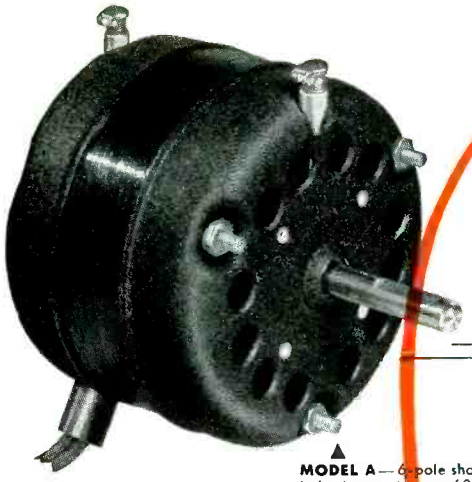
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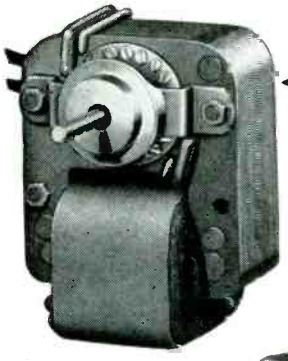


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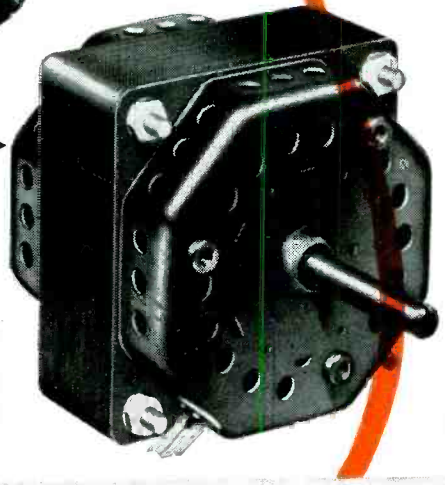
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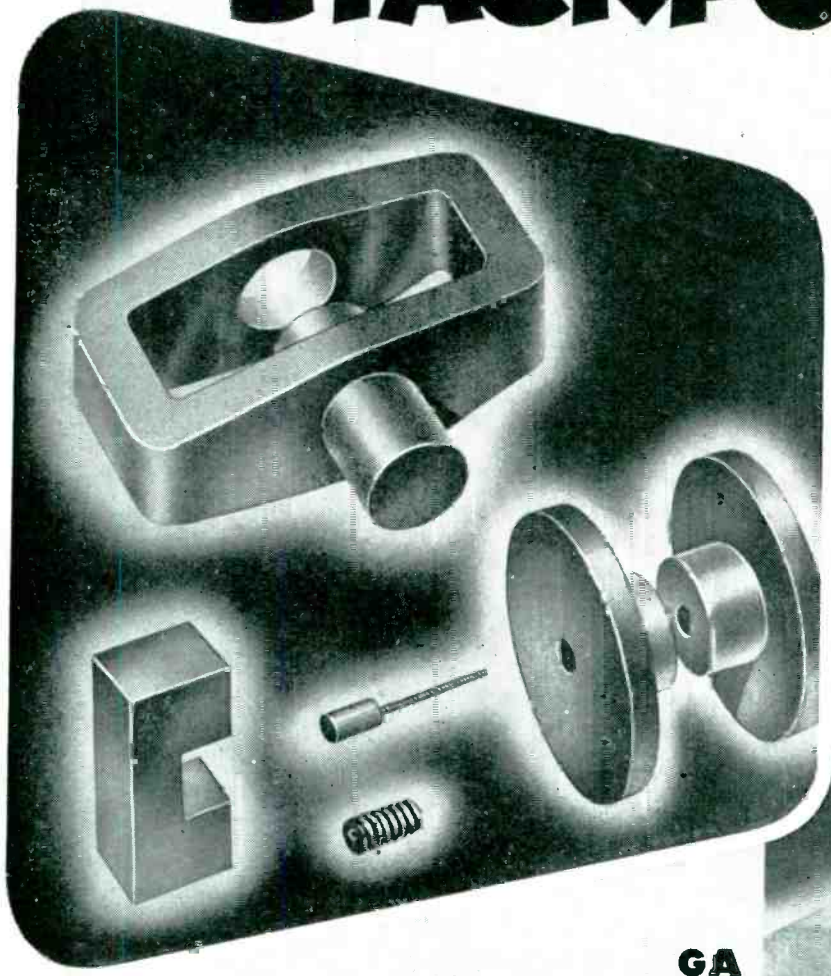
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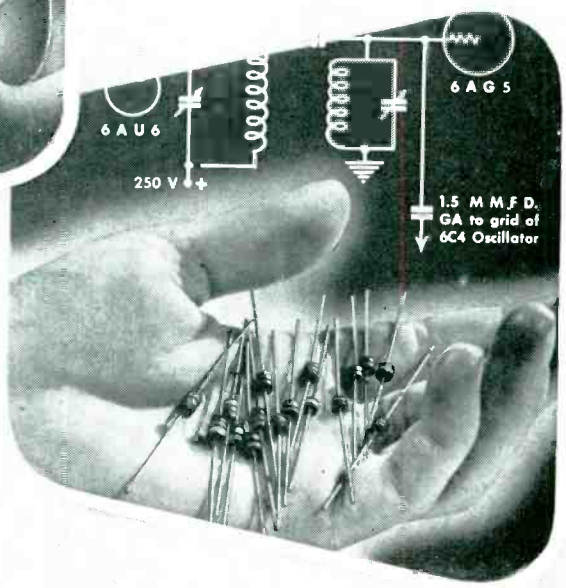
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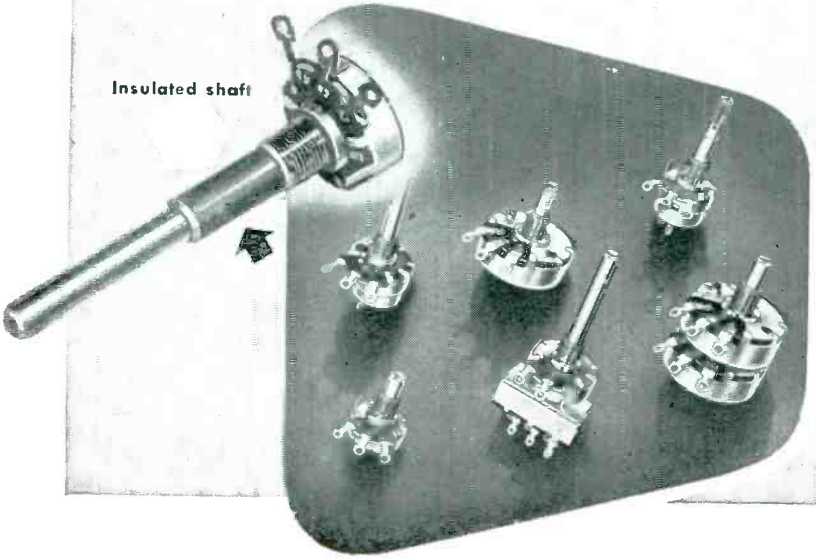
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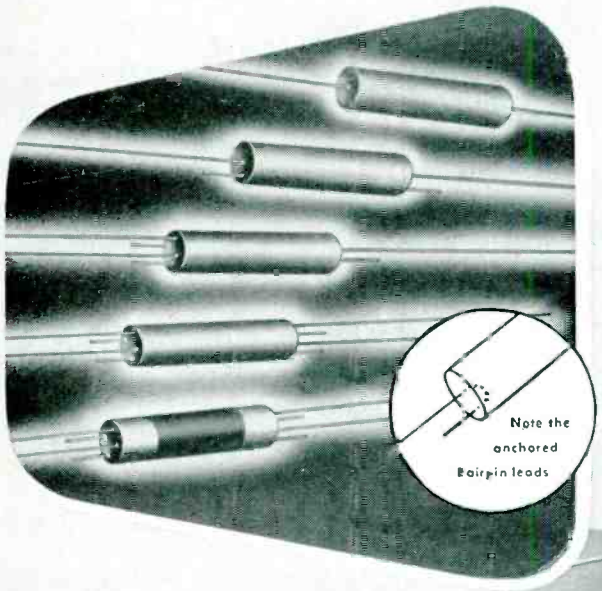
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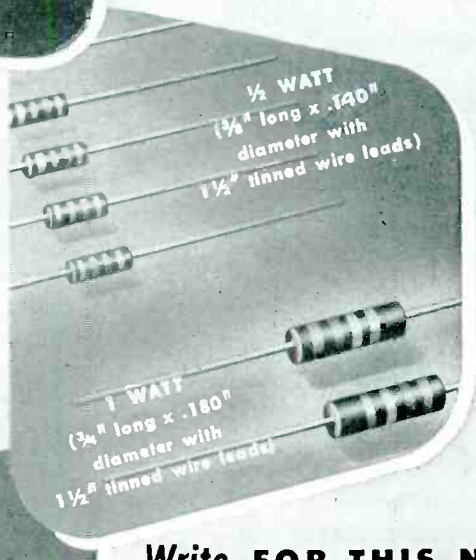
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| Note: These values apply to type DR coil forms only | Dielectric Constant | "Q" |
|---|---|---|
| 600 Kilocycles | 4.7 | 28 |
| 1000 Kilocycles | 4.7 | 36 |
| 2.3 Megacycles | 4.7 | 45 |
| 20 Megacycles | 4.7 | 118 |
| 48 Megacycles | 4.5 | 90 |

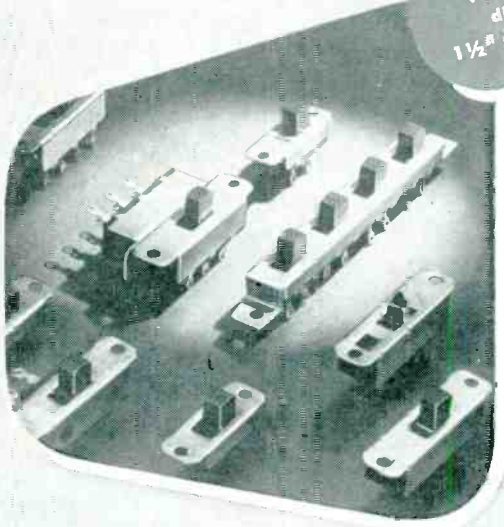
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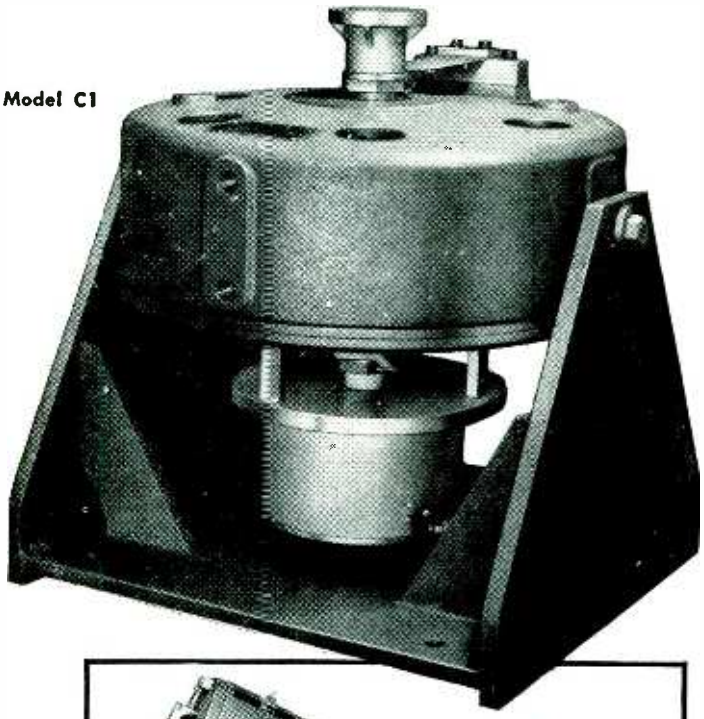

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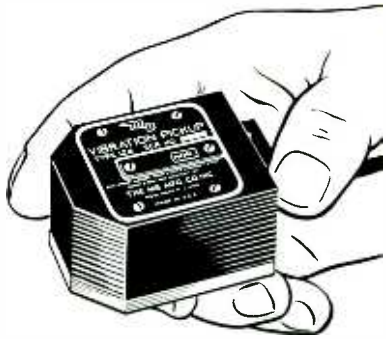
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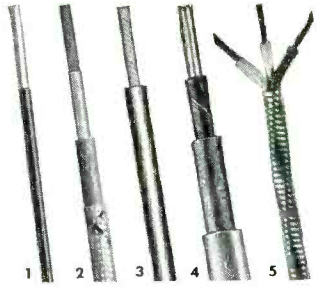
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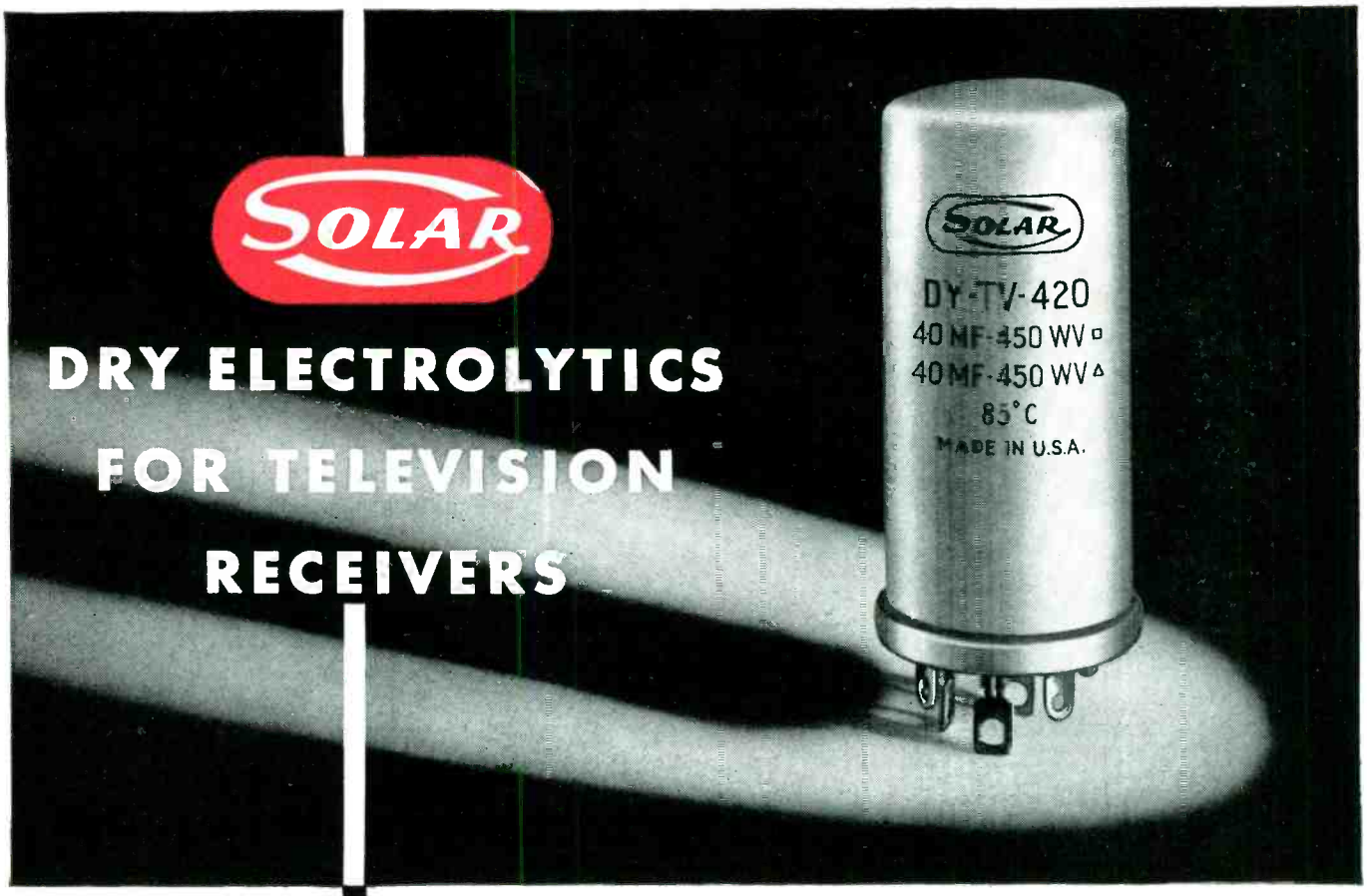
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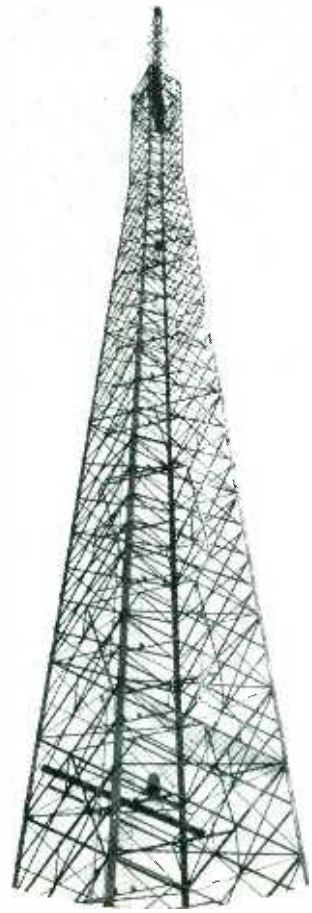
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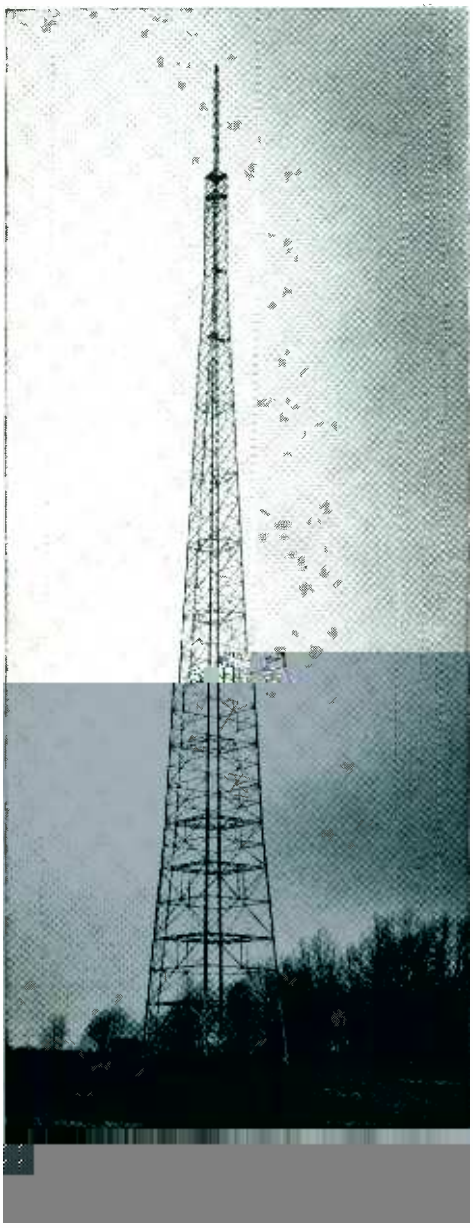
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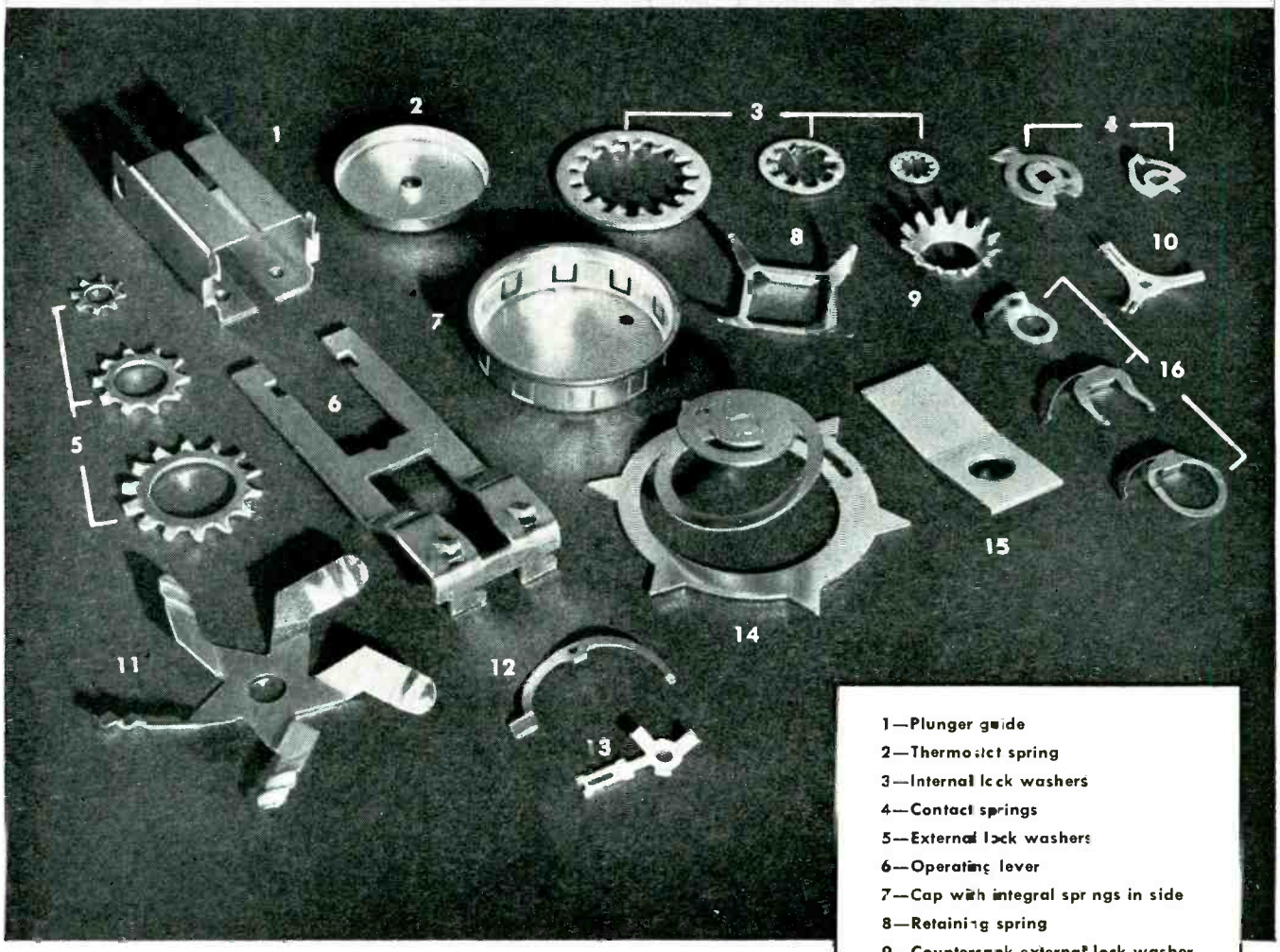
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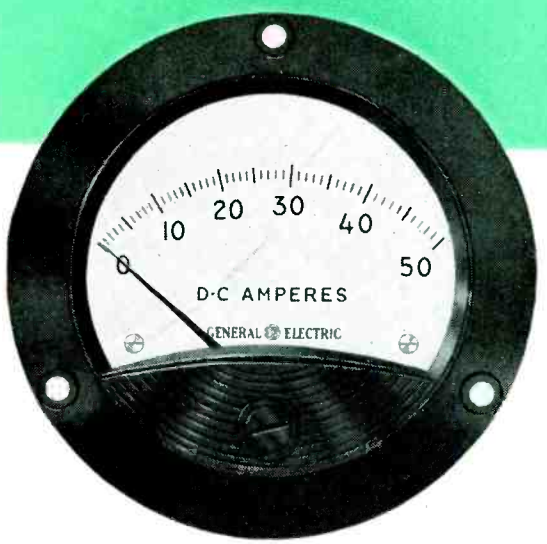
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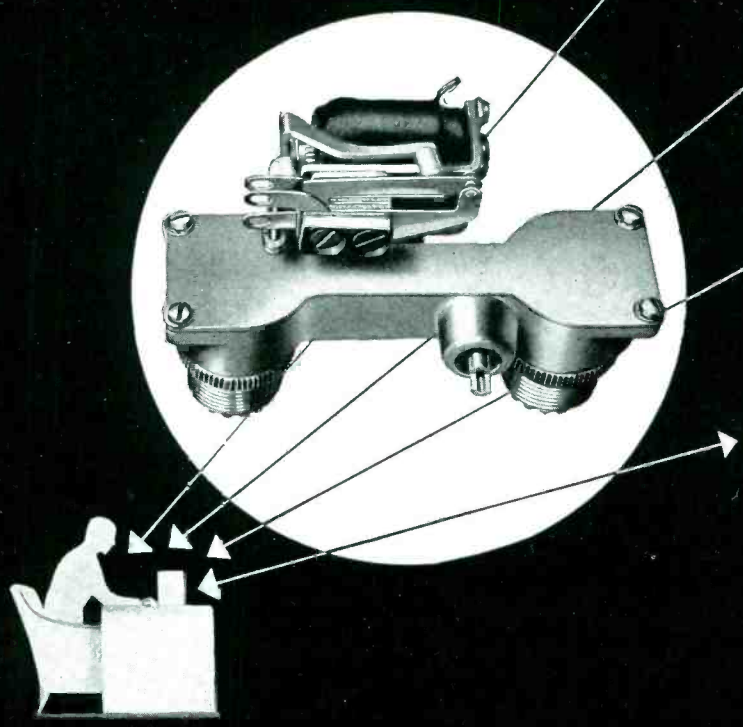
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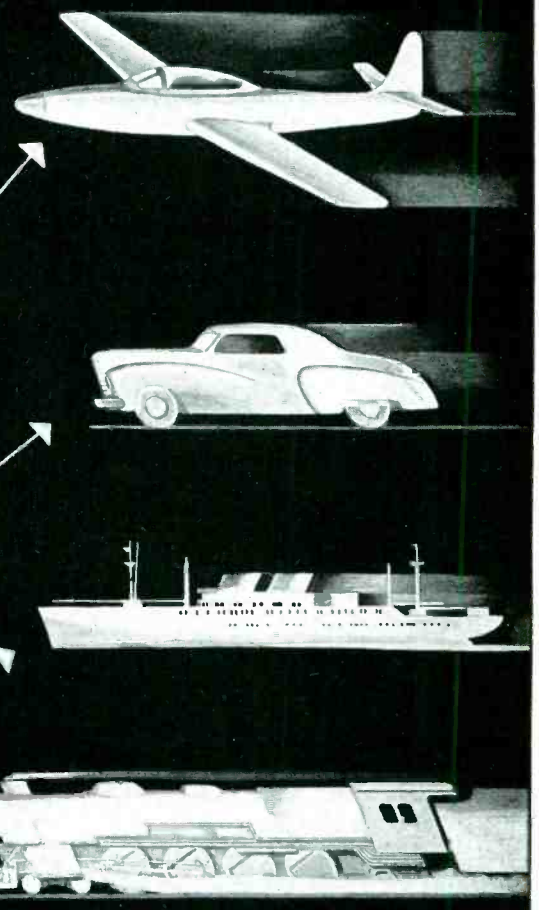


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| Coil No. | D.C. Volts | D.C. Current | D.C. Resistance |
|---|---|---|---|
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| 34 | 12. | .22 | 54. |
| 38 | 26.5 | .083 | 320. |
| 40 | 48. | .060 | 800. |
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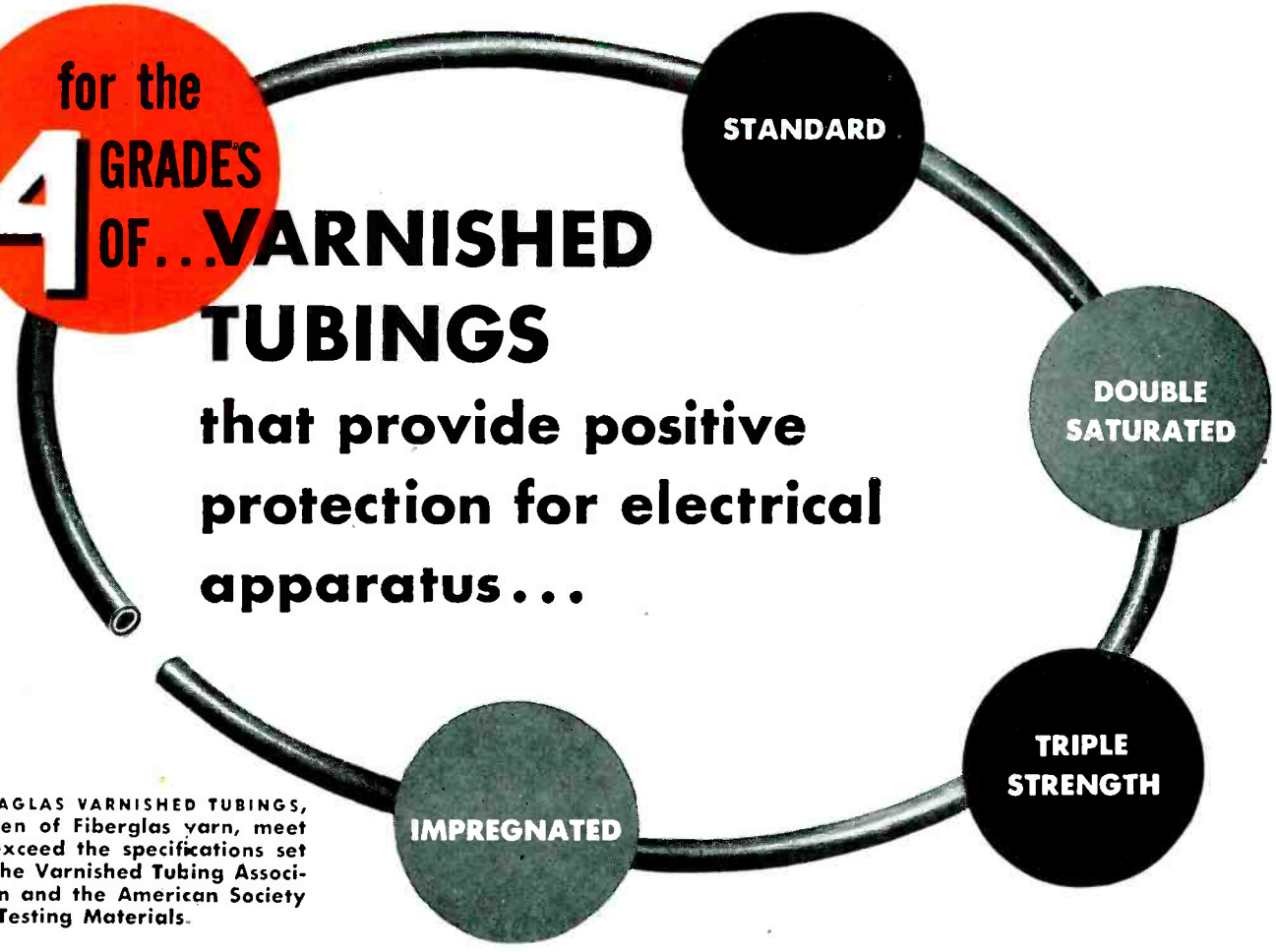
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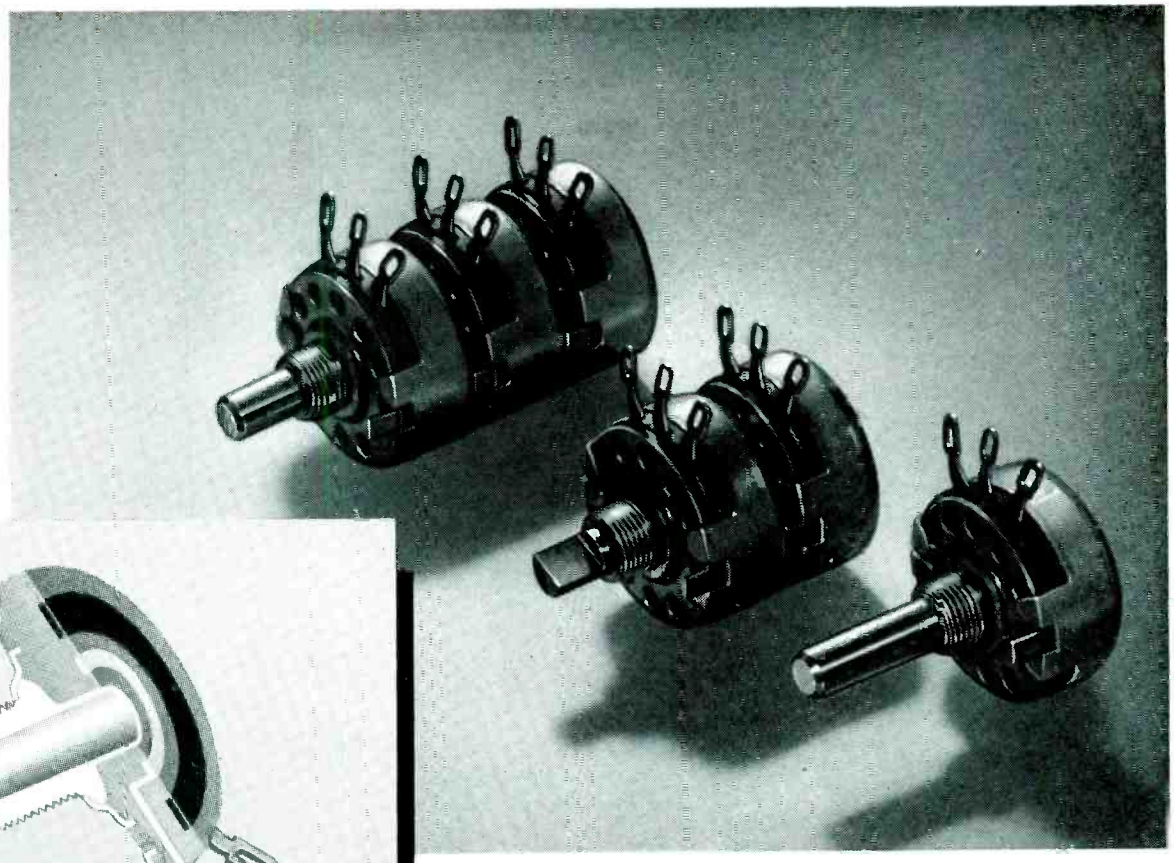
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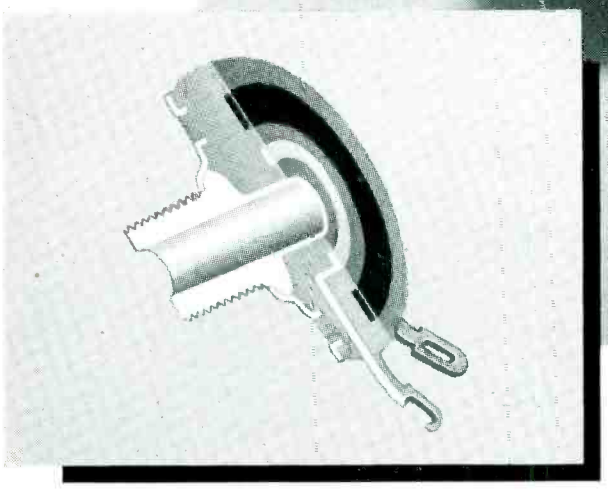
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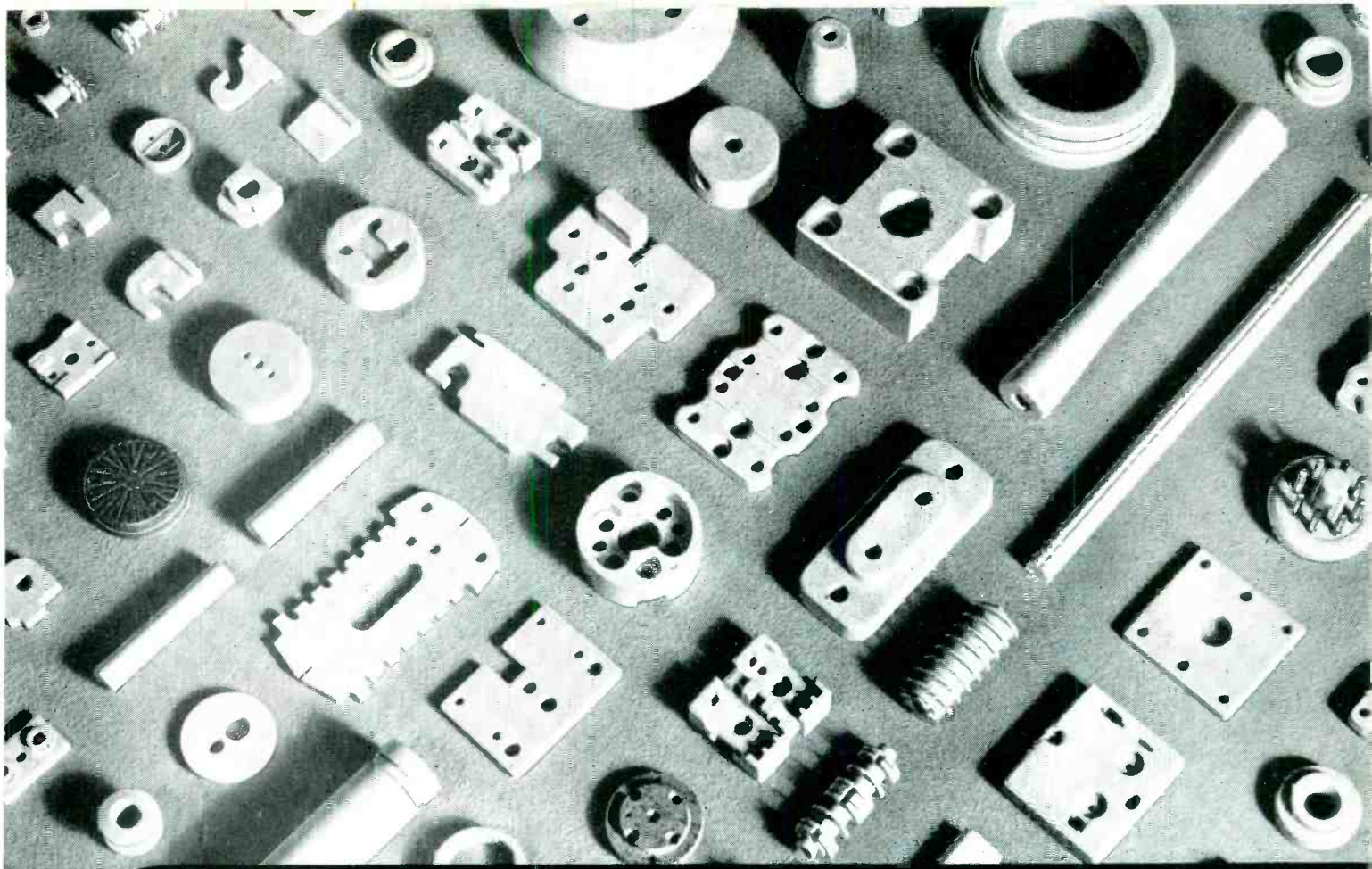
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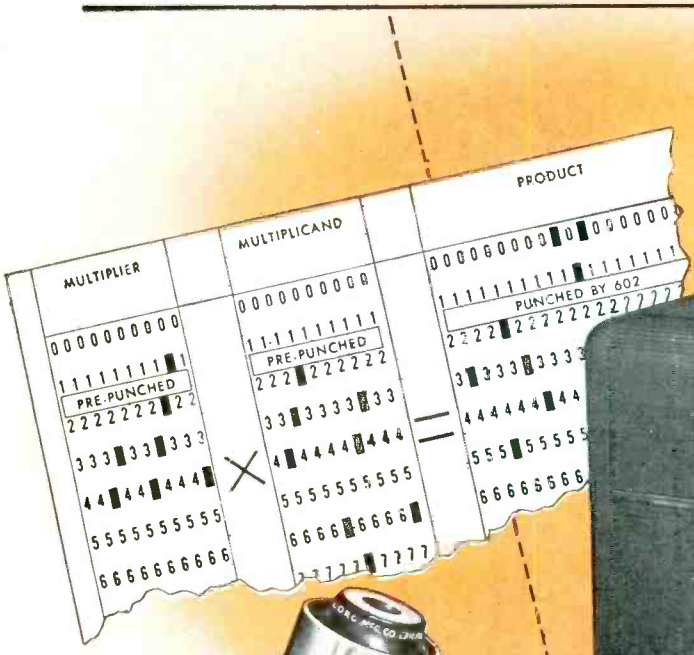
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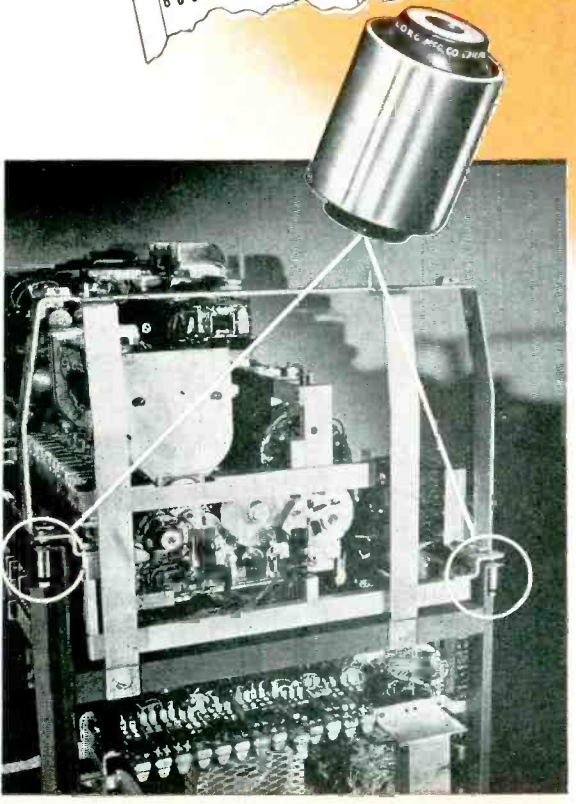
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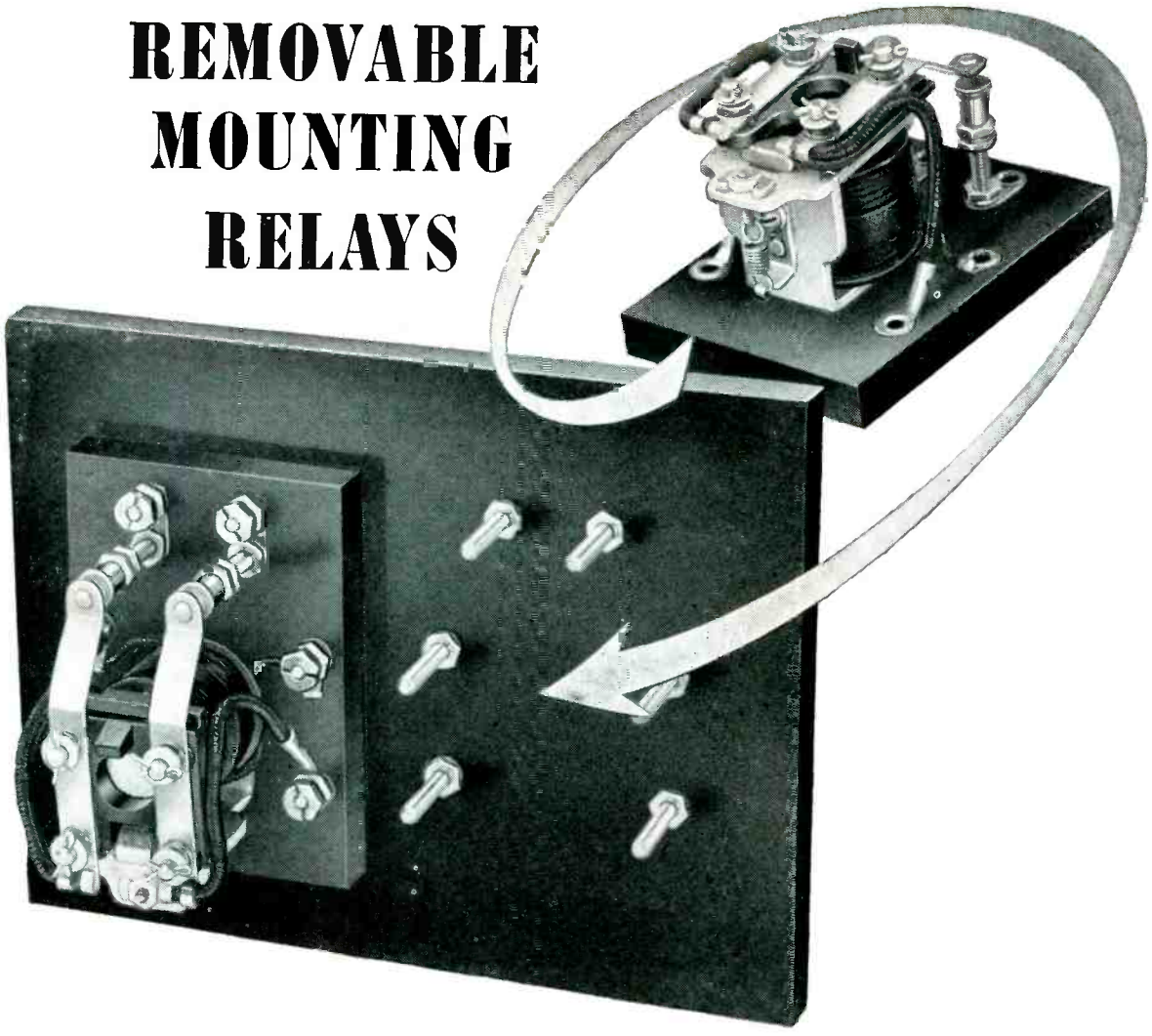
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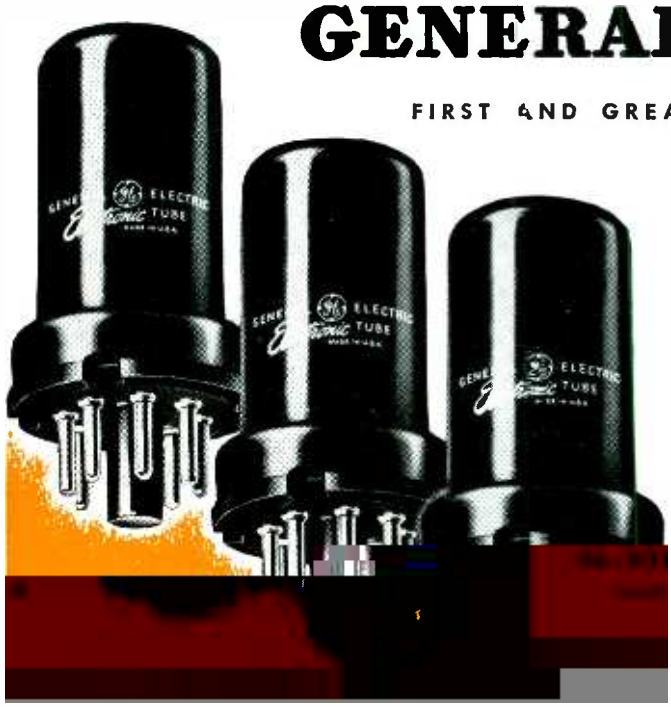
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| current, approx | 0.6 amp | 0.15 amp |
| heating time, typical | 10 seconds | 10 seconds |
| Peak voltage drop, typical | 11 v | 11 v |
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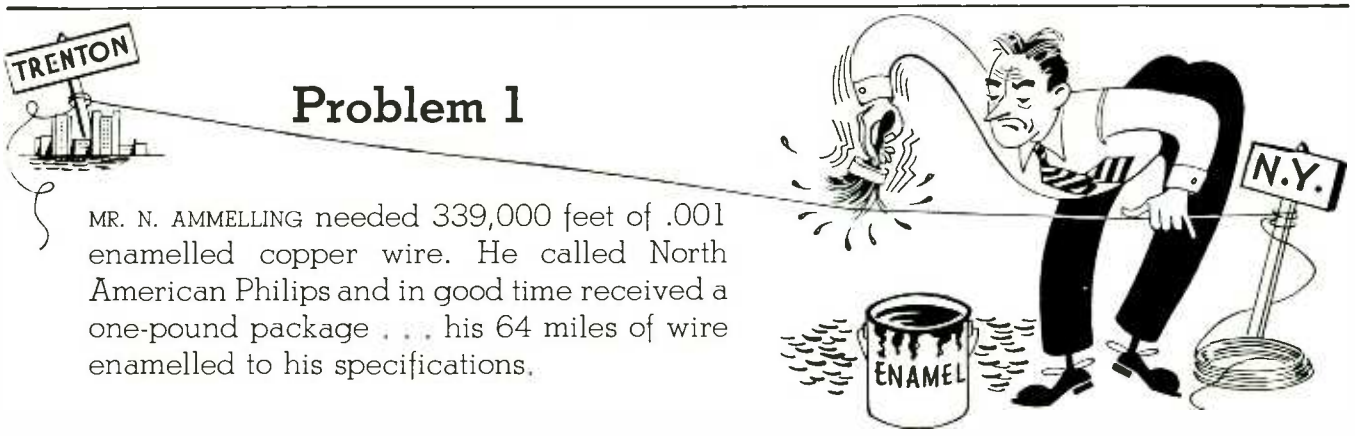
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| Peak anode voltage, inverse | 1,300 v | 500 v |
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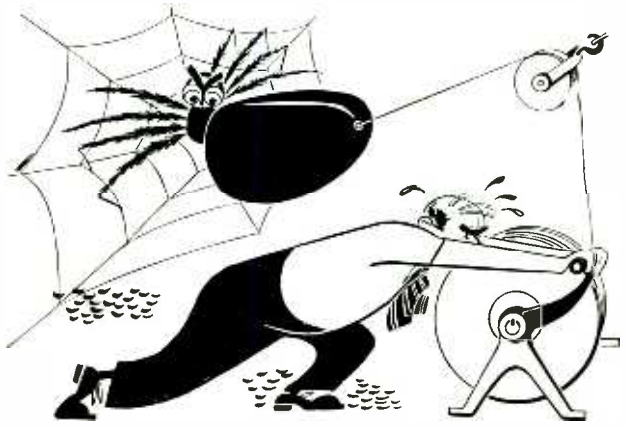
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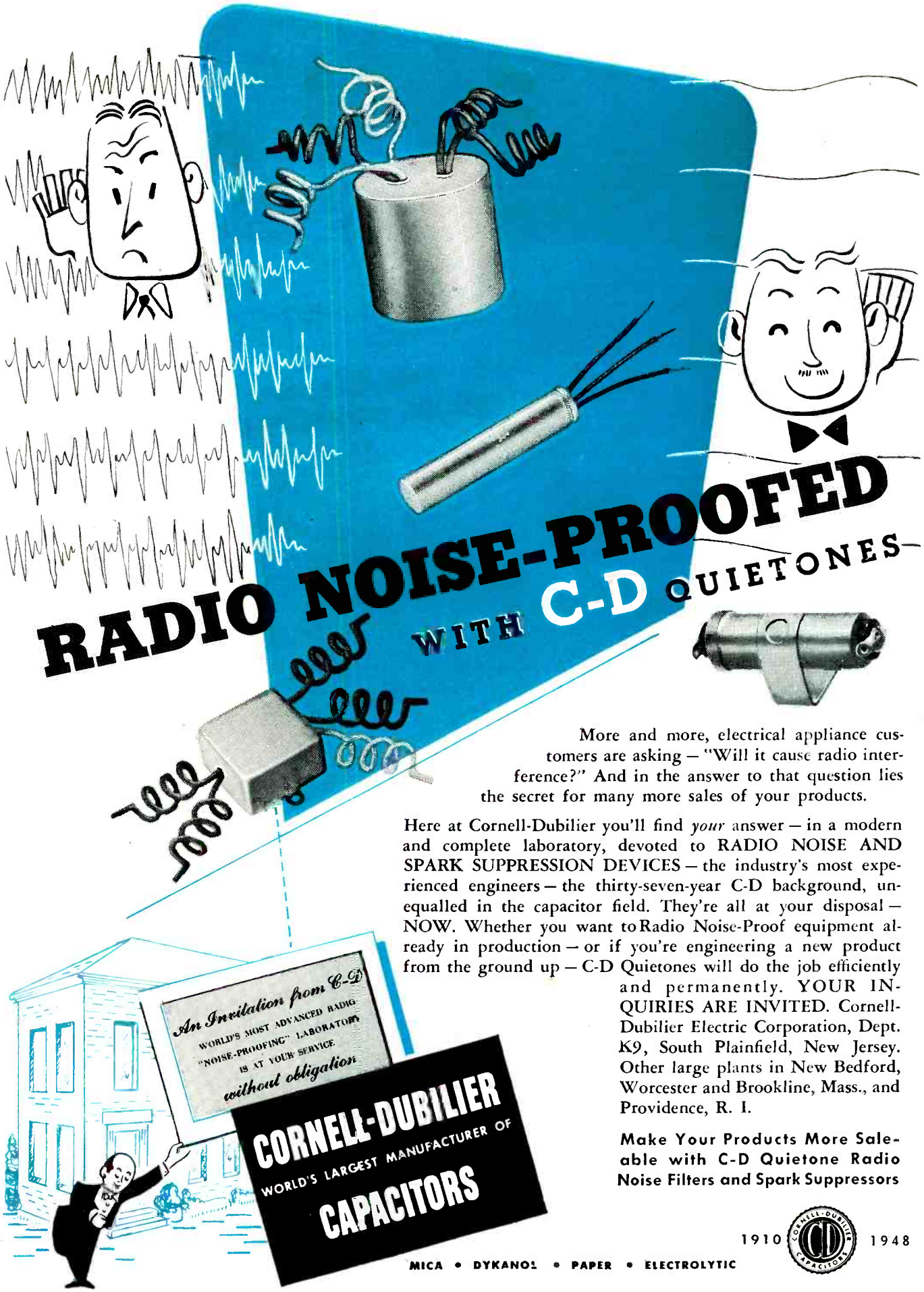
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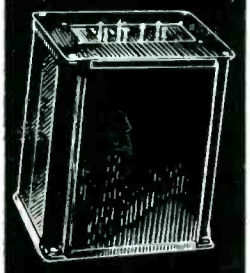
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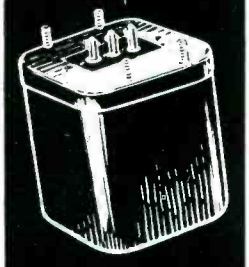
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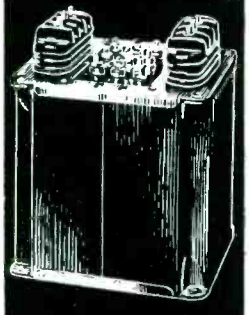


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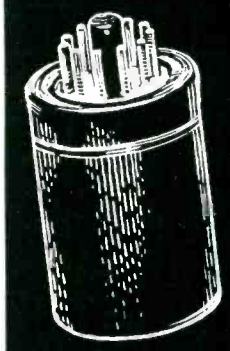
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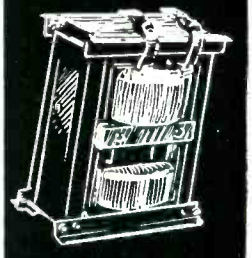
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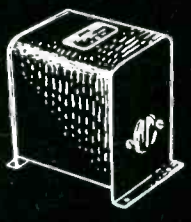
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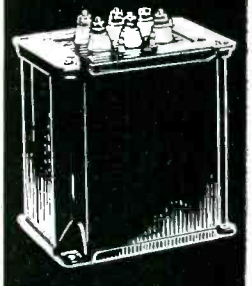
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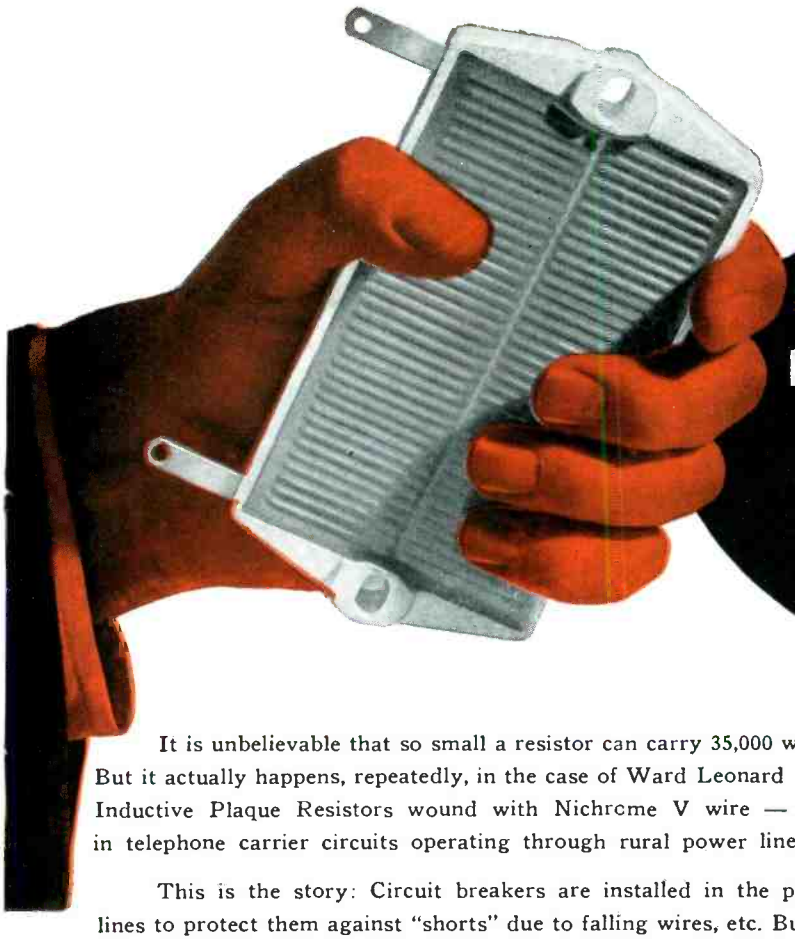




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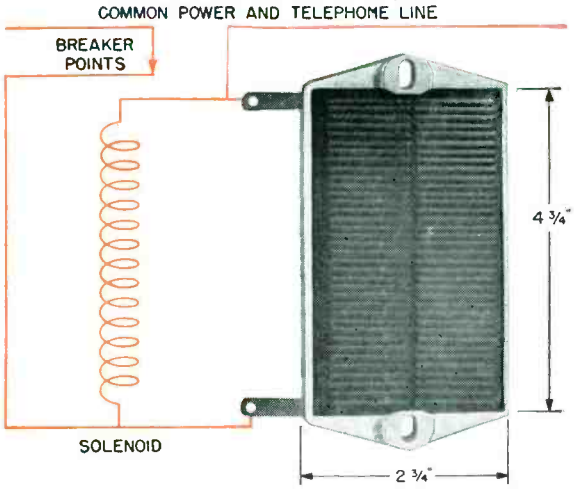
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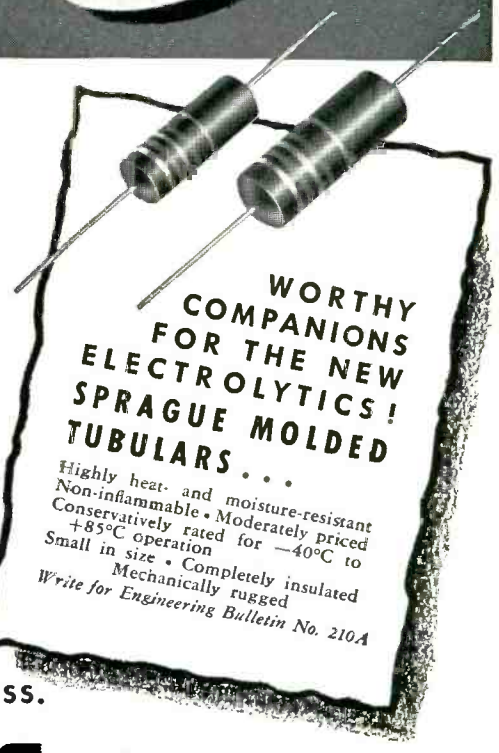
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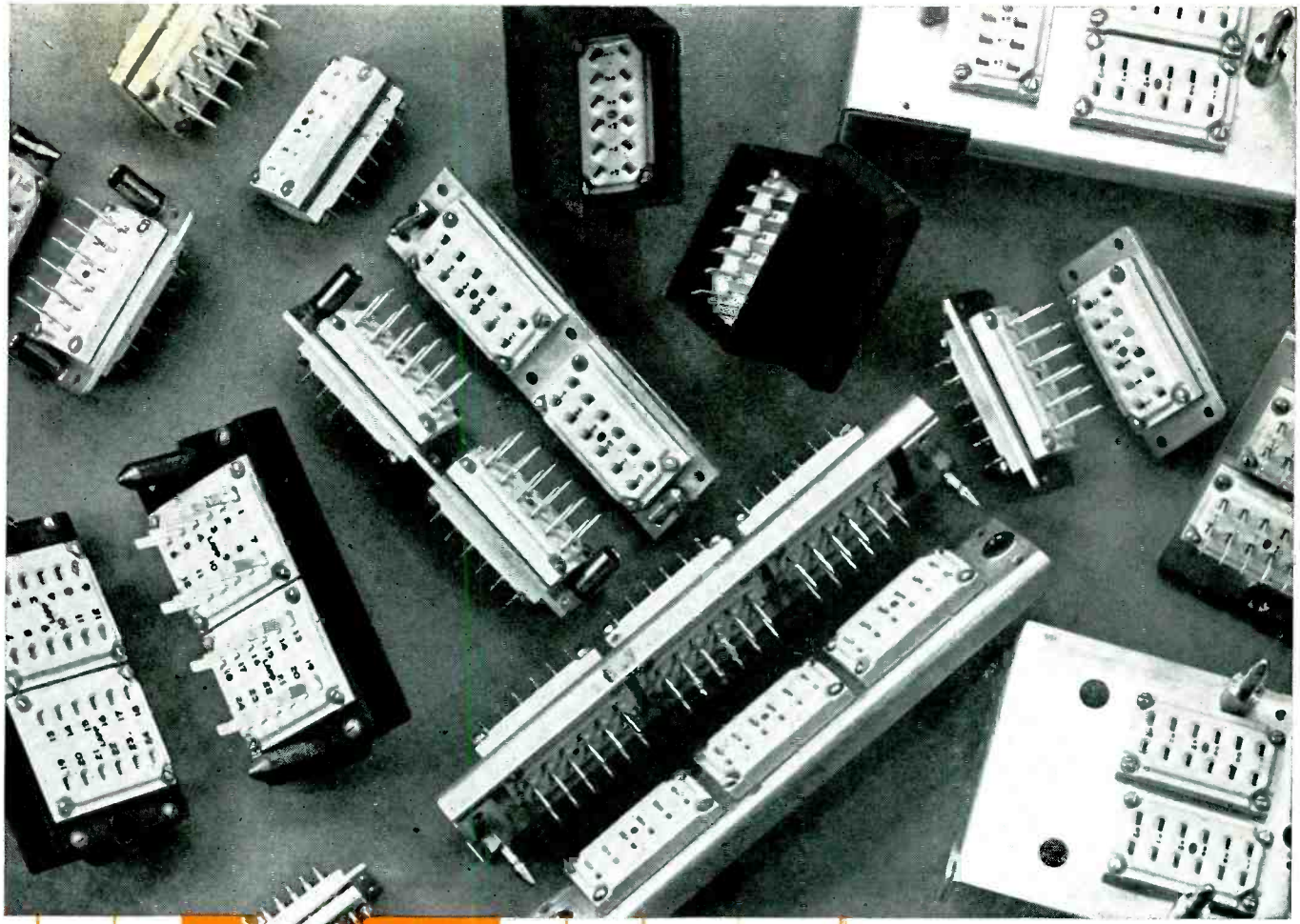

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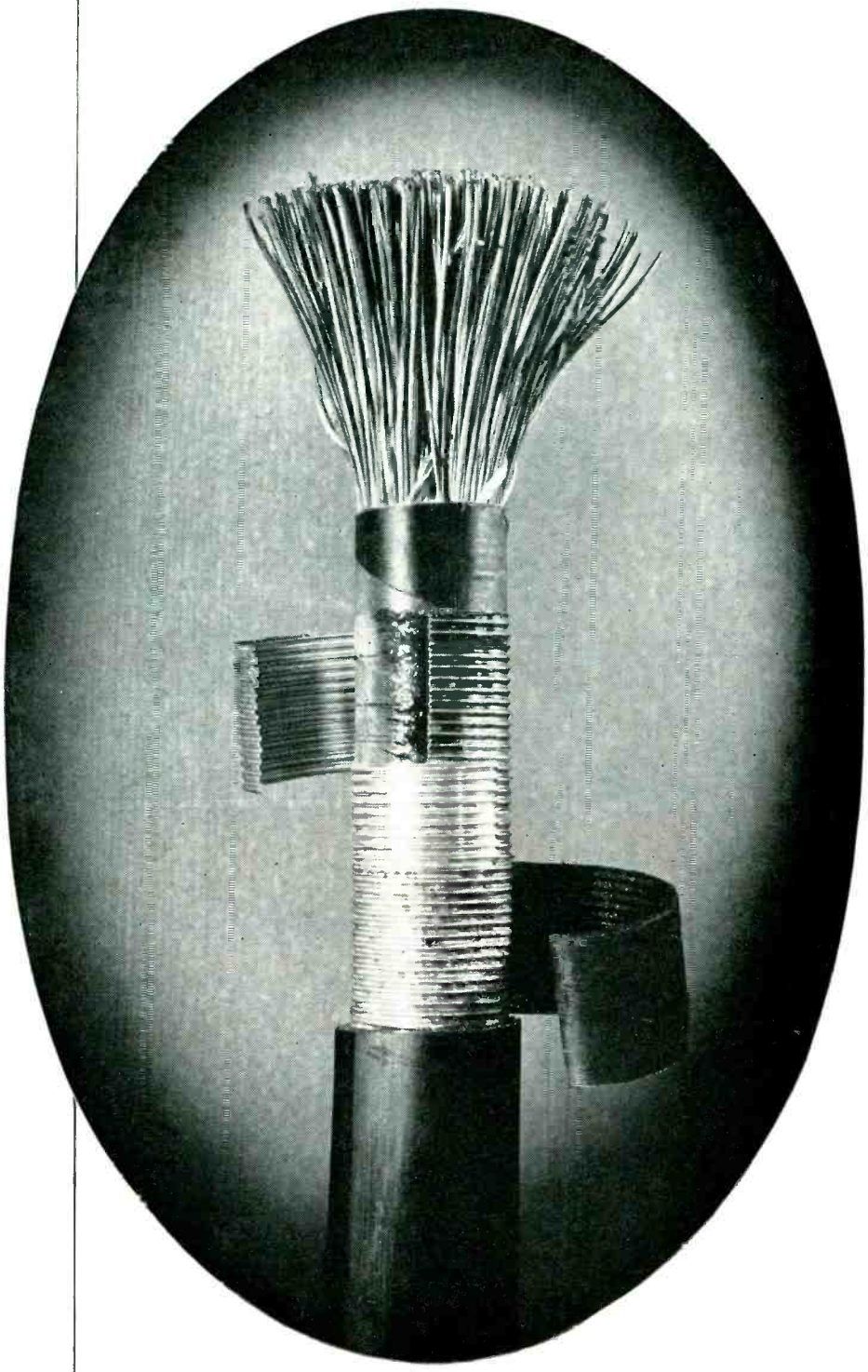
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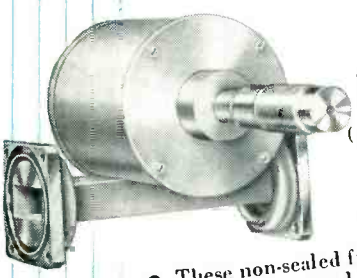
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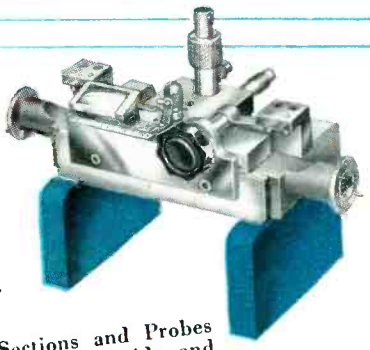
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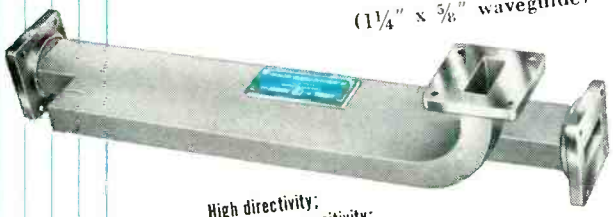


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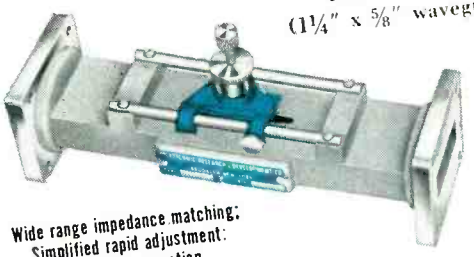
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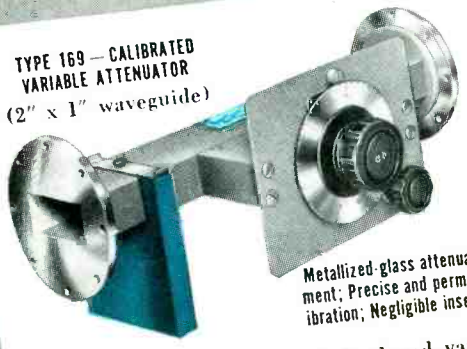
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# BUSINESS BRIEFS

By W. W. MacDONALD

**Buttons,** badges and keep-out signs are more in evidence in electronic equipment plants turning out military gear than at any time since the war.

**Heater-Type** subminiature tubes are not far away; at least one manufacturer is known to have them pretty well along in the design stage. Available with 6.3-volt indirectly heated cathodes, such tubes should be useful for voltage amplification in equipment which must be compact, particularly in multistage devices.

**Mail-Order Houses** miss few bets. They are already advertising, in direct-mail flyers, dual-speed turntables operating at both 33⅓ and 78 rpm, hoping to cash in if and when Columbia's new Microgroove transcriptions for the home (see p 86) become popular.

**Business Failures** among radio equipment manufacturers in the fiscal year 1947–1948 totalled 29, according to RMA, approximately half having been in business 5 years or less. Of the 29, 10 made radio sets, 5 communications equipment, 3 test equipment, 2 television receivers, 2 recorders, 2 radio parts, 2 phonographs, 1 sound equipment, 1 motors, and 1 projection equipment.

Causes contributing to failure included extensive inventories, excessive plant facilities, inadequate distribution, poor merchandise and inadequate production experience.

**Immense Investment** required for production of television receivers will change the character of the radio manufacturing industry, according to Zenith's H. C. Bonfig. The trend, he thinks, is toward a smaller number of larger manufacturers.

**Stratovision** demonstration out in Ohio brought one fact forcefully to our attention: there are hundreds of people in the hinterlands, away from reliable service, with their antennas hanging out in the hope that they will some night pick up a good stray picture. While the program was in progress we heard several telephone calls come in reporting reception and asking when the Westinghouse-Martin B-29 would be up again. And since then we have seen many similar letters.

**Klieg Lights** needed by movie people more than by television men were responsible for excessive heat generated in Philadelphia at the recent political conventions and reported by many newspaper commentators. Most television pickup cameras used image or studio orthicons, and these tubes do a pretty good job even by the light of a kerosene lamp.

**Acrylic Magnifiers** (plastic shells filled with a mineral oil like Nujol) are being manufactured for television in substantial quantities, according to Hiram McCann of *Modern Plastics*, but the average price at the fabrication shop has gone from $30 to $12, with some production reported at $8.

**Sailboat Men** are rarely surprised about anything the powerboat boys do, but we are forced to take note of the fact that out on Long Island Sound quite a few floating palaces are installing f-m sets, complete with elaborate folded dipoles mounted on cabin tops amid other chromium-plated gizmos. Just this last weekend we spotted two seagoing hotels sporting television arrays.

**Definition:** Radio is television without the pictures.

**Britain's Exports** are up; twice in the first quarter of this year radio equipment shipments exceeded the £1,000,000 monthly objective. High on the list of reasons is the fact that models are designed with particular overseas markets in mind; bandspread on shortwaves, high sensitivity, free-



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dom from drift and tropicalization are contributing factors.

**Australia** had 1,737,152 licensed radio receivers on April 30, 1948, an increase of 607,366 since 1939. The ratio of licenses to population was 23.38 percent. More than 125,000 listeners had licenses for more than one set.

**College Courses** in engineering fully accredited by the Engineers Council for Professional Development in that organization's fifteenth annual report dated September 30, 1947 and released July 1, 1948, total 509, broken down as follows:

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| *Elect. and Comm.* | 109 |
| Civil | 108 |
| Mechanical | 102 |
| Chemical | 44 |
| Mining | 28 |
| Metallurgical | 27 |
| Industrial | 21 |
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| Architectural | 14 |
| Petroleum | 12 |
| Ceramic | 9 |
| General | 8 |
| Sanitary | 5 |
| Agricultural | 3 |
| Naval | 3 |
| Electrochemical | 2 |

More men are still trying to break into our field than any other.

**Fiscal Year Reports:** *Zenith*, $79,406,133 worth of business in the period ending April 30, 1948, up 38 percent over the previous 12 months.

*Magnavox*, $27,434,019 for the period ending February 29, 1948, as against $24,013,812 in the preceding fiscal year.

**Judging** a contest for Hytron, we note with interest that a large number of radio servicemen have designed their own trick tube-pullers. Manufacturers, it seems, have mastered the technique of designing tubes that will stay in sockets. Someday they may find it desirable to equip them with wings, or lugs, or handlebars that permit the repairmen to get the things *out*.

**Rose Buss Korsgren,** formerly with Hallicrafters and now with Alaska Radio Supply, writing from Anchorage, says it seems to her that nearly everyone she's met is either a radio man or connected with the airlines in some way. That would be natural in a territory in which both communications and transportation involve unusual terrain difficulties.

There are 458 amateurs to 80,000 people in Alaska. In the States there are about 6 hams to that many.

**It's A Long Way** back, but people around New York are still talking about how perfectly f-m performed when local electrical storms blotted out regular broadcasting the night of the Louis-Walcott fight. This sort of experience does more to sell the new service than any amount of industry propaganda.

**Coming Attractions:** As promised, we're presenting quite a few articles about computers in the feature pages of ELECTRONICS this year. The latest appears on page 110 of this issue.

Transductors are also considered of sufficient importance to keep the editorial heat on. See page 88 There will be more.

The ultimate importance of superregeneration is a matter of speculation, but it is about time somebody separated fact from fiction. Two articles in this issue, on pages 96 and 99, do it.

Speaking of hard, cold facts, we hope to have some in print soon concerning Stratovision.

Wondering what goes on at G-E's ambitiously named "Electronics Park"? Read about it next month in these columns and you'll know more about the setup than many of the people who work in Syracuse.

**Story Of The Month:** It's late for this one, but only now can it be told.

During the war, a friend of ours who silk-screens panels received an order for a few and started to turn them out on AAA1 priority. Then he learned they were part of a classified item and that a 24-hour guard would be required at the plant.

Several months went by, with production hanging fire, while our friend explained that the cost of the guard would exceed the price of the panels. Finally, the go-ahead was given when government officials reluctantly agreed there was scarcely need for security measures in connection with a panel lettered, simply . . . *.Power. On-Off.*


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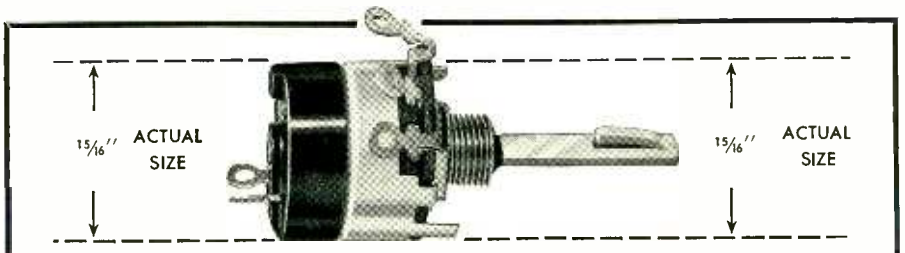



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# CROSS TALK

► **OBIT** . . . The death of Harry Diamond, at the height of his career, is a severe loss to the profession and to the Bureau of Standards, where he headed the Electronics Division. His work on radio range beacons, the instrument landing system, the radiosonde and the proximity fuze, are outstanding contributions to aviation and military science. They are matched by an equal contribution to the training of young radio scientists, many of whom received their first inspiration from Mr. Diamond. He saw electronics clear and he saw it whole. One of his last speeches contained a breakdown of the field of electronics:

This was his business; he served it well:

(1) Radio communication and broadcasting, including television and facsimile.

(2) Electronic ordnance, including radar fire control, electronic controls for guided missiles, proximity fuze, and electronic controls for underwater torpedoes.

(3) Radio navigational aids, including radar, loran, and other sea and air navigational aids.

(4) Electronic power conversion, including dielectric and inductive heating.

(5) Electronic instrumentation and controls, including special instruments for physical, chemical, medical and biological research and practice, and the general concept of the servomechanism.

(6) Electronic devices for mathematical computation.

► **TELE-QRN** . . . For years the fight against man-made interference has been conducted by the men of radio against the great outside world, the non-radio domain of electric shavers, telephone dials, ignition systems, and similar impulsive characters. More lately, the battle has assumed the character of a civil war.

In television engineering, at least, the arms of brothers are raised in conflict. A television set lives on impulses, at high level in the scanning and video-amplifier circuits, and these pulses, uncontrolled, raise lots of hob with other radio and television sets in the vicinity. An RMA Committee has given wide circulation to this fact, and urged that adequate shielding be employed to cure the interference. But most sets employing magnetic scanning (the majority at present) are still very noisy out to 10 or 20 feet, much more than the thickness of the wall between apartments. This nuisance, if unabated, threatens to unsell a lot of equipment. Like the oscillator radiation problem, it remains a solvable problem on which not enough money and manpower have yet been spent.

A related miscellany is a letter from the city fathers of Garden City, N. Y., sent to all residents, asking them kindly to refrain from erecting television antennas on the roofs of that as-yet-unspoiled village. Seems they have gone so far as to ask experts, who tell them that the flat terrain of Long Island, close to New York, with no high buildings in the vicinity, is ideal for aerials inside attics.

► **SEMICONS** . . . From audion to orthicon (not forgetting pliotron, kenotron, thyratron, and ignitron) it has been customary to coin names for the vacuum-tube family ending in "on". Now comes another family, practitioners of the art without benefit of vacuum. These are the solid-state cousins, the crystal brethren, the germanium, silicon, copper oxide, selenium boys. For years these crystals have rectified, detected, responded to light and to heat. Now, with the coming of the transistor (described in this issue), they amplify. Seems like the country cousins ought to have a name.

Since these crystals are electronic by occupation, if not by constitution, we beg leave to suggest a name in the vacuum-tube tradition. To wit, semicon: a device employing a semiconducting material in the solid state, through which flows a current capable of being varied by external physical influences. The crystal detector current varies with the direction of the applied potential; it rectifies. The barrier-layer photocell current responds to light, the thermistor current to heat. The transistor current responds to the magnitude of an applied voltage; it amplifies. Respectable brethren, these semicons, and welcome.

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Dr. William Shockley, who directed the research, Dr. John Bardeen, who developed the theory, and Dr. W. H. Brattain, whose experiment verified it discuss physics of Transistor

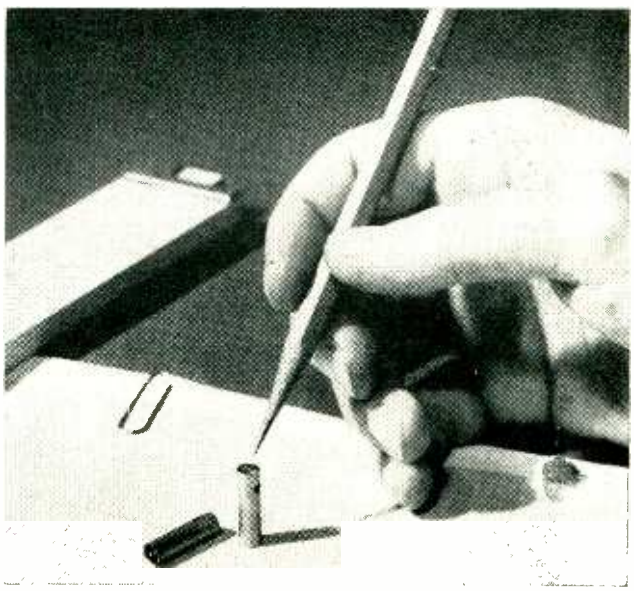


FIG. 1—Because of its simplicity the Transistor is even smaller than most subminiature vacuum tubes. The amplifier itself can be no larger than its associated coupling components

# The TRANSISTOR— A Crystal Triode

**Germanium crystal with two cat-whisker contacts has characteristics of grounded-grid triode amplifier, provides 20 db gain, 25 milliwatts output at frequencies up to 10 megacycles. It will replace vacuum tubes in many applications and open new fields for electronics**

A NEW DEVICE, operating on an entirely new principle and capable of many functions of the electronic vacuum tube, but having neither an evacuated envelope nor a hot cathode, was announced early in July by scientists of the Bell Telephone Laboratories. Known as a TRANSISTOR (TRANSfer resISTOR), the device is essentially a triode form of the well known germanium crystal diode.

In its present experimental form the Transistor is a metal cylinder 3/16 inch in diameter and ½ inch long, as shown in Fig. 1. Inside the cylinder, Fig. 2A, is a block of germanium soldered to a metal disc to which it makes low resistance contact and that grounds it to the cylinder. Two 2-mil tungsten wires make contact with the upper face of the germanium at points about 0.002 inch apart.

An input signal, Fig. 2B, in series with a small positive bias voltage, is applied between the grounded face and the input cat whisker (emitter). A large negative bias voltage is applied between ground and the output (collector) point contact. The output signal appears across a load resistor in series with the negative bias. In this manner a power gain of 100 (20 db) is obtained between input and output of a Transistor. The terminal characteristics of an experimental Transistor are shown in Fig. 2C (see the *Phys. Rev.* p 230, July 15, 1948.) This is an early unit having a gain of about 15 db. The characteristics are typical of later units having an average gain of 20 db.

Because of its unique properties, the Transistor is destined to have far-reaching effects on the technology of electronics and will undoubtedly replace conventional electron tubes in a wide range of applications. The Transistor requires no heater or filament power and uses the power supplied by its bias sources with high efficiency. Under typical operating conditions it draws only 0.1 watt from the bias sources (about a tenth the power consumed by a flashlight bulb) and delivers 25 milliwatts of useful output, thus having an overall efficiency



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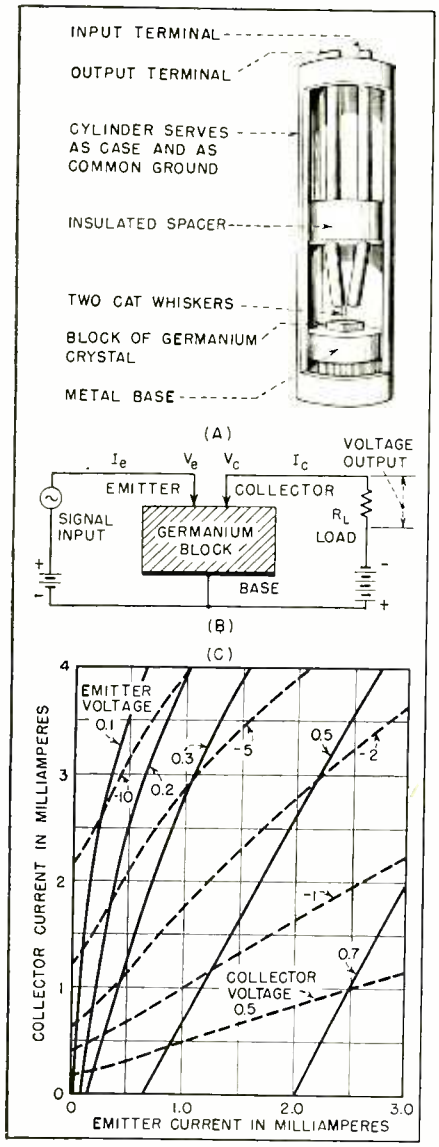



**FIG. 2—Crysal triode (A) consists of two cat whiskers connected to separate input and output circuits (B) to give characteristics (C) that produce high amplification**

of 25 percent.

The Transistor is smaller than a subminiature vacuum tube. It seems likely to have a useful life of many thousands of hours because of its simple, sturdy construction. Where portability and low battery drain are essential, as in hearing aids and personalized radios, the Transistor appears ideal. In equipment using large numbers of amplifiers, large-scale computers being an extreme example, the absence of a heater makes it possible to place many Transistors in confined space without creating difficulties in heat dissipation.

Although cost factors have not been thoroughly explored, Transistors should be no more costly to manufacture at present than the 1N34 (high back-voltage) germanium diode, which lists for replacement at $1.20 and is obtainable in large lots by equipment manufacturers at $0.53 apiece. These prices are slightly higher than the prices of a corresponding vacuum diode (6H6). However, present costs of crystal diodes are not representative of inherent costs. The industry has spent about 40 years mechanizing production of vacuum tubes and has written off engineering and plant costs over that time. If crystal devices (diodes and Transistors) prove as successful in practice as they now appear to be, they too will be put into mechanized production and their cost reduced. Ultimately they should be cheaper than comparable vacuum tubes because of their simplicity and because they do not require evacuation, which is the most difficult step in producing vacuum tubes.

There are limitations to the use of Transistors in their present state of development. The power output is restricted to about 25 milliwatts per unit, or 50 mw from a push-pull stage. A Transistor capable of developing several watts output does not seem feasible at present. Parallel operation of two or more units is possible, however, and could be used to increase the power to a load several fold. The upper frequency of operation is limited to about 10 megacycles by transit time within the germanium. Thus the Transistor is at present useful at audio, video, and the lower radio frequencies, but is unsuited to vhf and uhf applications. Furthermore, the noise generated within a Transistor is appreciably greater than that produced in vacuum triodes.

If the requirements of an application for which the properties of Transistors are suitable justify their cost when they first become commercially available, there remains a temporary obstacle to their immediate use, namely engineering this new device into the circuit. One of the principle problems requiring development is matching the input and output impedances of the Transistor to the circuit. The input impedance of the Transistor is low because the bias in the input circuit causes current to flow in the forward direction through the point contact of the emitter. On the other hand, the output impedance of the Transistor is about a hundred times higher than the input impedance because its bias causes current to flow in the reverse direction through the point contact of the collector. These impedance levels are the opposite of those for vacuum tubes and require a new approach to the coupling circuits between amplifier stages. Intensive work on this problem is underway. The Transistor thus opens new fields for clever design and inventive talent.

### Illustrative Applications

In announcing the Transistor, BTL scientists demonstrated several typical electronic devices in which it was used. A booster amplifier for telephony illustrated its application to voice-frequency amplification. A similar video amplifier was also demonstrated. Its low power-supply drain makes it suitable for telephone and television repeater service. In fact, it requires no more power than that usually available at a subscriber's set from the central office batteries that are connected to the line. Use of a Transistor as an oscillator showed the versatility of the unit. Use in a radio receiver for the standard broadcast band illustrated its practicality.

The radio receiver contained no tubes. It consisted of a broad-band r-f amplifier, a tuned r-f stage, local oscillator, mixer, three stages of i-f, second detector, and four stages of a-f amplification, the last being push-pull. A total of 11 Transistors were used in the amplifier stages, with 2 germanium diodes for the mixer and detector stages, and 2 selenium rectifiers for the power supply. The receiver brought in local stations, delivering 25 mw of audio power to its loudspeaker.

At low power levels crystal diodes and triodes, in conjunction with printed circuits, make possible the extension of electronic techniques. Existing equipment can be made more compact. Transistors, having no filament, are operative the instant power is applied.

### Research Background

Research work in semiconductor materials began at least 24 years ago. Germanium and other semi-



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conductors have been used as rectifiers because of their unilateral conductivity. These employ a single point contact; the input and output circuits are not separated. The two-contact arrangement is the practical outcome of a long program of scientific research on semiconductors.

Although investigation of semiconductors at BTL dates back a number of years, with the end of the war a concentrated basic research program was undertaken. Groups in the Physics Department were reorganized. Additional personnel were taken on, particularly theoretical specialists. The groups consisted of paper-work men and laboratory experimentalists who could pass problems from office desk to lab bench and back as the program unfolded. The fact that pure research paid off relatively quickly, in so spectacular a way, is testimony to the ability of the men who carried out the program and to the facilities with which they worked.

The group on semiconductors, led by William Shockley, one of this country's leading solid-state physicists, was seeking answers to three basic questions: (1) physically, what is a semiconductor, (2) how does its physical nature produce its observed properties, and (3) how does the fabrication and processing of the material affect its physical nature? Among the semiconductors studied were silicon, copper oxide, and germanium.

A great deal of empirical information had been amassed on these substances during their use, particularly as detectors in microwave equipment ("Crystal Rectifiers," H. C. Torrey and C. A. Whitmer, McGraw-Hill, 1948). In particular it was known that their resistivities were determined chiefly by impurities, and furthermore that their resistivities could be varied over wide ranges by applying various external influences (light in the case of photocells, electric potential in the case of rectifiers and detectors, or temperature in the case of Thermistors).

### Theory of Conduction

Modern physics has developed a detailed concept of the construction of matter and consequently an understanding of the mechanism of conduction. In metals there is approximately one free electron that can be used for carrying current for every atom; in insulators there are practically no free electrons. By free electrons is meant electrons so loosely associated with their atoms that they can easily be induced to move to adjacent atoms.

In semiconductors there is only about one current-carrying electron for every millions atoms, but this number of carriers can be varied 1,000-fold by changing the physical environment of the material. Such a change in the number of carriers is effectively a change in the resistance of the material. For example, light falling on a barrier layer changes its resistance. Alternating voltage applied to a selenium rectifier or a germanium diode changes its resistance so that current flows predominantly in one direction. Likewise, a high potential applied externally (without making contact) to a semiconductor should change its resistivity. Using a sheet of germanium as one plate of a capacitor, Shockley and his colleagues measured the change in resistance produced by changing the voltage across the capacitor. The change in resistance was much smaller than anticipated in the light of prevailing theory. Conclusion: something wrong with theory. So John Bardeen, a theoretical physicist in the group, devised a theory of surface states that would account for the measured change as well for older known effects unexplained by previous theories.

To review the old theory for a moment, it was known that conduction in semiconductors could take place by two mechanisms, operating either separately or simultaneously. In some types of semiconductors the electrons, as usual, moved under the influence of applied voltages and thus provided a current flow. Such semiconductors are called N-type because conduction is by negative (electron) charges. In other types of semiconductors, in which there is a deficiency of electrons, the current flow consists of the movement of virtual positive charges (images of electrons) that are actually empty places from which electrons have been removed. Such semiconductors are called P-type because conduction appears to be by positive charges, are shown in Fig. 3.

The two types of conduction had been identified with impurities. For example, as shown in Fig. 3B, silicon alloyed with a minute percentage of phosphorus is an N-type (electronic) conductor. Physically, the effect is explained by the fact that phosphorus has five valence electrons. Four of these form bonds with the four valence electrons in a silicon atom (thus binding the atoms together), leaving one electron free for carrying current.

If the impurity is boron (Fig. 3C), which has only three valence electrons, there is one incomplete bond between each boron and its neighboring silicon atom, leaving a hole in the structure. Because the percentage of boron impurity is very low, not many silicon atoms are so bound. Hence the hole in the bond of one silicon atom with a boron atom can be filled with an electron from an adjacent silicon atom under the influence of an external electric field. However, this action leaves a hole from which the electron came. This hole is free to be passed from atom to atom and hence to carry current. Whereas a negative electron will migrate from a negative region toward a positive region when voltage is applied, a hole will migrate from a positive region to a negative one. (In P-type —hole—conductors the electrons would have no place to go if it were not for the hole, so, although the electrons do move when current flows, it is the presence of the hole that makes their motion possible. Thus, to physicists, conduction is by (owing to the presence of) holes. Such action takes place in germanium.

The new theory suggested new experiments, which, when performed, called for refinements in the theory. While W. H. Brattain and John Bardeen were following up the consequences of the refined theory of surface states they invented the Transistor. With it they discovered a surface layer having peculiar characteristics.

To account for these characteristics, they postulated and later showed by experiment that there is a thin layer of electrons at the



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surface of germanium. This surface layer would prevent the penetration into the body of the semiconductor of an externally applied field and thus account for the smallness of the changes in resistance observed in the capacitor experiment. The field created by these surface electrons causes the formation of holes in the adjacent material, and these holes conduct current. The conducting layer may be caused by an excess of impurities near the surface such as boron that accept electrons into bonds and thus create holes, or by a space-charge barrier layer. Between this P-type layer and the N-interior is a rectifying barrier.

When a single point contact is made, the surface layer determines the conductivity for reverse currents or small forward currents. For large forward currents there is an increase in the concentration of carriers (electrons and holes). In either case (forward or reverse current) a large part of the current is carried by the surface conducting layer within an area of interaction very close to the point. Within this area the conductivity, which is mainly by holes, is much greater than elsewhere in the semiconductor. The second point contact for the Transistor is added within this area of interaction.

### Transistor Characteristics

In a Transistor, the positive point contact causes the release of holes in the surface layer of the germanium, which is prepared in a similar manner to a high back-voltage rectifier. These holes spread away from the point, flowing in all directions along the surface (but not into the body of the semiconductor). The holes reach the other contact point 0.005 cm away, in less than a ten-millionth of a second. This is the transit time that limits present performance to frequencies below about ten megacycles. From this observation, it is estimated that the holes travel at the order of 100,000 centimeters per second. Higher applied potentials and smaller spacings, as used in vacuum tubes to increase high-frequency performance, may reduce this transit time. That there are holes capable of moving from 10 to 100 times this speed is known from estimates of their thermal velocities.

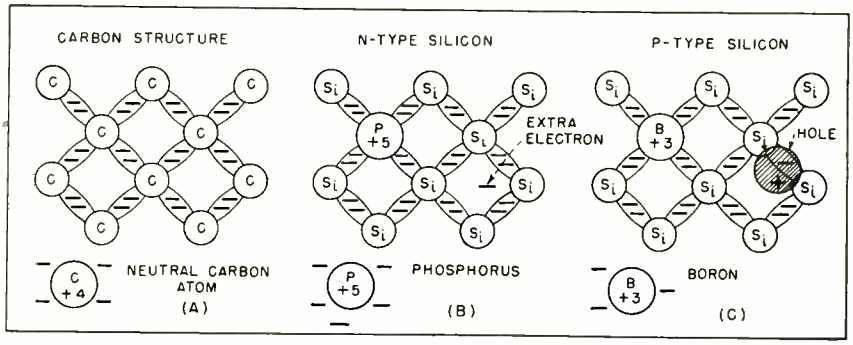



**FIG. 3—Conduction within a semiconductor depends on the interatomic bonds formed by the electrons. Current flow in a pure semiconductor is difficult to produce (A). If an impurity having an excess electron (B) is added then that electron can carry current. On the other hand, if the impurity lacks the required number of electrons for the bonds (C) the hole thus created also makes conduction possible**

The negative bias applied to the collector causes a very small current to flow from the germanium in the absence of hole conduction produced by the emitter. When the positive bias is applied to the input, however, holes are attracted to the output point contact, which is biased negatively, and these are absorbed, thus increasing the current in the output circuit. Variations in the input current change the number of holes released toward the collector and thus vary the output current proportionately. The Transistor circuit thus closely resembles a grounded-grid triode circuit.

In a grounded-grid vacuum triode the current from the cathode is controlled chiefly by the potential between it and the grid (ground); the plate potential has little effect. In the Transistor the positive bias (about 1 volt) of the emitter (cathode) causes a small current to flow into the semiconductor. The negative bias (up to 50 volts) of the collector (anode) is made large enough so that it withdraws about the same current (a few milliamperes) from the semiconductor. While the collector is a poor emitter of electrons, it is a good collector of holes. A variation of the number of holes in the surface around the two point contacts is produced by changes in the input voltage of the emitter. This variation changes the current (carried by holes) to the collector by a factor of from one to two times the change in emitter current, depending on the operating bias. Furthermore, this change in current flows in the high impedance of the output circuit, of the order of 10,000 to 100,000 ohms. The voltage change produced in this high-impedance circuit by the change in current is thus proportionally large, of the same order of magnitude relative to the signal voltage input as the ratio of reverse to forward impedance of the point contact. There is a corresponding power amplification of the signal.

Because the output circuit can influence the input circuit only by electronic conduction, for which the surface resistance is high, there is little coupling from output to input, and the circuits, one of low impedance (low power) and one of high impedance (high power), are properly isolated for use in unilateral amplification.

The d-c characteristics of a typical experimental Transistor, Fig. 2C, show the interrelation of the four variables, the two currents and the two voltages. If two are specified the other two are determined. The effect depicted by these characteristics shows that, in addition to the forward amplifying action, the collector current lowers the potential of the surface in the vicinity of the emitter in proportion to the collector current times a constant internal resistance, and thus increases the effective bias on the emitter. This describes the nature of the back coupling that exists. Under certain operating conditions this coupling, which represents positive feedback, can cause instability. Thus, although the principle of operation is vastly different, the Transistor has the properties of vacuum tube amplifiers in many respects.—D.G.F. and F.H.R.



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# JTAC Its Purpose and Program

The Joint Technical Advisory Committee, eight engineers appointed by RMA and IRE, has the important job of advising government bodies and industry groups on the wise use and regulation of the radio spectrum

THE CENTRAL PROBLEM of the radio industry is the fact that its domain, the radio spectrum, must be administered and policed by agencies subjected to commercial and political pressures, while the by-laws governing the domain are based on technicalities which cannot be changed by commercial or political argument. In each of the major forms of broadcasting for example, this fundamental conflict has led to an improper use of the spectrum, or to faulty administration of it.

Standard broadcasting, put on an orderly basis first in 1925, has suffered ever since from a channel separation too narrow to permit high-fidelity transmission, and the multiple assignment of frequencies (to approximately 2,000 stations at present) has so congested the spectrum that serious interference is the rule in all but urban areas. Television, ready to start in 1939 on standards not radically different from those now used, was stopped dead in its tracks in 1940 by an intra-industry fight which the FCC was unwilling to referee. Frequency modulation was first assigned a band from 44 to 50 mc, and later moved wholesale to 88–108 mc, to the consternation of broadcasters and set owners alike. Whatever the



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merits of the arguments in each case, the fact remains the public has suffered from an inadequate understanding of the radio spectrum and its standards of use, on the part of regulating bodies and their advisers.

One of the first attempts to rectify this situation was the formation in 1940 of the National Television System Committee, to advise the FCC on television standards. The success of this effort led to an extension to cover additional classes of radio service. This was the Radio Technical Planning Board, which presented evidence to the FCC on the post-war allocation of frequencies. Other groups, notably the Radio Technical Commission for Aeronautics and similar groups for marine (RTCM) and land-mobile (RTCLM) services have been formed to study the problems of particular services and to recommend standards and allocations for them.

On July 1st, 1948, the RTPB was dissolved, and its panels were absorbed in the committee structures of the RMA and the IRE. This action was based on the realization that the administration of the spectrum could no longer be guided solely by groups devoted to particular services, as were the RTPB



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panels. The competition for additional ether space had reached fever pitch and the FCC despaired of refereeing between panels recommending opposed allocations based on conflicting technical evidence. What was needed was an impartial committee to act as a buffer between the regulating body and the proponents of individual services.

### Formation of JTAC

The signal for the formation of such a group came soon after the appointment of Wayne Coy to the chairmanship of the FCC. At the IRE annual convention in March 1948, Mr. Coy pointed to the FCC's need for assistance in arriving at an adequate national allocation of television facilities, and mentioned the needs of other services, notably the land-mobile service, as conflicting factors.

At that time the IRE was considering the formation of a technical committee on spectrum utilization, which would gather evidence on the characteristics of different portions of the spectrum and correlate them with the needs of particular classes of service. This committee was the brainchild of the incoming IRE president, B. E. Shackelford. Acting on Mr. McCoy's request, Shackelford met with W. R. G. Baker, outgoing IRE president and Director of the RMA Engineering Department. Together these men roughed out the plan for a joint IRE-RMA committee to consider problems of spectrum utilization and to assist the FCC as required. The idea was presented to the Boards of Directors of the IRE and RMA, and received their blessing.

Two men were appointed to the committee initially, Philip F. Siling, representing IRE, to serve as the first chairman, and Donald G. Fink, representing RMA, to serve as vice chairman. These men met with a group of interested engineers on May 12th to develop the basic philosophy of the new committee. Based on this discussion a charter was drawn up, amended and finally approved by IRE and RMA June 20th.

The charter, the full text of which is appended here, establishes a committee of eight members, each to serve for two years. While JTAC will find that, most of its actions relate to FCC activities, it will assist other government bodies, such as the Interdepartment Radio Advisory Committee, and the Civil Aeronautics Authority, on request, and is also available to industry groups, such as railroad, aviation and marine interests. If the load gets too heavy, JTAC has the power to decide on its own motion what problems it will tackle first.

Established IRE and RMA technical committees will be called on to supply information and make detailed studies for JTAC, and special ad hoc committees may be appointed to do so. Other groups or individuals who may have information will be encouraged to pass it to the JTAC. To this end, notices of problems under consideration will be published regularly in the technical press. JTAC's findings will be available to all who request them.

The basic information collected by JTAC will thus come from informed sources, including recognized specialists in particular fields. JTAC's overriding responsibility will be to sift the information for internal inconsistencies or conflicts, to separate facts from opinions, and to remove commercial bias. To assist in this job, it has the power to appoint technical consultants. Moreover, the JTAC members are chosen as individuals of high professional standing, and are expected to conduct themselves completely outside the sphere of company politics and commercial interest. In fact, it is only by so operating that the JTAC can earn the reputation for complete objectivity, impartiality and accuracy which its charter sets up as a goal.

### Television Hearing

The need for the JTAC is underlined by the fact that before its charter was approved and the membership assembled, an urgent request for assistance was presented by the FCC. Early in May, the FCC announced that it would hold a hearing beginning September 20th on the question of utilizing the television frequencies in the region from 475 to 890 mc. These frequencies are currently available for experimentation in improved systems of television, and are reserved for future commercial use when such an improved system is ready for the public. But pressure for additional television channels, plus the demands of other services for space, had forced the FCC to step up its schedule and to inquire, at once, how this space might be used. Accordingly, the FCC requested the JTAC to provide authoritative information on the ways in which these uhf channels might be employed. Questions relating to available equipment and propagation characteristics, were prepared by Commission engineers and were circulated through the JTAC secretariat to the television system committees of the RMA and IRE for detailed study. Reports from these committees, and from other interested groups, were available in mid-August for the critical scrutiny of the JTAC members and their consultants in time for presentation at the hearing in September.

### JTAC Charter

The text of the JTAC charter, excepting the preamble and portions relating to administrative procedure, is as follows:

*Objective.* The JTAC shall obtain and evaluate information of a technical or engineering nature relating to the radio art for the purpose of advising Government bodies and other professional and industrial groups. In obtaining and evaluating such information, the JTAC shall maintain an objective point of view. It is recognized that the advice given may involve integrated professional judgments on many interrelated factors, including economic forces and public policy.

*Duties.* The duties of the JTAC shall be as follows:

(a) To consult with Government bodies and with other professional and industrial groups to determine what technical information is required to insure the wise use and regulation of radio facilities.

(b) To establish a program of activity and determine priority among the problems selected by it or presented to it in view of the needs of the profession and the public.

(c) To establish outlines of the information required in detailed form. These outlines will be submitted to qualified groups, as hereinafter defined, who shall study the requirements and supply the required information.

(d) To sift and evalute information thus obtained so as to resolve conflicts



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of fact, to separate matters of fact from matters of opinion, and to relate the detailed findings to the broad problems presented to it.

(e) To present its findings in a clear and understandable manner to the agencies originally requesting the assistance of the Committee.

(f) To make its findings available to the profession and the public.

(g) To appear as necessary before Government or other parties to interpret the findings of the Committee in the light of other information presented.

*Membership.* The JTAC shall consist of eight (8) members.

The members shall be chosen on the basis of professional standing, integrity, and competence to deal with the problems to be considered by the Committee. The members shall be chosen from among all qualified engineers irrespective of the organizations to which they belong or the companies by whom they are employed and shall operate without instruction. Half of the members shall be nominated by IRE and half by RMA, and the appointment of all members shall be confirmed by both bodies. None of the members shall receive any regular compensation for services from the National or any State Government. There shall be no alternate members.

Members shall serve for a term of two (2) years, commencing July 1 and terminating June 30. To assist in maintaining the continuity of action of the Committee, half the initial roster of members of the Committee shall be appointed to serve two consecutive terms.

*Officers.* The officers of the Committee shall be a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and a Secretary. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be appointed from among the eight members of the JTAC by the Boards of Directors of the IRE and of the RMA on alternate years and will serve for a term of one year, except as may be otherwise determined by the Boards.

The Secretary shall be a qualified individual appointed by the members of the JTAC and shall serve for a term of one year. The Secretary shall not be a member of the Committee.

*Committees and Consultants.* The JTAC shall make use of existing committees in the IRE and RMA organizations wherever possible. Where a qualified group does not exist, the JTAC shall appoint ad hoc committees to study and report on particular subjects. Such ad hoc committees shall be disbanded upon completion of their assignments. The Committee shall also make use of qualified sources of information outside the IRE and RMA organizations, including the engineering staffs of Government bodies as well as professional, educational, and industrial groups qualified to assist in its program. Technical consultants may be invited to assist upon occasion, by the Committee as a whole.

## JTAC'S FIRST ASSIGNMENT

**The FCC hearing scheduled for September 20th, 1948, has the following objectives:**

(A) To obtain full information concerning interference to the reception of television stations operating on channels 2 through 13 resulting from adjacent-channel operation of other services, from harmonic radiations, and from man-made noise.

(B) To receive such additional data as may be available since the close of previous hearings (Dockets 6651 and 7896) concerning the propagation characteristics of the band 475 to 890 mc.

(C) To obtain full information concerning the state of development of transmitting and receiving equipment for either monochrome or color television broadcasting, or both, capable of operating in the band 475 to 890 mc.

(D) To obtain full information concerning any proposals for the utilization of the band 475 to 890 mc, or any part thereof, for television broadcasting and the standards to be proposed therefor.

**At the request of JTAC, members of the Commission staff prepared the following list of detailed questions:**

(1) What is the present state of development of equipment in the band 475 to 890 mc, in regard to (a) transmitters, tubes and components, (b) receivers and components, (c) antennas, transmission lines and related equipment for transmission and reception?

(2) How much experimental work has been undertaken in television systems in this band, with respect to field operation (transmitter hours operated, number and distribution of receivers, and propagation tests) and laboratory work (development of receivers, transmitters and tubes)?

(3) What consideration has been given to the costs of television systems for this band, particularly to the reduction of receiver costs, and the transfer of cost burdens to the transmitter?

(4) What areas of service might be expected in this band, based on the following assumptions: (a) a particular system, using one of the following typical bandwidths: 6 mc, 13 mc, 20 mc; (b) radiated power, available now and expected to be available, say, 10 years in the future, (c) receiver sensitivity, and (d) at each of the following typical frequencies: 475, 600 and 890 mc?

(5) What co-channel and adjacent-channel separations would be appropriate under the assumptions made in item 4, above?

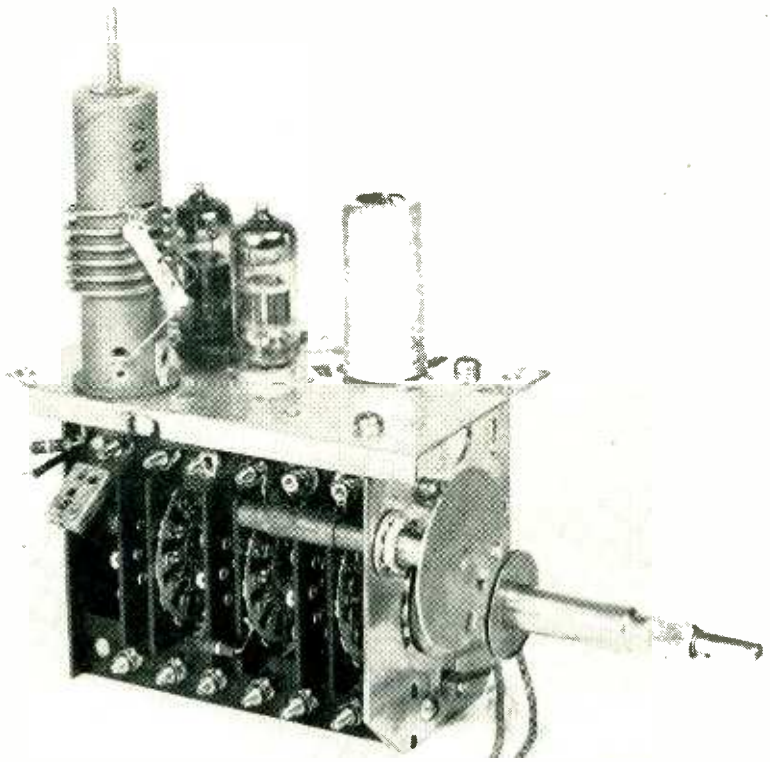
(6) How many channels would be available in the band 475-890 mc, on the assumptions of item 4, above, and how might they be allocated among the 140 metropolitan districts of the United States?

**JTAC has transmitted these questions to RMA and IRE committees as well as many other groups, such as NAB and TBA, who may contribute to the store of knowledge. Any reader of *Electronics* who has information on these matters is urged to communicate it at once to the JTAC Secretary, L. G. Cumming, care of the Institute of Radio Engineers, 1 East 79th Street, New York 21, N. Y.**

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RCA rotary-switch type front end uses transmission lines and push-pull circuits

# Television FRONT ENDS

**R-f, oscillator and mixer problems are discussed, and current design trends noted. Suggestions for measuring performance are given, and tuning methods at present in use and on the drawing boards are covered in detail**

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TELEVISION receiver front-end design is one of the most difficult problems engineers face today. The quality and cost of receivers depends to a large extent upon its solution.

Front ends must have sufficient bandwidth for acceptance of both picture and sound on each of the twelve available channels; almost everything else is optional and at the discretion of the designer.

### R-F and Converter

There is, first, the question of gain; this is at present achieved by the inclusion of a stage of r-f amplification.

A triode used in the r-f stage gives a better signal-to-noise ratio than a pentode but provides less isolation; there is a possibility of more oscillator voltage passing through the tube and appearing across the antenna terminals. There is, therefore, a trend toward the use of pentodes. The 6BH6 provides adequate gain on the seven highest-frequency channels and also reduces circuit loading.

Theoretically, the greater the number of tuned circuits the better the performance. However, multiple-tuned circuits cannot always be used due to mechanical design considerations and cost, so either grid or plate-circuit tuning is currently employed. Where grid tuning is used, separate antenna coils must be provided for each channel, with the disadvantage that more switch points are needed. Where plate tuning is used the transmission line must be fed into the grid and cathode of the r-f tube, inasmuch as an input circuit balanced for both signal and noise is essential.

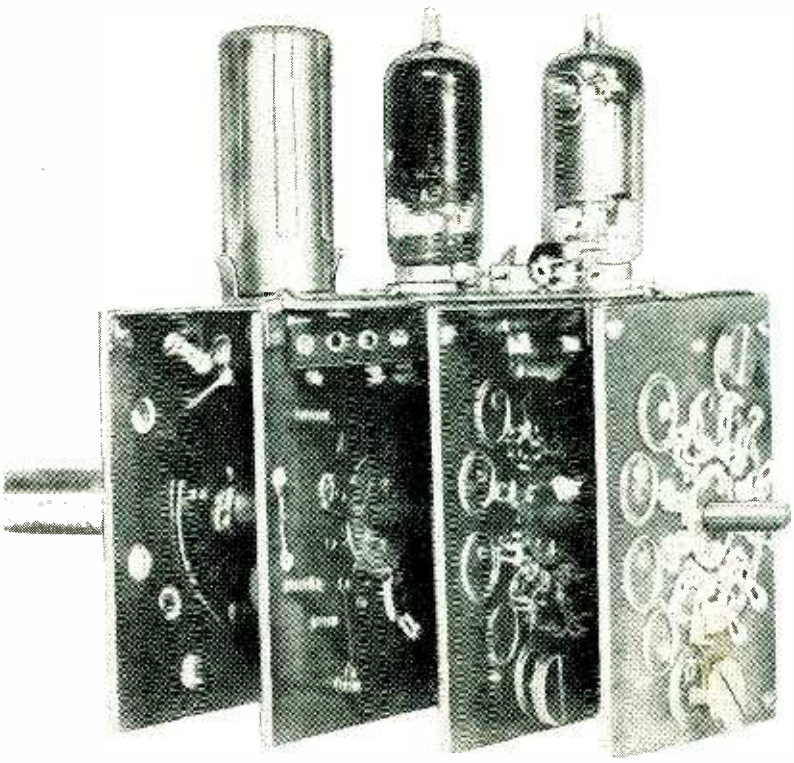
A gain of 6 db is considered satisfactory at the present time for the r-f stage of a television receiver designed for use in the average location. An image-rejection ratio of 40 db can readily be maintained on all channels.

Conversion can be achieved with a triode, pentode, diode, or even a crystal. The 6AG5 pentode performs well as a converter. The oscillator circuit must be chosen carefully; a plate circuit grounded with respect to r-f, with a floating cathode and tuned grid, is probably the easiest to use as there is only one switch point involved.

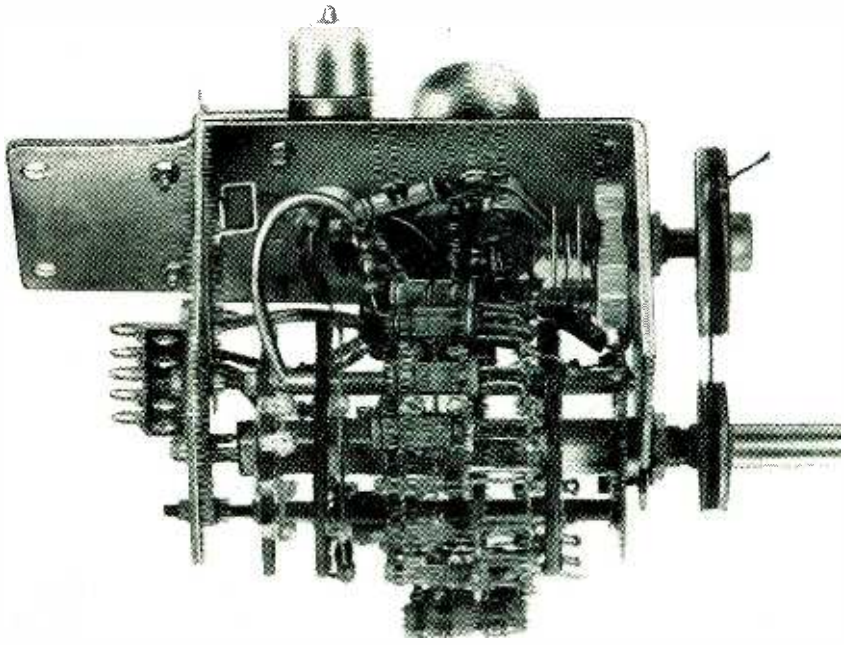
Some sort of vernier appears to be essential, unless automatic frequency control is incorporated into the design. This is not too difficult to add if a dual triode such as the 12AT7 is used. One half of the tube functions as the oscillator and the other half is used as a reactance



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Franklin rotary-switch assembly with die-stamped transmission lines



GE rotary-switch arrangement has conventional inductances

tube. Control voltage is taken from the discriminator or ratio detector in the sound i-f section of the receiver.

An excellent and recommended way to make front-end gain measurements is to figure gain to converter plate, on the basis of gain per 1,000 ohms of converter plate load.

Possibly the greatest drawback today in making accurate measurements is mismatch due to the feeding of a signal from an unbalanced signal generator or sweeper into the balanced input circuit of a receiver.

### Measurements

To observe and adjust r-f gain, bandwidth, and coupling, the author feeds a suitable sweeper into the antenna terminals through a correct match for 300 ohms. The output is taken at the converter grid or, better still, at its screen, and connected to an oscilloscope. If the inductances are correct for the different channels a curve can be observed on the oscilloscope screen and frequency markers inserted. Coupling can be adjusted while observing the curve on the oscilloscope.

Drift measurements on a front-end unit should never be made in the open. The unit should be installed on the chassis with which it is to be used and in the cabinet in which the chassis is to be placed. The proper temperature-coefficient capacitors can then be incorporated into the design to counteract the effects of heating.

In designing a tuner the most unexpected conditions are encountered at frequencies between 50 and 250 megacycles. All sorts of resonances can be expected. These frequently manifest themselves as absorption circuits, cutting gain or actually blotting a frequency out entirely. An oscillator may refuse to operate entirely at certain frequencies. Probably the worst offenders in this respect are heater chokes which, with their by-pass capacitors, often resonate in the television band. Switch shafts and plates, frameworks, wiring, and other innocent-looking items also give trouble.

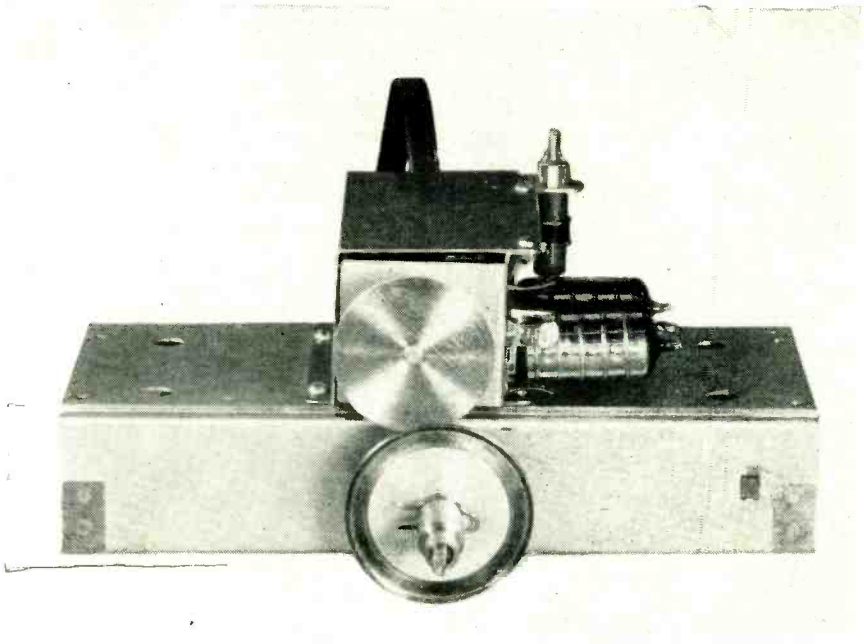
### Tuning Methods

There are several methods of tuning television receiver head ends, and sometimes they are used in combination. Typical methods are enumerated in the following paragraphs.

*Rotary Switch.* The rotary switch has met the needs of radio design engineers for nearly twenty years. It has successfully been applied to



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Hazeltine sliding turret has individual inductances

television, sometimes using conventional inductances and sometimes resonant transmission lines.

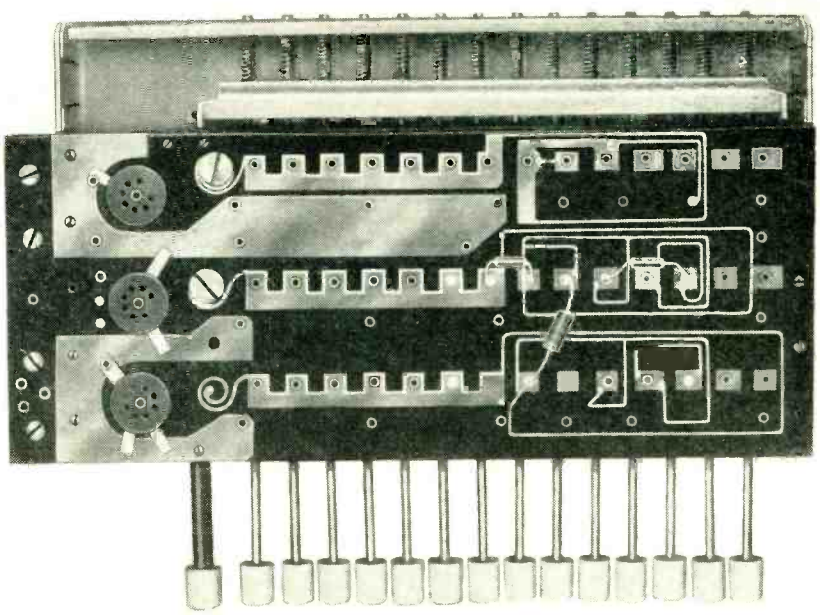
On the plus side of the ledger, rotary-switch advantages include low cost, sturdy construction, and noise-free operation. The spacing between the contacts is small, lending itself to high-frequency operation. Switches of this variety are compact and therefore keep the overall size of a unit to a minimum. But this is the very feature that sometimes causes trouble. Because of its compact construction, the average rotary switch is not too accessible in production. Also, the concentration of conventional inductances in a small enclosed area in which there are warm resistors and hot tubes contributes to the drift problem. Use of printed or stamped inductances as shown in the upper photograph on the preceding page eliminates most of this trouble.

*Rotary Turret.* Theoretically, the rotary turret represents excellent television head-end design. By rotating coils, lead lengths can be kept constant for all channels, providing a good LC ratio. But this system, too, has disadvantages. Contacts are difficult to design and, if satisfactory, are generally very expensive. Also, size easily gets out of bounds if all twelve channels are provided. Some manufacturers circumvent this by providing eight channels, leaving it to distributor or retailer to make a station selection satisfactory to the consumer.

*Sliding Turret.* The sliding turret is essentially a rotary turret that has been flattened out so that it can be moved sideways over or under a set of stationary contacts. Among turrets, it is probably a good type as contacts are not too difficult to design. However, it has still greater size and more complex mechanical structure.

*Permeability Tuning.* Permeability tuners have been used successfully for years in radio receivers, and there is no reason why they cannot be adapted for television if the designer is willing to take the disadvantages along with the advantages.

To begin with, in order to cover the entire television band, the tuning spectrum has to be divided into at least two bands, with some method of switchover provided. Such a system could be used in two different versions, the first as a continuous-tuning device and the second with a detent and individual channels. The first system has the advantage of smooth operation but it will also tune through all kinds of interferences. Placing a detent in the system eliminates this trouble but complicates the problem of resetting. Inasmuch as permeability tuning in most cases depends on very small inductance changes, the problem of bringing slugs back to exactly the same position for given



Franklin push-button-type tuner formed of stampings



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channels is very difficult indeed.

*Inductive Tuning.* Inductive tuning has the advantage of smooth operation. On the other hand, it is mechanically complex and expensive. The idea ordinarily involves use of a rotating cylinder upon which wire is wound in grooves. A small contact wheel engages the first turn when the coil form rotates, and travels over its entire length as the cylinder is turned.

*Variable Capacitance.* The old reliable workhorse of radio, the variable capacitor, has not been forgotten. Although most designers have not employed such devices because of the wide frequency range that must be covered in a television head end, one has actually been developed. The unit referred to requires a high-low bandswitch.

*Pushbutton.* Two different pushbutton tuners have been developed. The first uses a conventional pushbutton switch and the three associated tubes are mounted on the main television receiver chassis rather than in the head-end unit. To overcome the normal high inductance of the contacts, a series capacitor is placed in the transmission line and a small variable capacitor at each pushbutton position to ground. The capacitors act as padders. For 12 channels, 36 trimmers are thus used.

The second pushbutton switch referred to comprises a framework designed to accommodate tubes and wiring. Space is provided near the converter tube for the first i-f coil or trap, while more space is available for broadcast or f-m components. Contacts are large and heavy and their inductance at the frequencies used is low. The moving contacts are welded to the pushrods and are self-aligning. Incorporated in this unit, and an important part of its design, are die-stamped circuits.[1]

### Pushbutton Tuner Details

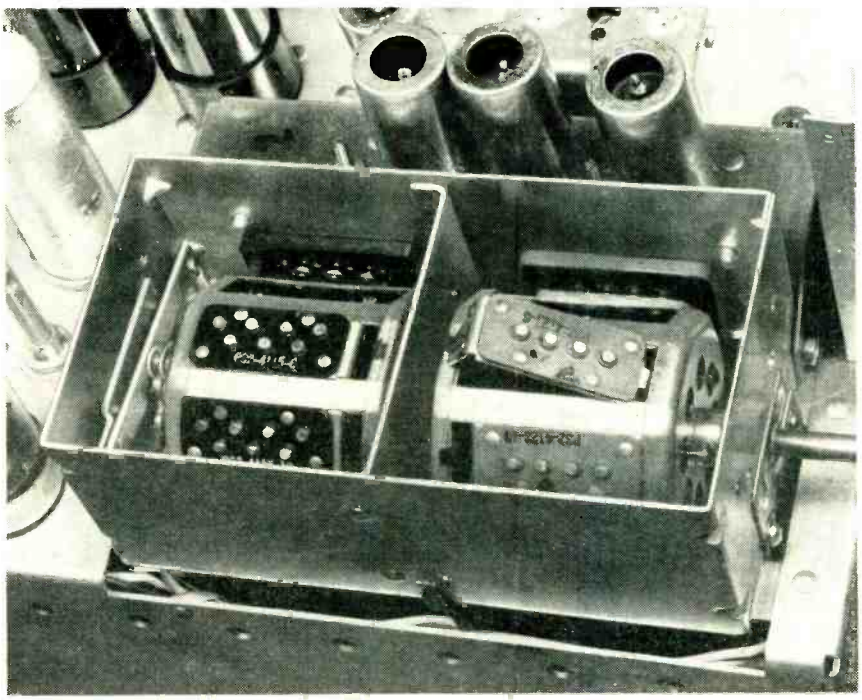
In the Franklin Airloop Corporation pushbutton tuner referred to above only four adjustments are necessary. Three coils have an inductive-tuning arrangement consisting of a 4/32 brass screw with a $\frac{3}{8}$ head. Moving the head of the screw closer to or farther away from the die-stamped coil provides necessary frequency adjustment. A similar device in the oscillator circuit tunes the low-frequency channels.

The oscillator has a vernier capacitance adjustable through the front of the tuner. In cases where automatic frequency control is used the vernier becomes an internal adjustment to compensate for different tube capacitances when and if the oscillator tube is replaced.

A 6BH6 tube is incorporated in the r-f stage. The antenna input is between grid and cathode terminals and is balanced and matched for a 300-ohm line. The grid of the tube may be used with automatic gain control. The plate is tuned and overcoupled to the grid of the converter, which is a 6AG5. The grid of the converter is tuned and the two circuits are coupled with fixed capacitors before channel 13 and at channel 7. Injection voltage at the grid averages 3 volts.

The oscillator is a conventional 6C4 with plate grounded with respect to r-f and a choke in the cathode circuit. The grid of the oscillator is tuned.

The heavy framework of the tuner readily dissipates heat, while the stamped inductances are comparatively far away from the heat sources. Oscillator drift is readily compensated for by means of temperature-coefficient capacitors when the tuner is used in different chassis and cabinets. Should a situation arise in which spurious signals are received in particular locations a trap for the offending signal, or an additional tuned circuit to bring up the wanted signal, or both, can be readily added. Threaded holes are provided on the rear of the switch for this purpose. However, no spurious responses have been found so far.



Philco rotary turret using replaceable coil assemblies

### Future Trends

Present-day tuners serve their purpose well, considering the economics of the market, but already new and better front ends are on the drawing boards for 1949 and 1950. It will take time to complete design, field test and tool up.

The trend is toward more gain, greater stability and, particularly, greater freedom from interfering signals. Multiple stages of r-f are possibly in the offing. Certainly more tuned circuits are coming.


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# High-Speed Revolution Counter

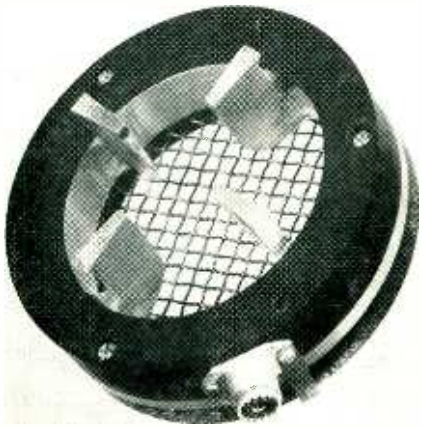


FIG. 1—Pickup unit, showing dural vanes

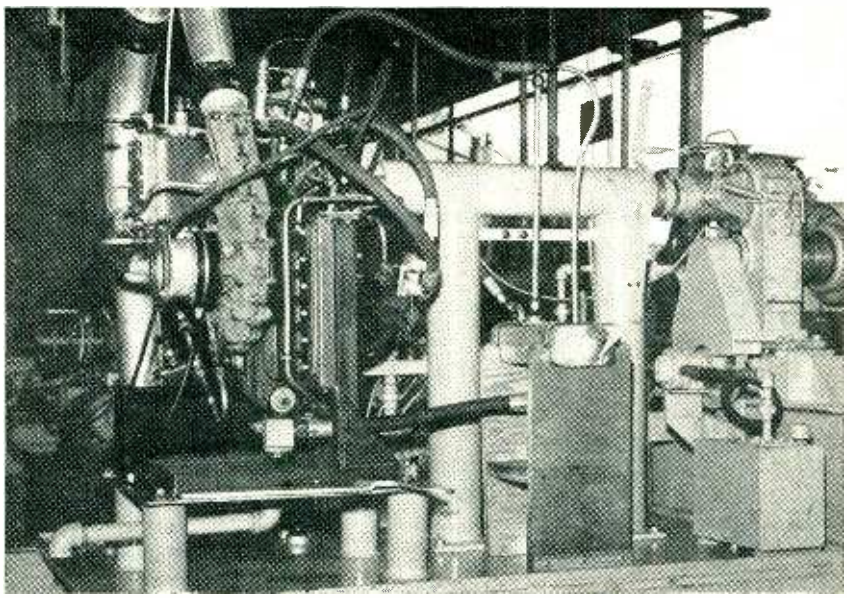
**Supercharger impellers for DC-6 and DC-9 aircraft cabins are tested up to 30,000 rpm by means of a capacitance pickup, a transducer, and a frequency meter. No mechanical connection is made to the impeller shaft, and no load is added to the system**

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THERE has long been a need for a revolution counter for high-speed machinery which does not attach to the rotating shaft or load it in any way. A device which fulfills these requirements and which is particularly suited for indicating rpm or rps of rotating fan, propeller or impeller blades is described.

The units illustrated are presently employed for determining the rpm of engine-driven cabin superchargers. The impeller of such superchargers operates at 30,000 rpm or more. Similar units can be adapted for use with turbines, or any rotary-blade machinery, without altering or adding anything to the machine.

Three items of equipment are required. These are: the pickup, a capacitance transducer, and an electronic frequency meter or tachometer. The pickup consists of one or more insulated vanes, located adjacent to the rotating shaft or attached blades so as to vary its capacitance to ground with rotation of the shaft. The capacitance-transducer supplies an alternating voltage whose frequency is proportional to shaft rpm. The alternating voltage is applied the electronic frequency meter or tachometer which employs a scale calibrated in terms of rpm revolutions per minute.



Test stand for an aircraft cabin supercharger

### Pickup

As the pickup works on a capacitance principle, it is necessary to use a connecting cable whose capacitance is low and yet constant despite movement or vibration. A suitable cable is RG8/U coaxial.

The variation of pickup capacitance should be at least five percent of the total input capacitance, but operation on smaller percentages is possible under low vibration conditions. A one-vane pickup was originally used and proved satisfactory up to 10,000 rpm, but was later discarded in favor of a four-vane pickup pictured in Fig. 1. It should be noted that the number



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Control panel for the revolution counter

of pickup elements does not change the output frequency, which is determined by the number of vanes or blades on the rotating shaft. However, under extremes of vibration or weaving of the rotating blades a high degree of hash may be produced. These stray variations in capacitance are corrected by the use of a multielement pickup which automatically balances them out. As one blade weaves closer to a vane its increase in capacitance is balanced by another blade, 180 degrees away, moving away from a vane or pickup element. With the four-element pickup, good waveform is delivered to the electronic frequency meter.

There are several other factors that must be considered in the design of the pickup. In theory it is nothing but an insulated metal plate. The size and shape is not critical, but is chosen so that the impeller blade is not under the plate for more than 50 percent of its travel before the next blade passes under the plate. This gives roughly a 1-to-1 low to high capacitance cycle, delivering through the transducer a substantial sine wave. The electronic frequency meters or tachometers require an on-to-off or vice-versa alternation of input voltage preferably 1 to 1 but not to exceed 4 to 1 for a highly accurate indication.

The spacing of the plate or pickup vane to the element depends upon input cable capacitance, spacing between impeller blades, and transducer sensitivity. Using a two-foot RG8/U cable with the pickup illustrated, spacings up to one-quarter inch have been employed. Spacing may best be determined by test, but in any case close tolerances are unnecessary. Airflow restriction may be limited to a low value by proper design of the pickup. This again hinges upon use of the pickup in different fields.

### Transducer

The transducer unit changes variation in pickup capacitance into useful audio-frequency voltage suitable for application to the electronic frequency meter or tachometer. It consists of the familiar capacitance relay or radio-frequency oscillator, a detector and a one-tube amplifier, as shown schematically in Fig. 2.

The r-f oscillator is adjusted to oscillate feebly. The pickup is connected so that every time its capacitance increases it shunts the oscillator-feedback circuit more, and thus causes the oscillator to drop its r-f output voltage. The r-f carrier is rectified and the a-c component caused by variations in signal due to changing pickup-plate capacitance is amplified. Output must be over two volts, but not over two hundred, to operate the frequency meters or tachometers in use. As the output voltage is not critical and does not affect the rpm indication, the transducer requires no gain stabilization.

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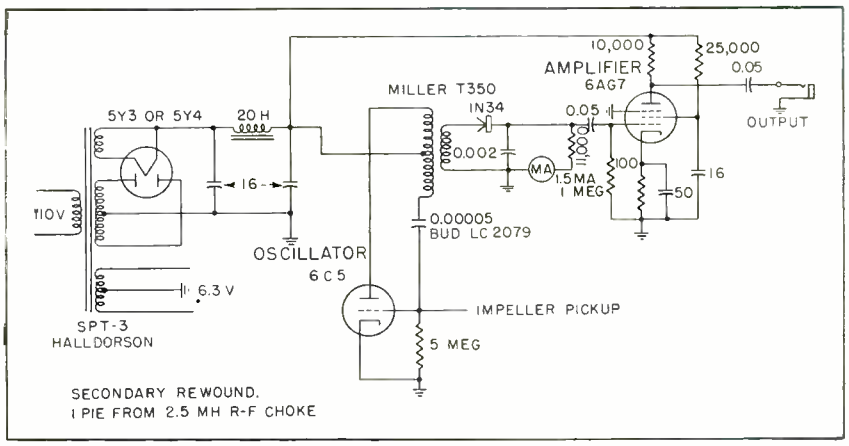



FIG. 2—The capacitance transducer. Plate series capacitor is variable



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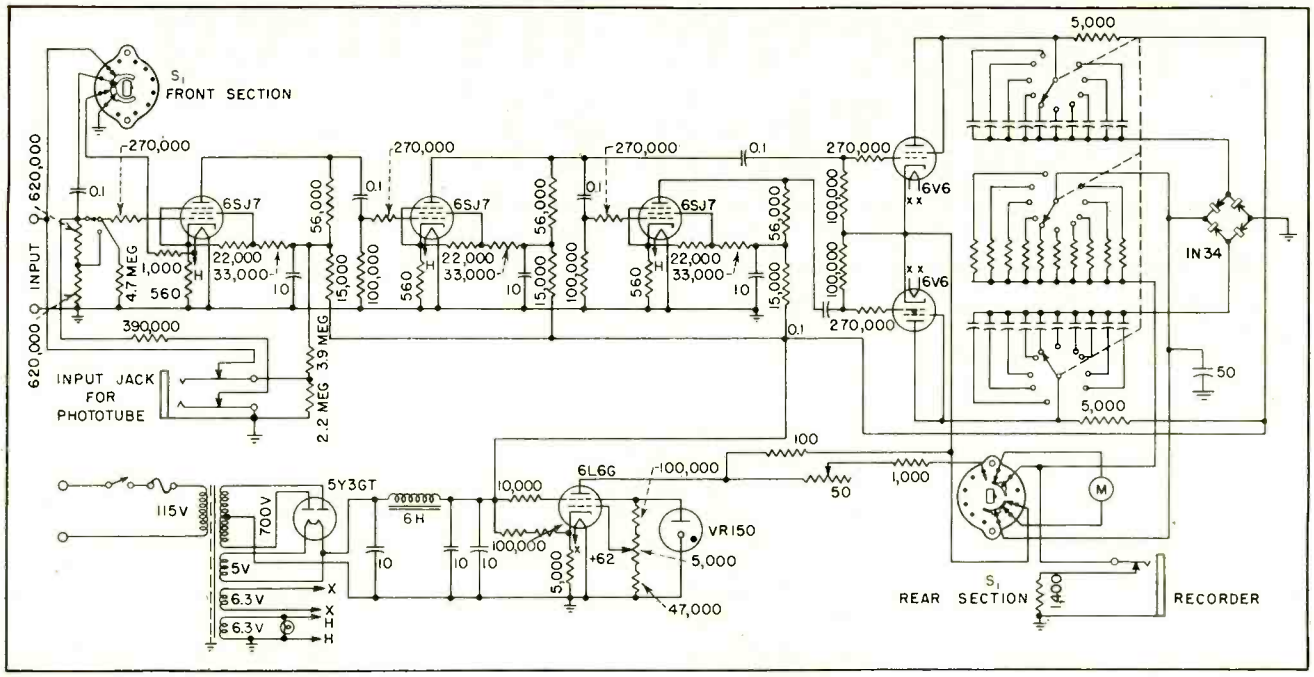



FIG. 3—Circuit of Hewlett-Packard frequency meter and tachometer used as a speed indicator for testing cabin superchargers

transducer is not critical and for this reason the oscillator coil is not tuned. Where the particular coil specified in the drawings is not available, the oscillator should preferably be set to operate between 500 and 2,000 kilocycles. This, in part, depends upon the capacitance change available in a particular application. Input capacitance as well as the size of the feedback variable capacitor determines optimum frequency.

The setting of the variable capacitor will depend upon three feedback functions: frequency of oscillation, feedback ratio in tank coil, and cable and pickup shunting capacitance. Optimum capacitor setting may best be determined experimentally for each individual application. The capacitor is adjusted to the point where the oscillator is not oscillating strongly. This is accomplished with the aid of the 1.5-ma meter, which indicates rectified r-f current from the detector. The output winding on the tank coil is wound so as to give a 1.0 to 1.5-ma indication on the meter when the oscillator is functioning correctly.

The output impedance of the original transducer was not considered critical, as the output voltage was high and a shielded cable was to be used. However, this developed into a critical point because of the high output frequency. A sixteen-blade impeller, rotating at 30,000 rpm, has an output frequency of 16 times 30,000 divided by 60. This gives an output frequency of 8,000 cycles. Therefore, in the first units is was necessary to use RG7/U cable (14 μμf per ft.) to connect the transducer to the frequency meter. The amplifier tube and circuit components were then changed to give lower output impedance.

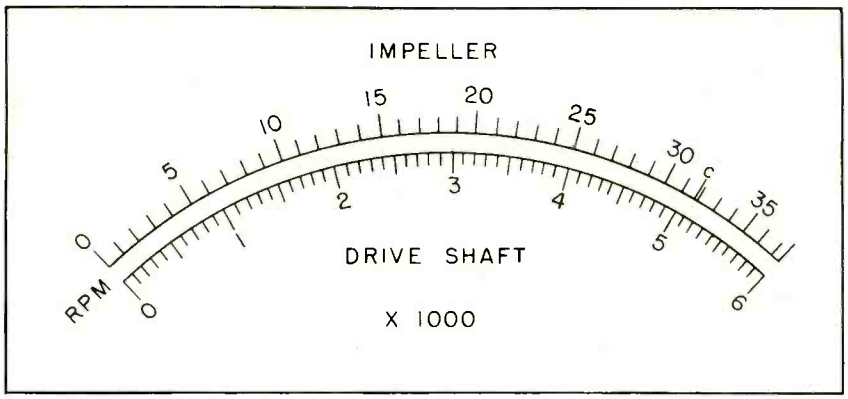



FIG. 4—Redrawn frequency-meter scale, giving rpm directly

It would be desirable, in new units, to use a plate-to-500-ohm-line transformer in the transducer and a 500-ohm line to grid transformer at the frequency meter or tachometer. Thus there would be no limitations on cable length between the two units.

The rpm may be read directly on the electronic tachometer diagrammed in Fig. 3. One cycle is produced per revolution at the pickup. Where many-bladed devices are used it is preferable to use an electronic frequency meter. In this case, rpm may be read by using the calculation rpm = freq. × 60 ÷ no. blades. This calculation may be reduced to chart form, but it is preferable to draw a new scale to be used with the instrument, as shown in Fig. 4.

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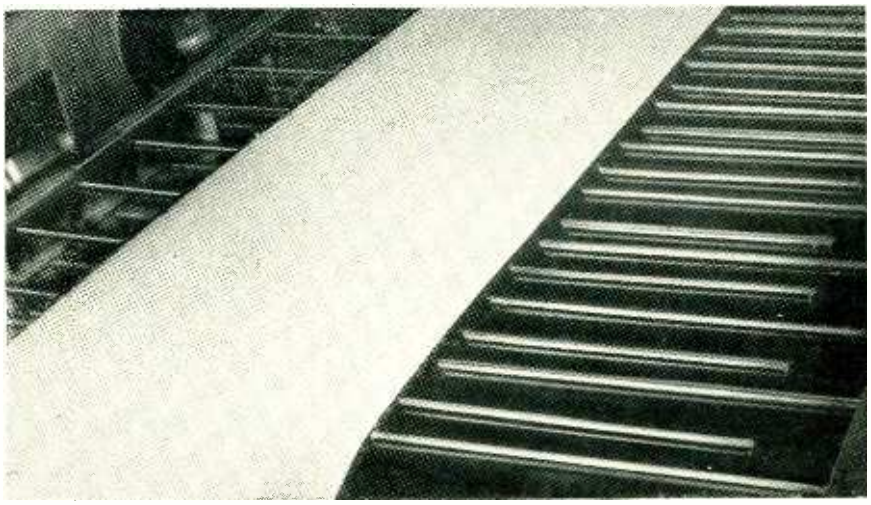
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# Dielectric Heating of Thin Films

Development of electrode structures for applying high power to dielectric films is described. Limitations imposed by air gap for usually encountered applications are analyzed. It is also shown that average power should be close to instantaneous peak power

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**Solvent, used to flow film onto a cellulose backing, is preheated before being removed in an oven. Using the electronic preheater increased productivity of the plant 40 percent**

ALTHOUGH DIELECTRIC HEATING has established itself as an industrial process, its application in some fields has been limited by difficulties in load matching; that is, the design of appropriate electrode structures for the efficient transfer of power to the work to be heated.

One field of application in which load matching has been particularly troublesome is the heating of thin films or sheets of either liquid or solid material. This field embraces a large group of industrial processes, as shown in Table I.

### Difficulties of Heating Films

To appreciate the problems presented by loads consisting of thin films, consider Fig. 1A. A typical film, often less than ⅛-inch thick and several feet long and wide, constitutes the dielectric of a flat-plate capacitor. The dielectric constant of the load material is rarely less than four, and the power factor is generally not very high, perhaps five percent. If the film remains dry and solid during the heating process, so that it may touch the electrodes, the electrodes may be of the conventional parallel-plate type.

An examination of such a load shows: (1) high capacitance, due to close spacing and large area of the plates, (2) short air gap between plates, (3) necessity for flat, rigid, and parallel electrodes (to avoid air spaces which cause cold spots in the load), (4) loss of heat because the electrodes have high thermal capacity, (heating the plates by external means helps in eliminating this problem), (5) necessity for a high frequency to obtain rapid heating, because the short plate-to-plate spacing will not permit the use of high voltages, (6) difficulty of obtaining uniformity of field with h-f and long dimensions due to standing waves across the electrodes. Stubbing is helpful in reducing nonuniformity, but does not eliminate the problem. If the load is moving through the electrodes, standing waves in that one direction are unimportant (7) generation of sufficient power at h-f required by a short cycle may be difficult (8) transmission of power to, and establishment of voltage across such a low capacitance at the desired h-f is often impractical (resonating the load by parallel stub inductances is sometimes possible), and (9) circulating currents required are often prohibitively high, because these loads raise allowable minimum generator tank-circuit current.

### Air Gap Lowers Load Voltage

The parallel-plate problem is even more severe in loads which may not be touched on one or both surfaces by the electrode plates. There are several reasons for such a restriction. The surfaces may be wet, as

**TABLE I—Principal Applications**

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| **Drying Plastic Coatings** |
| Waterproofing textiles |
| Manufacturing artificial leather |
| Glazing cloth and paper |
| **Drying Liquid Films** |
| Baking paint and lacquer |
| Drying printing inks |
| Heating adhesive films (such as bookbinding and adhesive tapes) |
| Setting flocked coatings |
| **Heating Solid Films** |
| Curing sheets of resin (such as guttapercha) |
| Heat-sealing laminates (such as glass to paper, paper to wood, paper to paper and cloth to paper) |
| **Drying Impregnants** |
| Sizing cloth and yarn |
| Setting impregnated paper and cloth |



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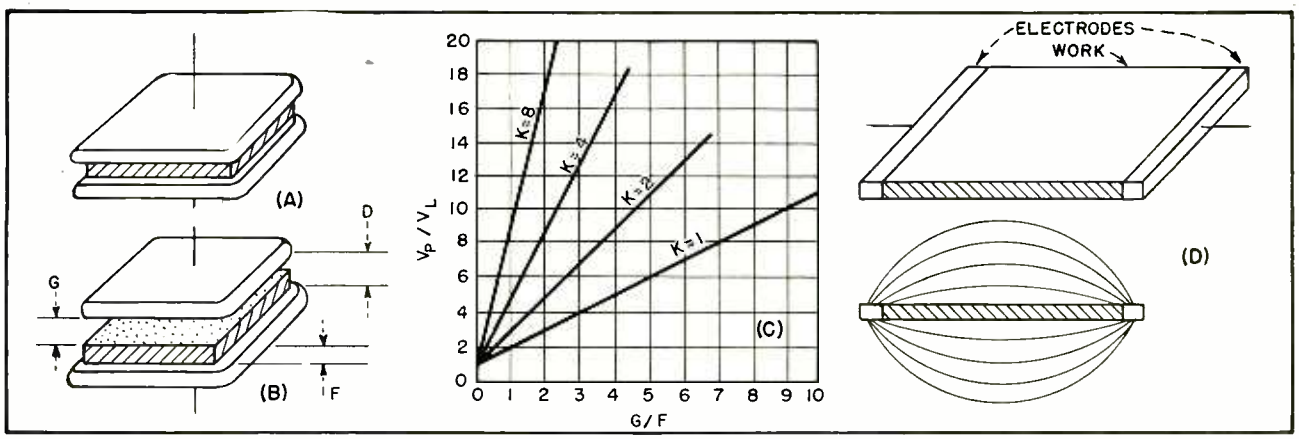



FIG. 1—Heating thin films by making them the dielectric of parallel plate capacitors (A) is difficult if there is an air gap (B) comparable to the thickness of the film, the ratio of applied voltage to load voltage is rising rapidly (C) with gap width. If it were not for excessive leakage (D) the electrodes could be placed at the edge of the film

in the case of adhesives and paints. The surfaces may give off water or other solvent vapors while heating which must escape freely. In the case of curing sheets of natural resins, the material is often too fragile to withstand pressure.

In the above examples, an air gap (Fig. 1B) must be maintained between load and one or both electrodes. This air gap creates further load-matching problems. In both Fig. 1A and 1B the minimum voltage $V_B$ at which ionization will occur in the air space extending from the edge of one electrode plate to the edge of the opposite plate is $V_B = K_B D$ where $D$ is the spacing between plates and $K_B$ is the dielectric strength of air, which is nearly constant for well-rounded plates spaced fairly close together.

The load voltage $V_L$ required to accomplish the desired heating (at any one frequency) is $V_L = (P/\omega C_L \cos \theta)^{1/2}$ where $P$ is the average power required by heating cycle plus losses, $\omega$ is $2\pi \times$ frequency of operation, $C_L$ is capacitance represented by the load itself, and $\cos \theta$ is the power factor of the load.

In Fig. 1A, $V_L$ is equal to the plate-to-plate voltage $V_P$ because there is no airgap. In Fig. 1B it is $V_P$ is somewhat higher than $V_L$, due to the series air-gap capacitor $C_G$ of thickness $G$, the same area as $C_L$, but having a dielectric constant of only unity.

Neglecting the effect of the resistive component of the load $R_L$ the plate-to-plate voltage must be at least $V_P = V_L (C_L/C_P)$ where $C_P = C_L C_G / (C_L + C_G)$, the equivalent capacitance of the load capacitor and air-gap capacitor in series.

Because air has a dielectric constant of unity, and the lowest dielectric constant commonly encountered for film materials is about four, it is apparent that, if $G$ is made equal iof $F$ (and it often must be ten or more times as large) the plate-to-plate capacitance $C_P$ is no more than $C_L/5$.

The required plate-to-plate voltage $V_P$ has thus been increased, by the presence of the air gap for $G = F$ to 5 $V_L$, or five times the plate-to-plate voltage required with no air gap. This illustrates the fundamental difficulty introduced by air gaps. In the above example, the minimum breakdown voltage with air gap is only twice the minimum without air-gap, because $F = G$.

Of course, when the dielectric constant of the load is nearly that of air, or when the spacing is very small compared to the film thickness, the effect of an air gap may be small. Figure 1C is a plot of $V_P/V_L$ vs $G/F$ for different values of $K$, the dielectric constant of the load.

The above analysis holds for any load in which the power factor is low enough so that the resistive component of the load may be neglected. The difficulty increases if the power factor is high, because the ratio $V_P/V_L$ becomes even larger.

Some advantage is obtained because the air gap reduces the heat losses to the electrode plates, and thus reduces the required load voltage. This advantage does not, in general, compensate for the rise in $V_P$, except for very small air gaps.

The basic limitation inherent in the parallel-plate method arises from attempting to heat the material through its thin dimension. Most of the difficulties outlined above would disappear if it were possible to cause large r-f currents to flow through one of the long dimensions of the film.

There are two methods of achieving longitudinal currents: (1) by direct connection to the edges of the film, and (2) by stray-field configurations. Figure 1D shows that the aspect ratio of the capacitor formed by the direct-connection method is extremely high, thus causing very low efficiency; electrical and thermal radiation losses and fringing are high, and the apparent power factor of the load is many times lower than the actual power factor of the load material. The only applications in which a high aspect ratio is acceptable are those in which both power factor and dielectric constant of the load material are very high, as in the case of thin films of water-borne adhesives, although even then aspect ratios greater than 100 are to be avoided.

### Stray-Field Heating

The stray-field method of causing longitudinal currents to flow is generally superior to the parallel-plate method. A number of practical configurations are shown in Fig. 2. The field intensity due to any of these electrodes is nonuniform across the length of the film, which requires that, if the film does not normally move continuously past or through the electrodes, it (or the electrode structure) must be moved



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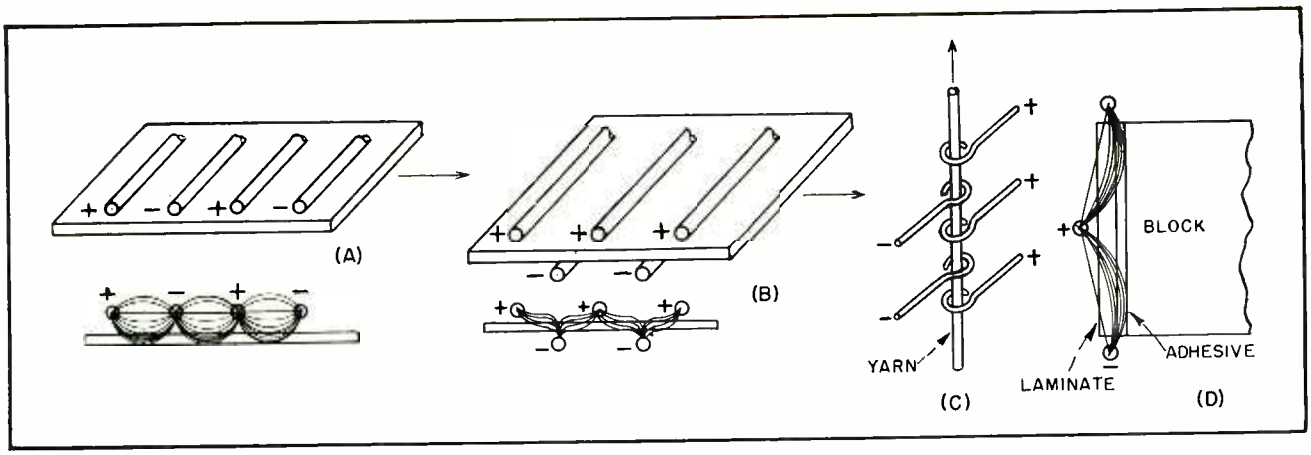



FIG. 2—Arranging electrodes of opposite polarity adjacent to each other along the film (A) or on opposite sides of it (B) minimizes the effect of air gap. The technique can be applied in various ways (C) and (D) depending on requirements

by a suitable oscillating or continuous conveyor system. However, at least 80 percent of the thin-film loads encountered in h-f heating are incorporated in continuous-production processes which not only require very little mechanical revision for the use of the electrodes of Fig. 2 but also provide the motive power for the film.

Electrodes of the type illustrated have none of the disadvantages outlined previously. Furthermore: (1) the capacitance represented by the electrodes (with the load in place) is relatively small, (2) the air-gap between electrodes is relatively large, and the electrodes themselves are generally cylindrical or of a similar shape which discourages arcing, (3) exact alignment of the electrodes is unnecessary because the relative motion between the film and the electrodes tends to cancel misalignment errors, (4) little or no heat loss occurs because the electrodes may be designed with small mass, and, even when in direct contact with the film, present a very small area of contact, with a consequently small conduction loss, (5) the field intensities required to perform a given job of heating are generally lower than those required by parallel-plate electrodes, (6) by means of relatively simple coupling networks it is possible to feed long sections of these electrodes with h-f power without difficulty due to standing waves, (7) because voltage requirements are not as restrictive, and because arcs are discouraged by this type of electrode, most work can be done below 30 mc, which simplifies the power generation problem, (8) the transmission of power to and the establishment of voltage across these electrodes may be accomplished by ordinary methods, and (9) the circulating currents required by loads of this type are not excessive, and conventional generators will readily handle them.

The disadvantages of maintaining an air gap have not been eliminated by selecting this different method of introducing r-f currents into the load. But selecting this type of electrode permits a wider margin of safety between required plate-to-plate voltage and the minimum breakdown voltage of the structure.

All of the electrodes illustrated in Fig. 2 are practical. Selection of the proper one for a given problem is dictated by such factors as: (1) whether or not the electrodes may touch the load, (2) the type of mechanical structure permitted by the process to which h-f heating is being added, and (3) the power factor, dielectric strength, and mechanical characteristics of the film to be heated.

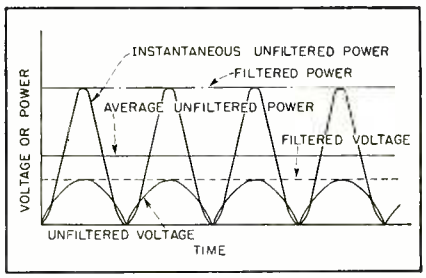



FIG. 3—Arcing at the applicator electrodes limits the peak voltage that can be applied. By filtering the power supply the effective rate of heating can be about doubled

Because of the shape of the electrodes, they tend to radiate considerably, and must be shielded. Tunnel shields which fit around the electrodes snugly and extend some distance beyond them are quite effective. Radiation losses under shielded conditions are negligible. It is important that all surfaces of the electrode structure, particularly the ends of the electrode bars, be well rounded and polished. It is best to use large diameter rods with half-sphered ends.

Design engineers will find that there is an optimum ratio of spacing of the electrodes to their diameters for any given configuration and load. This ratio is often affected by the number of electrode pairs used in an array. Arrangements which permit the electrodes to acquire a coating of any foreign substance, such as adhesive drippings or bits of plastic film should be avoided. Such particles encourage arcs.

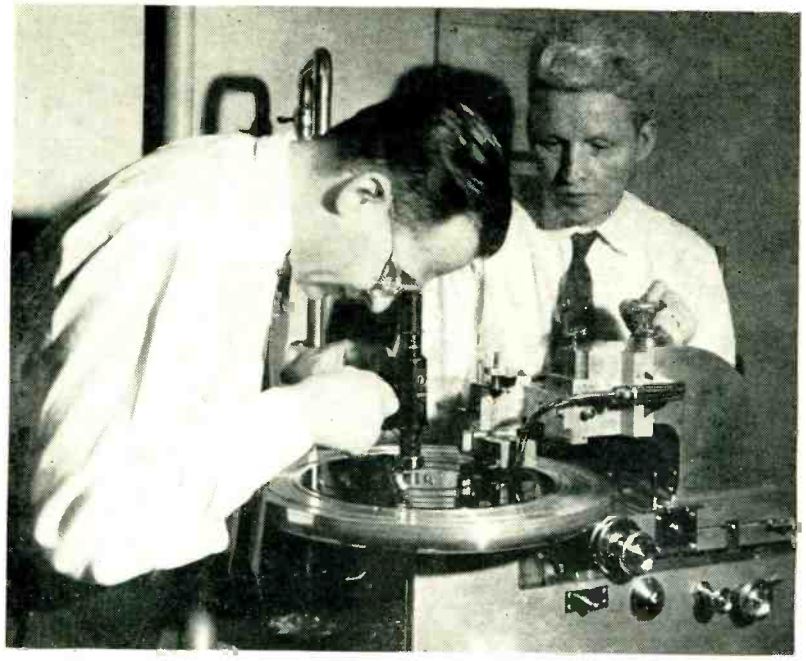
### Filtered Power Supply

In dielectric heating applications where the power to the load is limited by the arcing voltage dictated by the electrode shape, the maximum average power transmittable to the load may be increased up to 100 percent by filtering the plate supply to the oscillator tubes, if it is not already a pure d-c. That this is so may be seen from Fig. 3.

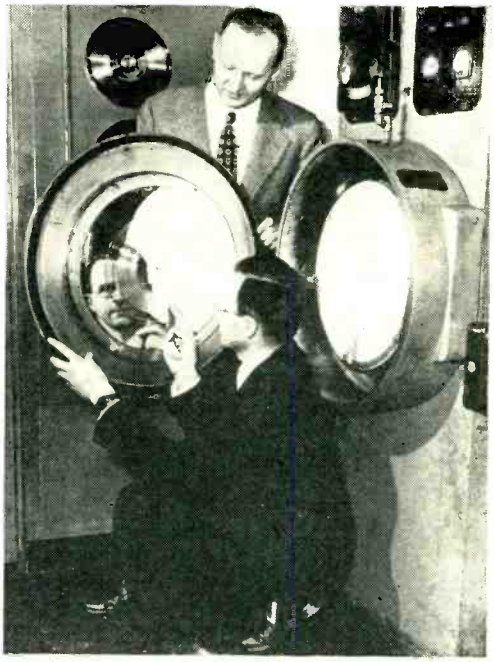
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Peter C. Goldmark of CBS microscopically examines a new long-playing disk while Rene' Snepvangers looks on



William S. Bachman (standing) discusses one phase of the manufacturing process

# Transcription Recordings

**New 33-1/3 rpm recording system, cuts up to 300 grooves per inch, achieves low noise with Vinylite and pre-emphasis, Result: a six-record album on a single 12-inch pressing**

A NEW APPROACH to satisfy the public demand for long-playing recordings has been jointly announced by Columbia Records Inc., a CBS subsidiary, and the Philco Corporation.

The new recording system, developed by Peter C. Goldmark, René Snepvangers, and William S. Bachman of Columbia, achieves a six-fold increase in recording time per disk by combining 33⅓ rpm transcription-standard turntable speed with an extremely fine pitch of approximately 260 grooves per inch. The decrease in turntable speed from the home standard of 78 rpm introduces a time factor of 2.35, while the larger number of grooves, compared with 85 to 100 per inch typical of conventional home records, provides an additional factor of about 2.6 times. The net result is that as much as 50 minutes of recording time can be accommodated on the two sides of a 12-inch disk, compared with 8 minutes on the older type. The records are known as LP, for long playing.

This is not the first time that 33⅓ rpm disks have been produced for the home market, but it is the first in which a system has been primarily engineered for this market. Earlier attempts failed because the groove pitch could not be made fine enough to secure a substantial increase in recording time, and the noise and distortion were high. Also, home-type turntables of earlier days tended to have excessive wow when operated at 33⅓ rpm. These problems were attacked by Peter Goldmark, well known for color-television developments, and his associates. The Philco Corporation undertook the design of a record reproducer which would meet the stiff requirements of low-speed service and still be marketable at a reasonable domestic consumer price.

Philco has also designed a two-speed turntable with a separate arm for the LP records.

Keys to the success of the new system are the use of Vinylite plastic for the pressings, the development of a new, efficient, light-weight reproducing arm and cartridge and mechanical refinements in the turntable driving mechanism. A pre-emphasis characteristic designed especially for the system, resembling closely the NAB standard transcription curve, was introduced to achieve high signal-to-noise performance. Also, many unconventional techniques have been adopted, including a degree of over-cutting which would not be acceptable in making conventional recordings.

### Design Details

The grooves are about 0.003 inch in width, roughly one third the size



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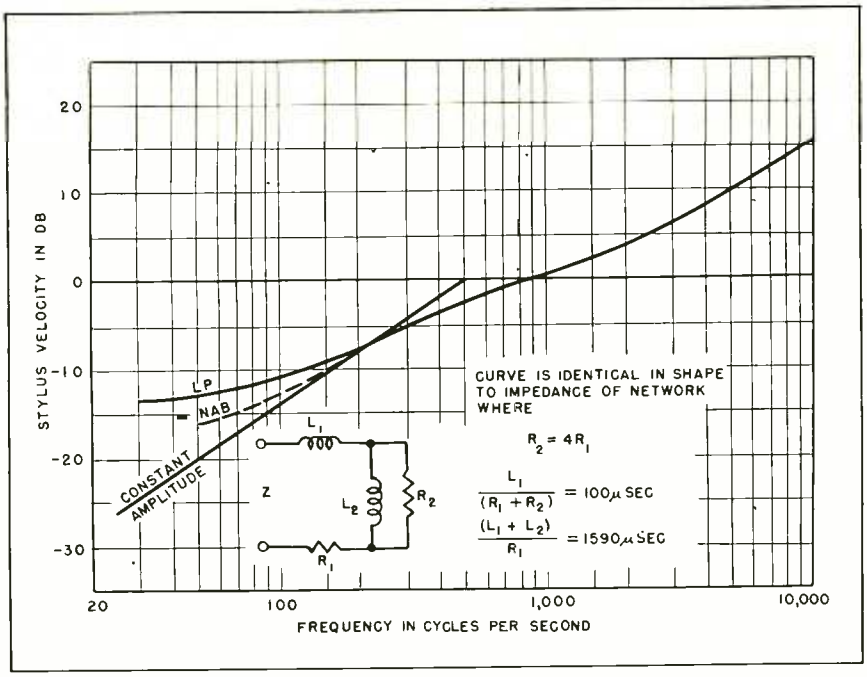



FIG. 1—Characteristics of new long-playing (LP) record, NAB transcription standard, and one having constant amplitude

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of the standard record groove. Consequently, it is not possible to record at as high a level, by about 9 db as if the cut were held proportional to the groove width. Actually, the level recorded is about 4 db below the usual reference. The 4-db loss in level would not be acceptable if the record material were of the shelac type, but the low-noise properties of Vinylite together with the lightweight pickup permit a highly acceptable noise level to be achieved while maintaining a dynamic range in the order of 45 db. The consequent smaller excursion of the reproducing needle reduces the cartridge output by 4 db, but an efficient crystal has been developed which provides 0.7-volt output at reference level. Accordingly, no high-gain preamplifier is needed in the reproducing system.

The groove shape has an included angle of about 90 deg, and the tip radius is under 0.0002 inch. Accordingly, it is not possible to reproduce the new pressings with a standard 0.003-inch stylus. The cartridge perfected by Philco engineers, uses a balanced Rochelle-salt crystal and a groove pressure of only 6 grams (one-fifth ounce). It employs a semipermanent metal stylus lapped to a tip of 0.001 inch radius. The light pressure and small radius permits the stylus to follow the fine groove with tracking distortion lower than conventional practice. The stylus may be replaced without replacing the cartridge, if desired. To keep distortion at a low level, the diameter of the innermost groove has a minimum value of 5¾ inches, which is almost two inches greater than that of conventional commercial domestic 78-rpm pressings.

The practice of pre-emphasis has been standardized in the new records, using the characteristic shown in Fig. 1. Above 200 cps, the curve is identical with the standard NAB transcription characteristic, reaching 16 db pre-emphasis at 10,000 cps, relative to the 900-cps value. Below 200 cps the characteristic is higher than the NAB, being about 7 db above constant amplitude at 50 cps. The similarity of LP and NAB curves makes it possible to use the LP recordings on standard broadcasting transcription tables with no change in equalizing, although simple RC circuits suffice for equalizing in any event.

### Turntable Requirements

The wow problem assumes a serious aspect at 33⅓ rpm, since the speed ratio (1 in 2.35 relative to 78 rpm) requires that variations in turntable speed be reduced by the same amount. The turntables thus far used are of the rim-driven type. Care has been taken in centering the inner edge of the table, and in balancing the motor. Use of a high-grade rubber rim on the idler wheel is mandatory. Moreover, the edge of the rubber rim must be mechanically ground to assure near perfect circularity. In the Philco turntable, the idler wheel is withdrawn from the motor shaft when the table is not turning, to prevent developing a flat in the rubber. The design of the table is such that no appreciable wow was discernible.

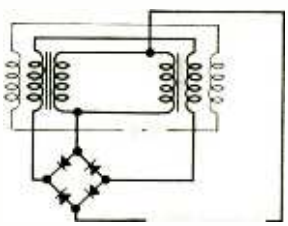
### Releases and Results

The early releases of the new records consist of rerecordings from existing masters in the Columbia files. Fortunately, in recent years these masters have been made on lacquer, rather than wax, so they may be dubbed without damage directly to the 33⅓ master. More than usual care is required, however, to exclude dust and other foreign matter at every stage in the production of master, mother, and pressings, and the difficulty of securing freedom from blemishes for a 25 minute period (one side) is considerably greater than for 4 minutes. Before release, pressings are checked for technical excellence by engineers on the Columbia staff, a revolutionary procedure in the recording business.

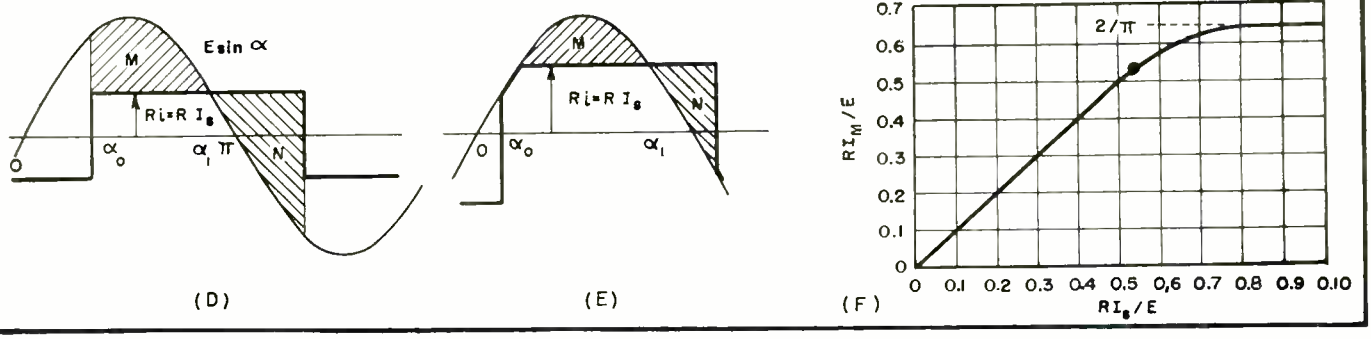
The results, as judged by critical listeners, both technical and nontechnical, are excellent. In frequency range, dynamic range and distortion, the LP records outdistance shellac pressings and, with the possible exception of noise surpass 78-rpm Vinylite pressings.—D.G.F.



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resistance in a-c circuit (C), with moderate load resistance (D) and with high load resistance (E). In the latter case the control range reaches a limit as shown by the graph (F)

# Fundamentals

**Magnetic amplifiers are analyzed on the basis of voltage oscillograms, which facilitates interpreting laboratory measurements. Results of the analysis show the effect of load impedance on mode of operation and of supply frequency and inductance on speed of response**

These controlled reactors are therefore called transductors.

To avoid the voltage that would be induced in the d-c control winding from the a-c power winding if the two windings were arranged on a single core, a symmetrical arrangement has to be used. Three or four-legged cores could be used. However, the three legged core shown in Fig. 1A has the drawback that its leakage flux impairs the transductor properties. On the other hand the four legged core of Fig. 1B is expensive to manufacture. A simpler arrangement is shown in Fig. 1C in which two separate cores are used. The induced voltages in the d-c windings of the connection shown in Fig. 1D do not counteract each other, but the connection has other advantages and interesting properties. Naturally the windings may be arranged in many ways. Especially, the need for d-c excitation can be minimized if the alternating current is rectified and used to excite the transductor by additional windings as shown in Fig. 1E. This is called a self-excited arrangement. Oscillograms of currents in the a-c and self-excitation windings of Fig. 1E show that the resultant ampere turns every moment are the same as would be obtained by means of only one winding connected in series with a rectifying element. The arrangement thus deduced is shown in Fig. 1F and is called simplified self excitation. By using this connection, winding space is saved in the same way as in an autotransformer. Simplified self-excitation connections can be varied in numerous ways.[5] Single and multiple phase connections are used; the three-phase connections have been treated by Lamm.[4,6]

### Mode of Operation

The mode of operation of the connection shown in Fig. 2A can be explained simply if certain assumptions are made: (1) the magnitude of the control circuit current $I_s$ is

### UTILITY OF TRANSDUCTORS

Transductors can be self-excited and made to operate as trigger circuits. Thus they can be employed as relays; their opening and closing values are set by applying counter-biasing ampere turns.

Like the electronic amplifier, the transductor can also be made to oscillate. Low-frequency oscillations can be obtained readily.

Electronic amplifiers possess speed that is difficult to obtain with transductors. On the other hand, transductors provide stable low-frequency a-c and d-c amplification with a minimum of equipment. Where loads inherently have long time constants, as in many regulators, inertia of the transductor is negligible.

Transductors require current, whereas electron tubes require voltage for control. A combination of the two may provide excellent solutions of difficult problems. For instance, the transductor may supply voltage for controlling tubes, or tubes may supply current for controlling transductors effectively despite the induced voltages in control windings—

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constant and independent of time, represented in the diagram by a large series inductance, (2) the magnetizing curve possesses the ideal shape, (3) the resistance of the a-c circuit may be neglected, and (4) the number of turns on the a-c and d-c windings are the same.

The control current $I_s$ gives element $A$ the initial flux position $P_2$ shown on Fig. 2B and gives element $B$ a corresponding position on the negative side. Fig. 2C shows the time variations of the characteristic magnitudes. The impressed alternating voltage $E\sin\alpha$ must be fully balanced in the circuit by variations in the flux in the two transductor elements. However, a change in flux is only possible when the number of ampere turns of one or both elements is zero, which means that an alternating current of the same magnitude but directed against the control current must pass continuously. Owing to the counter connection of the control windings on the two elements, this is not possible unless the alternating current commutates between positive and negative values in zero time, the values being of the same magnitude as the control current. No other current combinations are possible. Thus this transductor has a typical current-transformer characteristic, the linear relations between alternating and direct currents being independent of the magnitude of the alternating voltage. The phase of the a-c is determined by the requirement that the voltage across the transductor element cannot include any d-c component. In reference to Fig. 2C this means that the voltage-time areas $M$ and $N$ must be equal, making the control angle $\alpha_0$ equal to 90 degrees.

It must further be observed that an alternating voltage at twice the supply frequency appears across the d-c terminals. The reactor $L$ prevents this voltage from passing a superimposed current that would altogether change the mode of operation of the transductor.

When there is resistance $R$ as load in the a-c circuit of the transductor, it might be expected that the current-transformer characteristic would be impaired. However, this is not the case, as shown in Fig. 2D. Also in this case the transductor element can only absorb voltage when the alternating and direct currents are of equal magnitude, and, as the resistive voltage drop is assumed to be insufficient to balance the supply voltage, the latter voltage will be split between the resistance and the element (area $M$) in the time interval $\alpha_0$ to $\alpha_1$, as indicated in the figure.

The lowest point $P_1$ on the magnetizing curve is reached at $\alpha_1$ and a change in the current still cannot take place because, for it to do so, the magnetic state of the element from $P_1$ up to the saturation point would have to change by an amount requiring a voltage-time area just as large as that previously required to bring it down from the saturation point to $P_1$. Thus commutation will take place first when the area $M$ becomes equal to $N$. When $\alpha_0$ at an increased resistance drop reaches such a low value that $RI_s$ becomes equal to $E\sin\alpha_0$ $i$ deviates from the rectangular shape as shown in Fig. 2E and $Ri$ coincides for a time with the sine wave. The current-transformer characteristics are thereby jeopardized and,

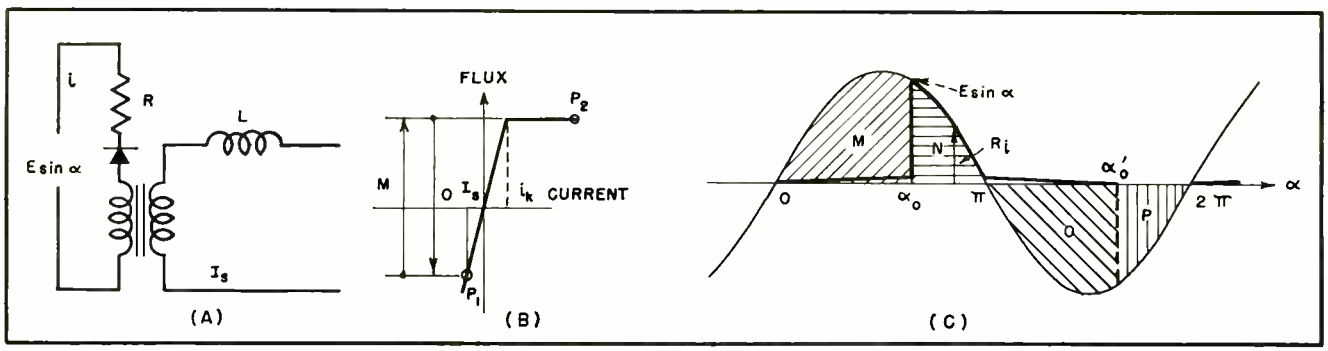



FIG. 3—Operation of a single element of a transductor with an ideal core

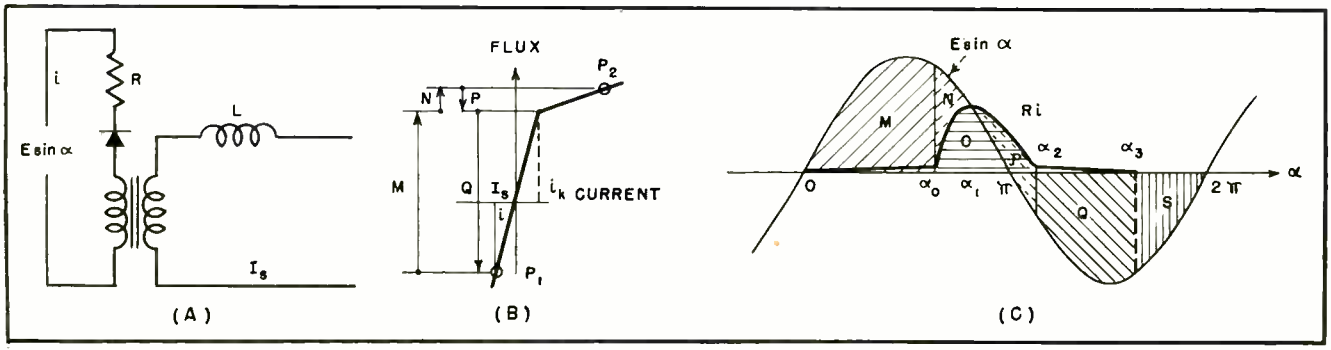



FIG. 4—Analysis similar to that of Fig. 3 but for imperfect core material



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# Dry-Cleaning

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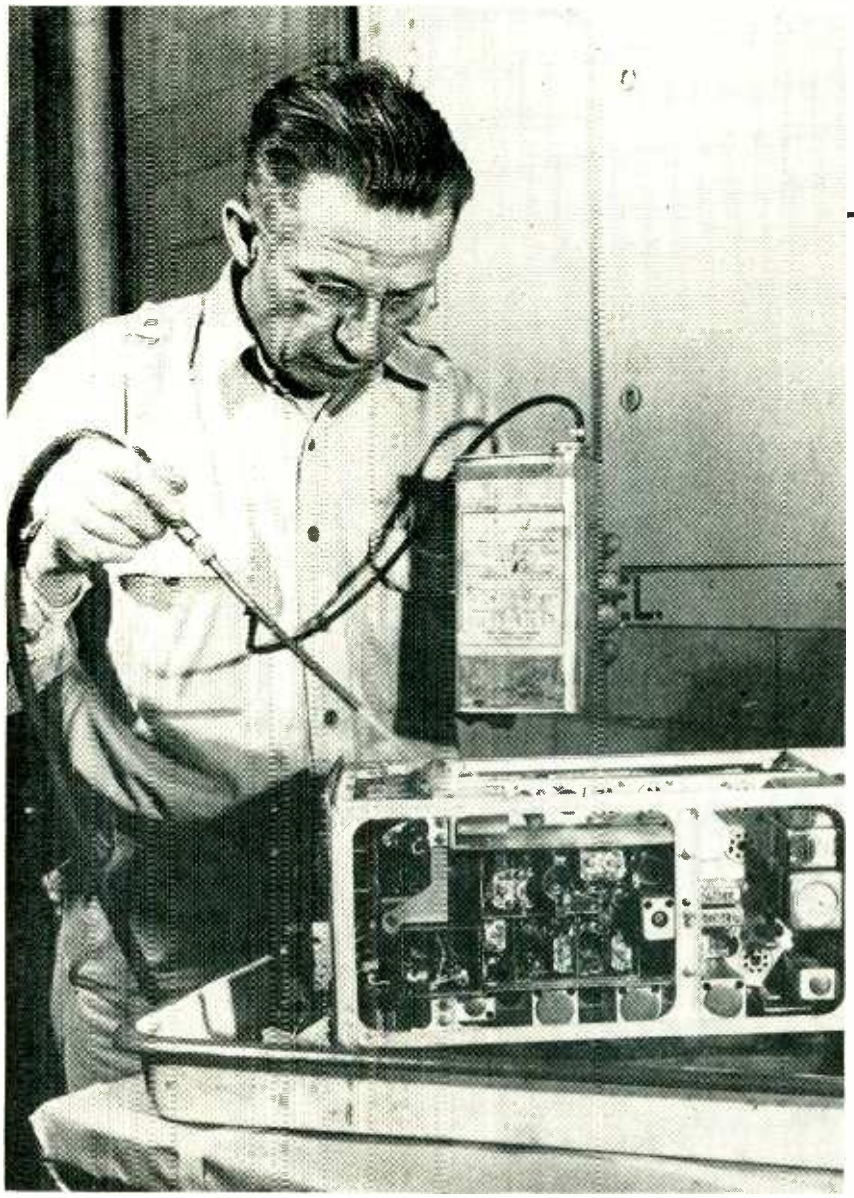


FIG. 1—In well-ventilated working areas, a source of compressed air, gun, tray, Venturi fitting and a solvent can be used for dry cleaning of chassis

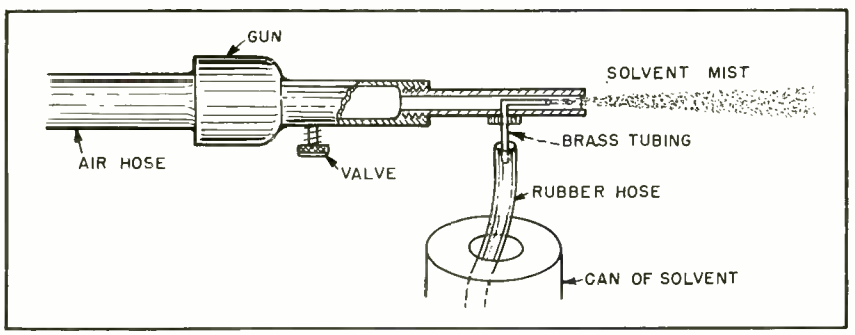



FIG. 2—Construction of simple fitting for air gun to provide fine spray of solvent under pressure

SOLVENT-SPRAY cleaning is one of the maintenance operations undergone by all aircraft and ground radio equipment that is sent to the American Airlines radio overhaul base at La Guardia Field, New York. Overhaul is scheduled after 90 days (average of 900 hours) of operation even though the equipment is operating perfectly. The types of electronic gear cleaned by the spray method include h-f and vhf communication units, adf receivers and indicators, marker, range, glide path and localizer receivers.

A member of the maintenance crew is shown in Fig. 1 going over the chassis of a ground transmitter in one of the hangars. He uses an improvised spray gun constructed as shown in principle in Fig. 2 and connected to a compressed-air line. Solvent contained in the can feeds to the nozzle of the air gun and is sprayed as a fine mist. Because of the pressure, hard to reach places such as capacitor plates and tube sockets are quickly cleaned.

The chassis is supported on blocks in a tray which serves to catch the dirty solvent. As this operation is done in an open space within the hangar, ventilation does not become a problem. To air-dry the equipment after cleaning, it is only necessary to lift the rubber hose out of the solvent can.

The nozzle for the air gun operates on the Venturi principle and consists of a section of metal tubing through which the solvent is aspirated by the air blast. A connection for a rubber hose for insertion in the liquid solvent is made on the side of the tubing a few inches from



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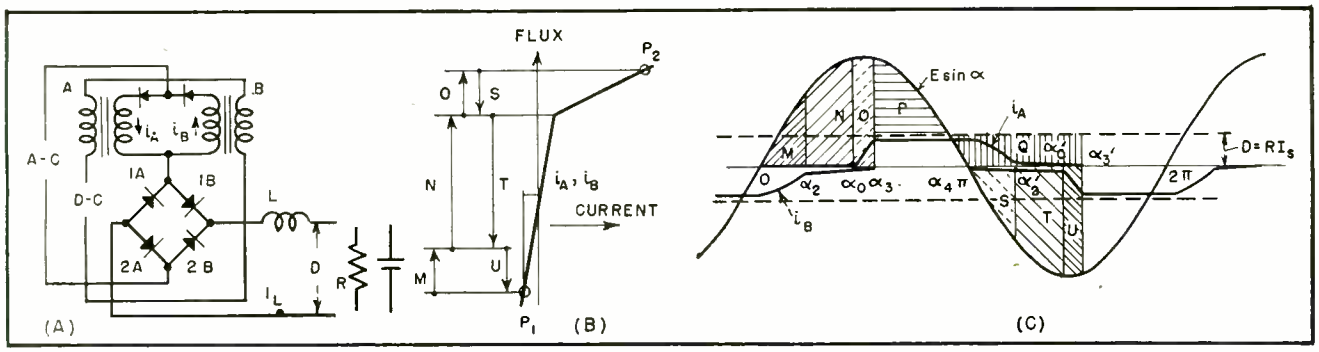



FIG. 5—Analysis like that of two-element transductor shows commutation of current from one element to the other

According to Fig. 5C the relation between the voltage areas is

$$N = T \text{ and } O = U = S = M \quad (4)$$

Furthermore, because the reactor voltage cannot contain a direct component

$$P = Q \quad (5)$$

By comparing the voltage areas between, for instance $\alpha_3$ and $\alpha_3'$, the magnitude of the direct voltage $D$ can be determined

$$D(\alpha_3' - \alpha_3) = D\pi = \int_{\alpha_3}^{\pi} E \sin\alpha \, d\alpha - P + Q \quad (6)$$

but from Eq. 5 and the relation

$$(1/\pi)\int_{\alpha_0}^{\pi} E \sin\alpha \, d\alpha = E_M - E_T$$

where $E_M$ represents the mean value of the alternating voltage and $E_T$ the mean value of the transductor voltage, Eq. 6 becomes

$$D = E_M - E_T \quad (7)$$

Thus the relation is of the first power, and not of the second as might be expected.

### Dynamic Response

The preceding analysis has shown that the static conditions in a transductor are determined by the control current, which in effect governs the average flux. The average flux is also the deciding factor in determining how the transductor will momentarily follow the control current until the latter attains a new stationary value. However, the manner in which the control current behaves to a voltage impulse in the control circuit depends on the actual amplification and frequency. Different connections behave differently.

The scope of this article prohibits analyzing all connections, so the following discussion will be limited to the circuit of Fig. 1F. It is assumed that a voltage impulse $\Delta d$ is impressed on the control winding, which, under steady-state conditions, would cause an alteration $\Delta I_S$ in the control current. At the same time the lowest value of flux would be changed from $\phi_1$ to $\phi_2$, both values being below saturation. The problem is to find the manner in which the load voltage $D$ changes with time ($\Delta D = D_1 - D_2$).

The average load voltage during a half cycle corresponds to the difference between the supply and the transductor voltages so that

$$D_1 = E - 2N_V f(\phi_0 - \phi_1) \quad (8A)$$

$$D_2 = E - 2N_V f(\phi_0 - \phi_2) \quad (8B)$$

$f$ representing the supply frequency, $N_V$ the number of turns on the a-c winding. Hence

$$\Delta D = D_1 - D_2 = 2N_V f(\phi_2 - \phi_1) \quad (8C)$$

but the control current must change the average flux from $\phi_{1M}$ to $\phi_{2M}$ so

$$\phi_{1M} = (\phi_0 - \phi_1)/2 \quad (9A)$$

$$\phi_{2M} = (\phi_0 - \phi_2)/2 \quad (9B)$$

$$\Delta\phi_M = \phi_{1M} - \phi_{2M} = (\phi_2 - \phi_1)/2 \quad (9C)$$

If the fictitious inductance of one control winding is $L_S$ and the number of control turns is $N_S$ then

$$L_S = \frac{N_S \Delta\phi_M}{I_S} = N_S \frac{\phi_2 - \phi_1}{2\Delta I_S} \quad (10)$$

and the time constant of the complete transductor is

$$\tau = \frac{2L_S}{R_S} = N_S \frac{\phi_2 - \phi_1}{R_S/I_S} = \frac{N_S \Delta D(\phi_2 - \phi_1)}{2N_V f(\phi_2 - \phi_1)} \frac{1}{R_S \Delta I_S} \quad (11)$$

but because $R_S \Delta I_S = \Delta d$ Eq. 11 simplifies to

$$\tau = (\Delta D/\Delta d)(N_S/N_V)(1/2f) \quad (12)$$

which gives the time constant for the rise in load voltage in response to a voltage step in the control circuit. Thus, if the amplification remains constant, the time constant can be reduced either by increasing the frequency of the supply voltage or by selecting a magnetic-core material possessing properties that allows $N_S$ to be reduced. The three properties, power amplification, power sensitivity, and time constant, of a self-excited transductor depend on each other in such a way that one of them can be improved only at the expense of the other two. The rapidity of the transductor is limited by the fact that the control current cannot exert any influence on the transductor during the interval when any of the elements carry the main current; that is, between $\alpha_0$ and $\pi$.

The development of the transductor techniques of which this article is a brief review has been carried forward especially by A. U. Lamm and U. H. Krabbe and by many collaborators. The authors are indebted to ASEA for permission to publish this article.

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is set by means of the control current $I_s$ giving an initial position $P_1$, which represents the lowest possible value of flux because the alternating current will be prevented by the rectifier from passing through the transductor in such a direction as to force the flux still lower. In relation to the rectifier, the alternating voltage will be negative immediately before the point $\alpha = 0$. At that time no current $i$ can pass, but after the voltage has changed sign at $\alpha = 0$ it can pass in the forward direction of the rectifier, producing not only a voltage drop in load $R$ but also a change in flux in the transductor element.

It is now of great importance to assume that the voltage drop in $R$ is small as long as $i < I_s + i_R$ and consequently may be neglected. The entire voltage-time area between the zero axis and the sine wave can therefore produce change in the flux as long as the magnetizing curve permits. The knee of the curve is reached at $\alpha_0$ and further area beyond that of $M$ of the same polarity cannot be absorbed by the transductor element. Instead, the entire voltage is transferred to the load, the current through $R$ momentarily assuming a value at which the voltage balance; $Ri = E\sin\alpha_0$ and area $N$ is swept out. When the voltage changes sign at $\alpha = \pi$ and the diminishing current passes the knee at the same time, the element can again absorb voltage (area $O$). At $\alpha_0'$ the current becomes zero and the remaining voltage-time area $P$ acts across the rectifier until $\alpha$ becomes equal to $2\pi$, whereafter the cycle is repeated. Because the voltage across the transductor element cannot contain a d-c component the areas $M$ and $O$ are equal and consequently areas $N$ and $P$ are equal.

### Effect of Magnetizing Curve

Even if magnetizing curves of modern magnetic materials can be made to approach more nearly that of Fig. 3B, it is of practical value to be able to predict the properties of a transductor whose magnetizing curve departs from the ideal. How this is done, in comparison to the technique described in connection with Fig. 3, is shown in Fig. 4.

At $\alpha_0$ the current cannot assume a value that impresses the whole voltage across the load because a change in the flux continues to take place within the saturation range. Thus the voltage is divided between the load and the transductor element (areas $N$ and $O$). At $\alpha_1$ however, the voltage across the element becomes zero, which means that the maximum point $P_2$ of the flux has been reached and that the current has reached its maximum value. Because the negative area $P$ depends upon the current from $P_2$ falling off, the current will thereafter be maintained at a value exceeding that required by the alternating voltage. The relations between the areas (and as shown in Fig. 4B) are $M = Q$ and $N = P$, so that $O = S$.

Within the range $\alpha_0$ to $\alpha_2$ the current may be expressed as

$$i = (E/R)\,[\cos\phi \sin(\alpha - \phi) - \sin(\alpha_0 - \phi)\exp - \cot\phi\ (\alpha - \alpha_0)] \quad (3)$$

where $\phi = \text{arc tan} X/R$, $X$ being the reactance, which is represented at the prevailing frequency by the slope of the magnetizing curve within the saturation range.

### Multielement Transductors

The transductor connection just described, containing only one element, operates satisfactorily but in practice units comprising several elements are usually employed. There are two reasons for using at least two units: d-c excitation of the transformer feeding the transductor is avoided, and smoothing of the control current can be omitted because the voltages induced in the elements counteract each other in pairs.

The mode of operation and method of designing transductors comprising several elements can be predicted in the same manner as described above for one element. To show how this is done consider the connection of Fig. 5A, which is a widely used circuit in which the load is taken out as smoothed d-c. The magnetizing curve and oscillogram are also shown in the figure. The rectified current $I_L$ is assumed to be smoothed to the extent that it is entirely relieved of pulsations. Within certain intervals the a-c will then be lower than the d-c and can pass through the rectifier without having to flow through the load. This mode of operation is termed current-peak rectification and is analogous to voltage-peak rectification by means of a rectifying element and a capacitor.

If the resistance of the transductor elements is assumed to be zero, the rectifying elements will never be subjected to reverse voltage. Consequently a change in flux in one of the magnetic elements produces an equal but opposite change in the other one; the rectifiers determining the direction of the current. Figures 5B and 5C show the behavior of the $A$ element. A magnetic displacement in this element produces an equally large but opposite displacement in the other one. After $\alpha$ has become zero the entire alternating voltage is impressed across the $A$ element. A very small excitation current $i_1$ passes through the rectifier that is carrying load current without causing any voltage drop. The knee of the magnetizing curve is reached at $\alpha_0$ and $i_A$ rises more rapidly thereafter but still under the control of the magnetizing curve and the voltage areas $M$, $N$ and $O$. At $\alpha_3$ the current $i_A$ becomes equal to $I_L$ and flows in branches 1A and 2A of the rectifier and to the load. The reactor then prevents any further increase in $i_1$ for a certain interval. Because no change in flux in the transductor can take place, the entire alternating voltage appears as a constant voltage $D$ across the load and a voltage across the reactor corresponding to area $P$. Even after $\alpha_4$ when $E\sin\alpha$ becomes smaller than $D$, $i_1$ retains its value because there is no voltage available that might produce a change in flux tending to lower the current. After $\alpha = \pi$ such a voltage becomes available as indicated by area $S$ and $i_A$ decreases. From $\alpha_5$, $D$ is maintained by the reactor voltage (area $Q$) which has changed sign due to the tendency of the current to decrease. At $\alpha_3'$ current $i_1$ regains the value corresponding to the lowest point on the magnetizing curve and the $A$ element becomes inactive for the remaining half of the cycle. Because the connection is symmetrical, current in the $B$ element begins to rise to rise at $\alpha_0'$ but does not affect the behavior of the $A$ element.

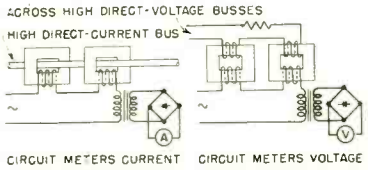


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## TRANSDUCTOR APPLICATIONS

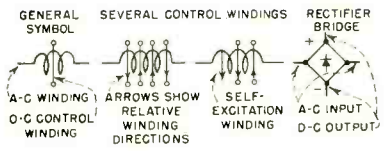
Transductors, like transformers are basic components that can be applied in numerous ways.

One type transductor possesses characteristics of a current transformer. It can be used to measure heavy direct currents or high direct voltages as shown in the accompanying illustration. Measuring

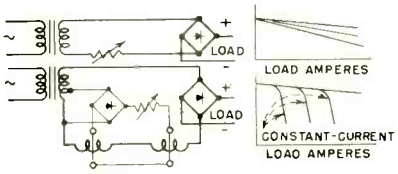



transductors can be built from ordinary transformer laminations and have an accuracy sufficient for service supervision (± 2 percent). By employing special laminations, higher accuracy can be obtained. In addition to the feature of complete isolation between the main circuit and the metering circuit, the measuring transductor has the advantages that the quantity operating the indicating instrument is a-c and therefore can be transformed to any desired value; measurement of summation and differential quantities can be made simply because the quantity to be measured appears as ampere turns, current is measured directly and not translated into voltage as in using a shunt (particularly important with remote measurements), and the power consumption is exceedingly low.

Voltage and current regulation is the most important application of transductors. For simplicity in drawing diagrams of circuits using transductors, rectifier bridges and the several windings of the transductor elements are shown in abbreviated form.

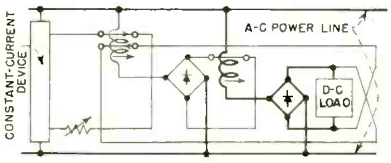



A metallic rectifier can be controlled by a simple series resistance giving the characteristics shown below, or a series transductor can be used. In the latter case power required for regulation is small and the output current is more



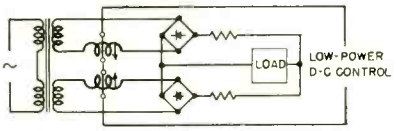

perfectly determined by transductor control current. Until limited by voltage, the current is independent of load resistance. Such circuits are extensively used in battery chargers for trucks and other cases where constant current is required. (For clarity the control portion of the circuit is drawn in lighter lines than the power portions.)

In charging batteries where the voltage must be kept constant, as in broadcast stations and telephone exchanges, a slightly more complex circuit is used. A self-excited transductor provides the regulation. This transductor is, in turn, controlled by a smaller unit the output voltage of which is determined by the total number of ampere turns of its excitation windings. A constant current supplied to one control winding in the same direction as the self excitation sets the regulated value. Another control winding fed




in opposition to the first carries the sensing current that is proportional to the load voltage. Because two transductors are used, the regulation is high. A rectifier of this type which can operate on both constant current and constant voltage is called an avostat. Avostat-regulated rectifiers can be built for all outputs for which metallic rectifiers can be used.

When very little power is available from a quantity to be measured, the high amplification of self-excited transductors can be used. The accompanying circuit shows a push-pull connection giving an output voltage the polarity and magnitude of which are determined by the control




current. Power amplifications as high as a hundred million may be obtained from similar connections. If gain is sacrificed for stability, such transductor circuits are suitable for amplifying currents from photocells and thermocouples—

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as shown in Fig. 2F, the relation between the currents follows a straight line only up to a certain point, whereafter it is deflected and asymptotically approaches a limiting value corresponding to the full alternating voltage being balanced by the resistance drop.

### Transductor as Amplifier

For a transductor (Fig. 2A) with a resistive load in series with the a-c winding, amplification takes place because the a-c winding requires an input corresponding to only half the copper losses, whereas the load may rise to a value corresponding to the entire transformer output of the transductor. The method, described previously, of decreasing the need for d-c ampere turns by rectifying the a-c and feeding it back by means of a separate winding, or by inserting rectifying elements in series with the a-c windings, is analogous to the feedback used in electronic amplifiers whereby amplification is increased at the expense of linearity. The connection providing simplified self excitation (Fig. 1F) has advantages over that of Fig. 1E and is also easier to analyze. Therefore this connection will be treated in detail.

A transductor element and a rectifying element connected in series between two current-dividing points constitutes a common feature of all simplified self-excitation couplings. The connection, the assumed shape of the magnetizing curve and the mode of operation as represented by the oscillogram are shown in Fig. 3. A certain d-c bias



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# Electronic Equipment

**Rapid removal of soot, dirt and grime is accomplished with pressurized air and a solvent. Used at an airline radio overhaul base, the method can be adapted to maintenance of other electronic equipment**

the end. Pressure control is obtained by means of the valve on the air gun.

With a nozzle orifice diameter of 0.125 inch, and air pressure of 40 pounds, the discharge of free air amounts to 12.4 cubic feet per minute. At 90 pounds pressure, the volume is slightly less than double this figure. For an orifice diameter of 0.25 inch, the volume is roughly quadrupled.

An installation suitable for factory applications is shown in Fig. 3. A large container of solvent is attached to the side of the booth and replenished as required. The solvent fluid reaches the nozzle through one of the flexible hoses; the other is for compressed air. Pressure is regulated and monitored by a valve and gage mounted in front of the booth. The cylindrical section contains a filter unit to remove moisture and scale. If driven out by high air pressure, the scale is likely to abrade or otherwise damage the radio equipment.

The booth is similar in all respects to the type used in spray painting, and is vented in the upper rear portion. Used solvent flows down a drain into a receptacle located below the booth.

In cleaning the radio unit shown, the air pressure is between 30 and 40 pounds. To dry, the operator turns a valve which shuts off the flow of solvent into the nozzle. In the overhaul shop, each man cleans the particular piece of equipment he is assigned to service.

A few changes are necessary when cleaning parts having more tenacious deposits of dirt, hence requiring higher air pressure, sometimes as high as 110 pounds. An extra long nozzle is used as well as protective gloves for the operator. Higher pressures can be safely applied to motors and heavy equipment.

Dry-cleaning solvents are of comparatively low inflammability and are nonexplosive. They follow in general the specification for Stoddard solvent, a standard fraction of petroleum, having a flash point between 100 and 105 F. At this temperature sufficient vapor is given off to flash momentarily on the application of a small flame.

In the Airlines laboratory, the chief characteristic checked in solvents is a minimum flash point of 110 F, determined by the Cleveland open-cup test. This is slightly higher than Stoddard solvent. Clarity and dryness are important factors. These flash points may be compared with that of ordinary gasoline at room temperature.

For regular production schedules, solvent-spray cleaning is best done for general comfort and health in a hood or booth that is vented to the outside atmosphere by means of a blower. Where the booth is lacking, the spraying should be carried out in an open and well-ventilated area. Ordinary fire extinguishers, such as those containing carbon tetrachloride, are precautionary equipment. A settling tank can be used for reclaiming a high percentage of the solvent.

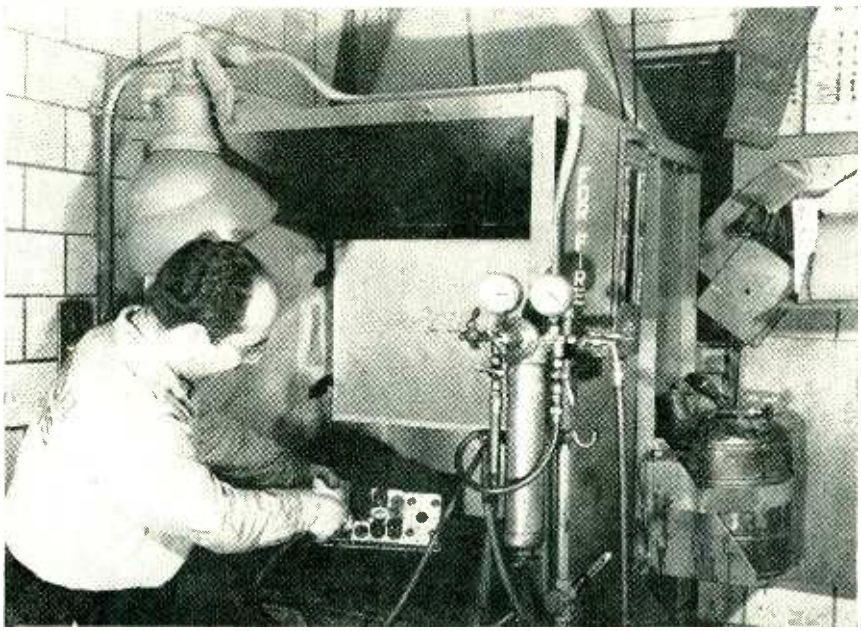


FIG. 3—Solvent spray booth for permanent installation in a factory, shop or laboratory. Fumes are vented to the outside air and additional equipment provided for control of air pressure, filtering and safety

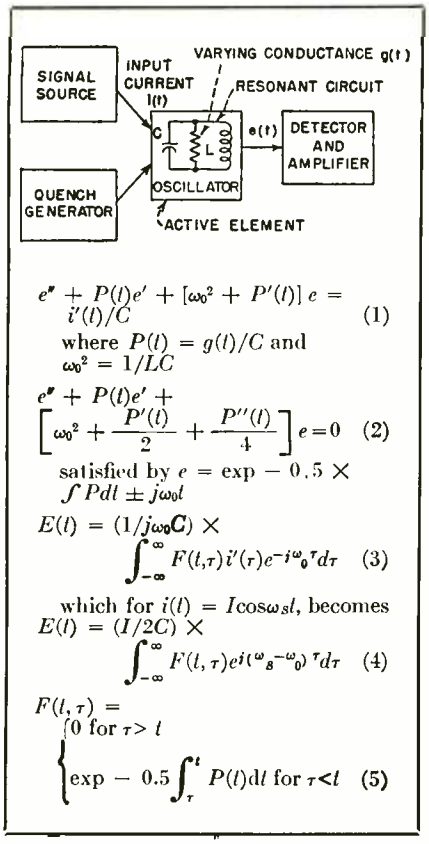


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# SUPERREGENERATIVE

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$$e'' + P(t)e' + [\omega_0^2 + P'(t)]\, e = i'(t)/C \quad (1)$$

where $P(t) = g(t)/C$ and $\omega_0^2 = 1/LC$

$$e'' + P(t)e' + \left[\omega_0^2 + \frac{P'(t)}{2} + \frac{P''(t)}{4}\right] e = 0 \quad (2)$$

satisfied by $e = \exp - 0.5 \times \int P dt \pm j\omega_0 t$

$$E(t) = (1/j\omega_0 C) \times \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(t,\tau) i'(\tau) e^{-i\omega_0 \tau} d\tau \quad (3)$$

which for $i(t) = I\cos\omega_s t$, becomes

$$E(t) = (I/2C) \times \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(t,\tau) e^{i(\omega_s - \omega_0)\tau} d\tau \quad (4)$$

$$F(t,\tau) = \begin{cases} 0 \text{ for } \tau > t \\ \exp - 0.5 \int_{\tau}^{t} P(t)dt \text{ for } \tau < t \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

**FIG. 1—Chief element of superregenerative detector is resonant circuit with varying damping; the equations describe it**

AN investigation into the operating mechanism of the superregenerative detector, has used physical reasoning and results of measurements.

The specific object of the investigation was to develop a theory that would identify the factors controlling selectivity, optimum quenching, signal-noise ratio, and account for the difficulty of reproducing a given response from one design to another. Because most superregenerative detectors combine in one tube at least four distinct functions, it is not surprising that the behavior of the circuit is complex.

A superregenerative detector, the elements of which are shown in Fig. 1, ordinarily consists of an oscillator having a resonant circuit tuned to the frequency of the desired signal. This circuit is fed from an r-f stage, converter, or antenna, which can be considered a generator of current $i(t)$. The oscillator is caused to operate intermittently by means of a quenching signal supplied from an auxiliary oscillator or from low-frequency oscillation of the same tube. This quenching action can be represented by a varying conductance $g(t)$. The combination of resonant circuit and varying conductance constitute the active element. In addition there are the auxiliary elements, an oscillation detector and an audio or video amplifier. An automatic regeneration control feedback from beyond the oscillation detector to the active element may also be included.

The circuit performs four fundamental operations in sequence: (1) Quenching erases the effect of the previous cycle of operation, clearing the circuit for reception of new impressions; this is done by cutting off the oscillating tube or by damping the circuit. The varying conductance is positive during quenching. (2) Reception takes place when the incoming wave sets up a signal in the circuit as the quenching is withdrawn. (3) Amplification begins when the quenching is sufficiently withdrawn (conductance made negative) so that oscillations will grow in the circuit. This action continues until the overload level is reached or the circuit is again quenched. (4) Detection, usually in the form of a change in oscillator grid or plate current and sometimes using a separate crystal or vacuum diode or a change in quenching rate, produces an output that varies according to the rapidity with which full amplitude of oscillation is reached, and depends on the principle that the stronger the incoming signal the sooner the oscillation will reach full strength, usually several volts. At the end of this operation the varying conductance may fall to zero and the oscillations cease to grow, but nevertheless the requisite energy is delivered to the detector and amplifier.

Of the four operations, least is generally understood of the reception action. It is not obvious at what instant and in what manner the forced oscillation of the circuit produced by the incoming signal changes to free oscillation of the resonant circuit. To determine this and other circuit actions, an approximate solution of the differential equation of a tuned circuit with varying damping was made. Another rigorous approach, based on the superposition integral, has verified the results and indicated the trivial nature of the error in the approximate solution.

### Reception and Amplification

To obtain a detailed picture of the behavior of the active element during reception and amplification of an incoming signal consider that a current $i(t) = I \exp j\omega_s t$ is continuously applied. At negative time (during the quenching operation) the varying conductance $g(t)$ has a large positive value; it varies in some manner through zero at $t = 0$ to a generally negative value for positive values of $t$. The problem is to find the level of oscillation during the amplification operation.

The problem involves the solution of a linear second order differential equation with the coefficient of the first derivative varying with time. This is Eq. 1 (Fig. 1); the primes indicate differentiation with respect to time. The instantaneous voltage on the resonant circuit is $e(t)$; incoming signal is $i(t)$.

The rigorous solution of Eq. 1 is difficult to obtain and use because, to be mathematically complete, it



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# DETECTION THEORY

**Operation of the superregenerative detector is developed, leading to the concept of a time aperture function. Bandwidth, signal-noise ratio, and other circuit properties are shown to depend on this function, whose values in turn depend on the quenching waveform**

must include the effect of the resistance on the resonant frequency and all of the phenomena that hold for large values of $P(t)$, the damping factor, including the transition between oscillating and nonoscillating states. For present purposes such a solution is unnecessary because, in the practical case $P(t) \ll \omega_0^2$ and, for quench frequencies low compared to the resonant frequency $P'(t) \ll \omega_0^2$.

Under these conditions a very similar second order equation (with its right hand member zero), Eq. 2, can be used for comparison. The first two coefficients of Eq. 2 are identical with those of Eq. 1 and the third is negligibly different; hence, over a limited time, the solutions of the two equations cannot be very different in nature. In fact in the practical case of a high-frequency superregenerative detector the third coefficients of the two equations differ by less than the error in measuring $\omega_0$. For the purpose of this analysis the solution of the comparison equation Eq. 2 differs negligibly from the correct solution of the reduced or homogenous form of the circuit equation.

Knowing the two functions $e_1$ and $e_2$ that satisfy the reduced equation, the complete solution of the equation with right hand member can be found by the method of variation of parameters (Lester R. Ford, "Differential Equations", McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York, 1933, p 75.) The solutions are Eq. 3, 4 and 5.

Equations 3, 4 and 5 embody a complete solution to the problem. The function $F(t,\tau)$ is called the time aperture function and, as will be shown, is of basic importance in describing superregenerative detection. Equation 3 states that the voltage envelope amplitude across the resonant circuit at a particular instant of observation, $t$, depends on an integral of the product of the time aperture function and the input signal, the integration being performed over the preceding time, $\tau$, so that each time element of input signal contributes to the output with a relative importance determined by the value of the time aperture function. Usually the time aperture function has one very large peak, at the moment when the damping passes through zero, and falls rapidly to small values on either side of this moment. Therefore the incoming signal at the moment of zero damping has the greatest effect on the output. This behavior gives rise to the sensitive period of the detector.

Equation 4 expresses the output due to a carrier that remains substantially constant in frequency and amplitude during one quench cycle. The integral is of the same form as the Fourier analysis integral that gives the frequency spectrum of a pulse. As a consequence the time aperture function is related to the selectivity curve of the superregenerative detector in the same way that the waveform of the envelope of a pulsed carrier is related to its spectrum. Thus, for example, a narrow time aperture function causes a broad band receiver and a broad function causes a narrow acceptance band.

The time aperture function is given by Eq. 5 provided the variation of damping with time is known; that is, when $P(t)$ is known. In geometrical terms, if a function of time is drawn having everywhere a slope of $0.5P(t)$ and intersecting the time axis at time $t$ of observation of the resonant circuit voltage, the curve for time prior to $t$ is the natural logarithm of the time aperture function. This process is illustrated in Fig. 2.

Suppose that a sine wave is used for quenching, and that it cuts off the oscillator tube for a large part of the cycle; this sort of operation is usual in some of the older separately quenched superregenerative detectors. Then $P(t)$, the exponent gand $F(t,\tau)$ are shown in Fig. 2B.

By sketching the form of $F(t,\tau)$ for various values of $t$ it is discovered that the area under $F(t,\tau)$ increases rapidly with increasing $t$, showing that $E(t)$ is growing rapidly with time during the amplification phase. It is also found that the peak of $F(t,\tau)$ as a function of $\tau$ occurs at the instant that

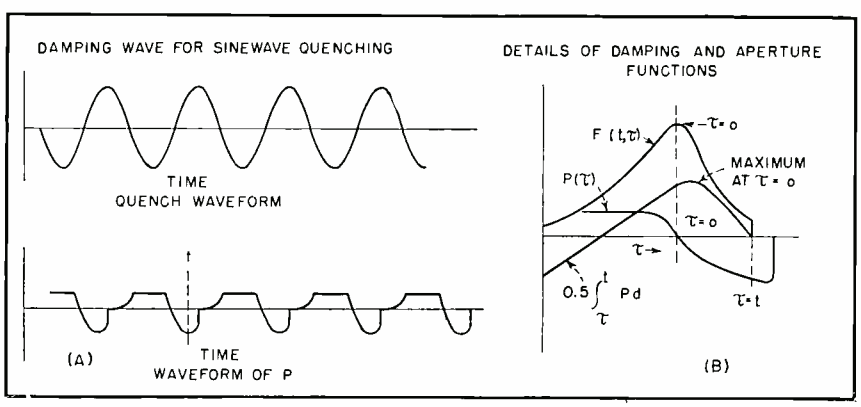



**FIG. 2—Variation with time of the damping and aperture functions depends on the form of the quenching wave**



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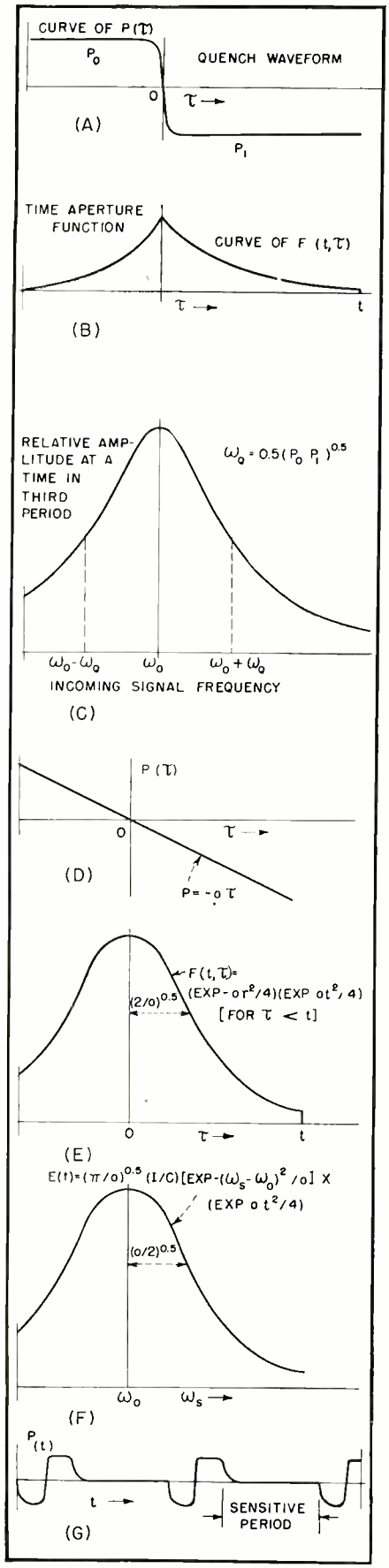



**FIG. 3—Knowing the time variation of the damping, the aperture function and pass band can be determined. Optimum quenching waveform is given at (G)**

$P(t)$ passes through zero.

The theory developed in the foregoing analysis can be applied exactly in a few interesting cases. Suppose that a square quenching wave is used such that $P(t)$ is positive and equal to $P_0$ prior to $\tau = 0$ and that it is negative and equal to $-P_1$ thereafter. The quench waveform and time aperture function for this case are shown in Fig. 3A and B. The relative amplitudes of the signal in the amplification phase are also shown (Fig. 3C); this later curve is effectively the selectivity curve of the detector.

For a sensitive, narrow-band detector with a square quenching wave, $-P_1$ should be made as small as is consistent with the chosen quench frequency. For thorough quenching in a short interval $P_0$ must be large.

Another practical case is that of linearly changing $P(t)$. The commonly used sine wave quenching wave causes $P(t)$ to change from positive to negative nearly linearly. The bandwidth and time aperture function $F(t,\tau)$ depend on the rate of change of $P(t)$. If $P(t)$ has been changing linearly in a negative direction since $t = -\infty$ and at $t = 0$ passes through zero, the voltage $E(t)$ at time $t$ due to an input $I \cos \omega_s t$ can be found as outlined at Fig. 3D through 3F. For this special case both the time aperture and the frequency response have the shape of a probability function.

### Requirements for Optimum Quenching

The almost proverbial poor signal-noise ratio of superregenerative detectors is mostly due to the short effective duration of the time aperture function. In most cases the time aperture function has an effective duration, measured between points of half-peak sensitivity, much less than a tenth of the total quench period. Statistical theory indicates that the signal-noise ratio should vary directly as the square root of the ratio of the effective duration of the time aperture to the total quench cycle duration.

The narrowest band and greatest sensitivity as well as the best signal-noise ratio appear to be obtainable when $P(t)$ has a large positive value during the quenching period (first operation), which is made as short as is consistent with thorough quenching, followed by a value of zero during the entire reception period (second function), which is made as long as possible. The amplification (third function) and detection (fourth function) periods should be as short as is practical. To achieve this result, $P(t)$ should become quite negative so as to amplify quickly the voltage existing at the end of the reception period to a usable level. The required waveform is shown in Fig. 3G.

Certain additional precautions must also be observed in designing superregenerative detectors. The quenching must be complete, otherwise remnants of oscillation persist from the preceding cycle, spoiling the sensitivity of the receiver. Ringing or spurious modes of resonance associated with r-f chokes, quenching circuit coils, or other components can interfere with the quenching, retaining a remnent signal to compete with the new incoming one. Typical symptoms of this difficulty appear when a sharply resonant circuit such as a wavemeter is momentarily held close to the active element. Another effect, usually serious only in low-frequency superregenerative detectors, is shock excitation of the active element by the quenching wave. This action reduces the sensitivity; it is eliminated by restricting the frequency content of the quench.

A simple way of testing for the presence of any of these difficulties is to examine the shape of the selectivity curve with a weak incoming signal. The selectivity curve should be smooth and single peaked. Any of the above difficulties will cause peaks separated by an interval equal to the quench frequency.

Although superregenerative detectors may take a bewildering number of special forms depending upon application, the theory developed above has been found to explain the behavior of all forms investigated during the past five years in this laboratory. In each case the development centered around obtaining the prescribed aperture function. Once this had been accomplished the selectivity and signal-noise ratio measured on the detector agreed substantially with the calculations.



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# SUPERREGENERATOR DESIGN

Gain and selectivity of superregenerative receivers can be predicted by the principles that are developed. Circuit operation and the effects on operating characteristics of changing various components are explained. Effects of specific quenching waveshapes are discussed

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A SUPERREGENERATOR consists of a resonant circuit and an oscillator or regenerator tube, as shown in Fig. 1A. The resonator has a positive damping $G_+$ consisting of the inherent and coupled losses of the tuned circuit. The resonator is also periodically supplied with an effective negative conductance ($G_- - G_+$) by regenerator tube, which is switched on and off by a quenching voltage to produce this effect.

Much prewar information on this circuit is vague, particularly that concerning gain and selectivity. Extensive war-time application of superregeneration in IFF equipment required a thorough investigation. Late in 1942, H. A. Wheeler developed the basic concepts that lead to a clarification of the characteristics of this device. A summary of this theory is given and it is shown how it can be used as a guide in designing superregenerative receivers.

### The Superregenerator

In the circuit described above, transient oscillations, excited by a signal in the tank (Fig. 1B), build up exponentially during the period of negative conductance. When the

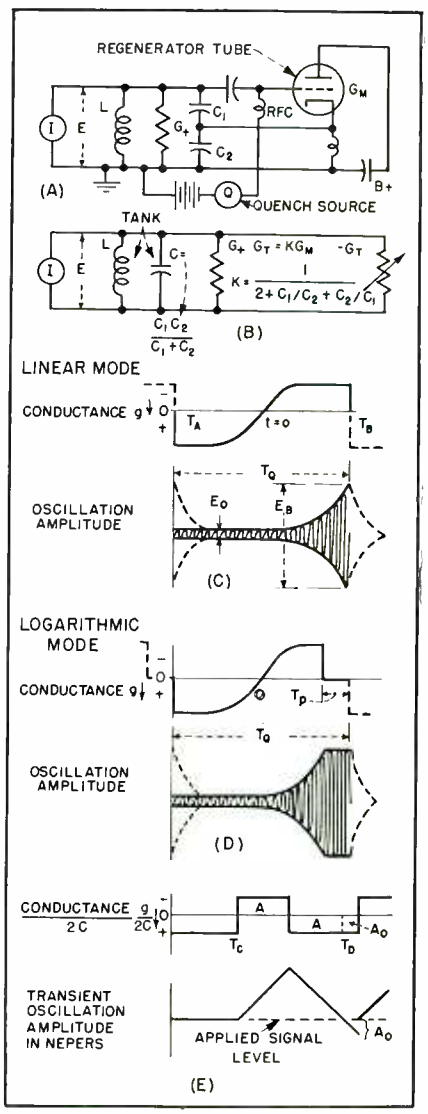



FIG. 1—Superregenerative circuit (A) and equivalent circuit (B) and relation of oscillation amplitude to waveshape of conductance (C), (D) and (E) under various conditions

### INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS

This and the preceding article present similar material. One might ask why the duplication. There are two reasons:

(1) Simultaneous investigations of the superregenerative circuit were made, each deserving recognition through publication.

(2) Use of this circuit has been hampered by lack of an adequate explanation of its operation. The subject might still be considered controversial had independent investigators not come to similar conclusions. It is important to progress that there be duplication of effort so the investigators will constantly be checking each other's results.

Now that some agreement has been reached on theory and design factors, numerous applications of the superregenerative method for obtaining stable and extremely high amplification will be found.



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quench voltage turns off the regenerator tube, a period of positive conductance results during which the oscillations are quenched. In most applications it is desirable for the transient oscillations of one quench cycle to almost completely die out so that the transient of the next quench cycle is started mainly by the applied signal.

In the linear mode of operation (Fig. 1C) the regenerator tube is turned off and oscillations are quenched before they reach saturation. The oscillations at the end of the negative conductance period, which are generally fed to a peak detector, are linearly related to the applied signal amplitude.

In the logarithmic mode of operation (Fig. 1D) the regenerator tube stays on until the oscillations reach saturation. The duration of saturation varies with the amplitude of the applied signal, giving, for separately quenched operation, a saturation pulse width that is approximately a logarithmic function of signal amplitude. For self-quenched operation a quench rate that is approximately a logarithmic function of signal amplitude results.[1] Detection of a-m in the logarithmic mode may be obtained by using a separate averaging detector or by using the variations in the regenerator tube electrode currents. The transient oscillation energy of a logarithmic-mode superregenerator has also been used to feed an f-m detector.[2] For studies of gain and selectivity it is convenient to ignore the detection action, and to consider the superregenerator as merely a carrier-frequency amplifier.

### Calculating Gain

Action of the superregenerator as an amplifier can be described by considering the tank with its inherent and coupled positive conductance as being shunted by a periodically varying negative conductance, representing the regenerator tube. A general shape of conductance-time variation is shown for the two operating modes in Fig. 1C and D.

For calculating gain and selectivity, it is convenient to consider that a cycle of quench operation starts at $T_A$ when the oscillations of the previous cycle are being damped out and the input current $I$ begins to establish a normal signal in the tank, and that the cycle ends at $T_B$ when the oscillations have again built up to maximum amplitude.

The superregenerative transient oscillation resulting from a short r-f pulse at $t = 0$ (when $g = 0$) has an amplitude at time $T_B$ of

$$E_B = E_0 \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2c}\int_0^{T_B} g\,dt\right) \qquad (1)$$

where $E_0$ is the amplitude at $t = 0$ and $E_B$ is the amplitude at $T_B$. It is convenient to express the ratio of the superregenerative transient amplitude to the applied signal amplitude as a gain $A$ in nepers (one neper equals approximately 8.7 db) so that

$$A = \ln\frac{E_B}{E_0} = -\frac{1}{2C}\int_0^{T_B} g\,dt \qquad (2)$$

Thus, $1/2C$ times the area under the negative conductance-time curve between $t = 0$ and $t = T_B$ represents the gain in nepers to a short r-f pulse applied at $t = 0$ and measured at $t = T_B$.

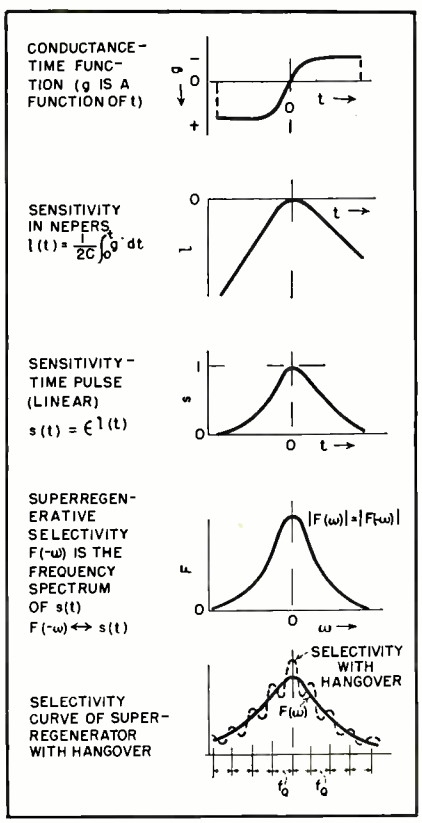



**FIG. 2—Steps in the development of selectivity from waveform of conductance, as described in text, and, at bottom, effect of hangover on selectivity**

For the linear mode the total superregenerative gain is given by integrating the total negative conductance area. For the logarithmic mode the effective superregenerative gain is obtained by integrating the negative conductance area up to the time of saturation. This is illustrated in Fig. 1D where $T_P$ is the period of the constant amplitude (saturation) oscillations of the logarithmic mode of operation.

The superregenerative gain just described is not the total gain for a continuous carrier at the frequency of the resonator. Some further gain results because the r-f signal is present during the entire quench cycle. This produces a regenerative gain $R$ which is generally considerably less than the superregenerative gain.

### Sensitivity Limitations

The manner of decay of the oscillations during positive conductance is similar to the transient build-up during negative conductance, and the same equations hold for the transient amplitude in the positive conductance area. With repetitive quench, as shown in Fig. 1E, the net transient amplitude at $T_D$ due to the energy remaining in the tank from the previous transient of oscillation initiated in the tank at $T_C$ is given approximately by $1/2C$ times the net area under the conductance-time curve between $T_C$ and $T_D$. *Thus, for the transient hangover to be less than the applied signal, the net area over a complete quench cycle must be positive.* This excess damping, shown as $A_0$ in Fig. 1E, should be at least 3 to 5 nepers for most applications.

Sensitivity of a superregenerative receiver is determined by the minimum usable signal level. For the logarithmic mode, sufficient superregenerative gain is obtained to amplify thermal noise to saturate the regenerator tube. In this case the sensitivity is limited by the signal-noise ratio or by the signal level necessary to overcome hangover.

In a linear mode superregenerator, sensitivity may be limited by insufficient gain, as well as by signal-noise ratio or hangover. This is particularly true in applications using a very high quench rate, low-transconductance regenerator



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tubes, or high-capacitance resonators.

If a short r-f pulse is applied to a superregenerator, highest gain is realized if the pulse is applied when the conductance passes through zero going from positive to negative. If applied later, there is less remaining negative conductance area and thus less gain. If applied earlier, the oscillations decay again, giving less gain. Thus, the superregenerator can be considered to have a sensitivity which varies during the quench cycle, having a maximum at the time when $g = 0$ and is going from plus to minus.

Variation of sensitivity in nepers with time can be found directly from the conductance-time function, and from this a linear sensitivity-time pulse can be calculated, as in Fig. 2. The magnitude of the superregenerative selectivity curve has the same shape as the frequency spectrum of this sensitivity-time pulse. The corresponding frequency spectrum can be found by Fourier analysis or by Campbell and Foster's tables.[3] The four steps, ignoring effects of hangover and assuming high gain, in finding the bandwidth of a superregenerator with a known variation of conductance with time, are shown in Fig. 2; at the bottom of the figure the response in the presence of hangover is shown.

### Design Data

To illustrate how these steps might be applied, consider the design of a superregenerator that is quenched as in Fig. 1A. From an assumed quench waveshape and a knowledge of the variation in transconductance with grid bias (as obtained from published tube data), the variation of transconductance with time can be found. By applying the equations of Fig. 1B, the variation of $G_T$ can be found. This is subtracted from an assumed (or known) value of $G_+$ for the resonator, giving the net conductance-time function needed for applying the steps of Fig. 2. The sensitivity function $l(t)$ in nepers can be obtained by integrating (graphically, if necessary) the conductance-time function and multiplying by $1/2C$. The linear sensitivity-time pulse $s(t)$ is obtained by exp $l(t)$, where

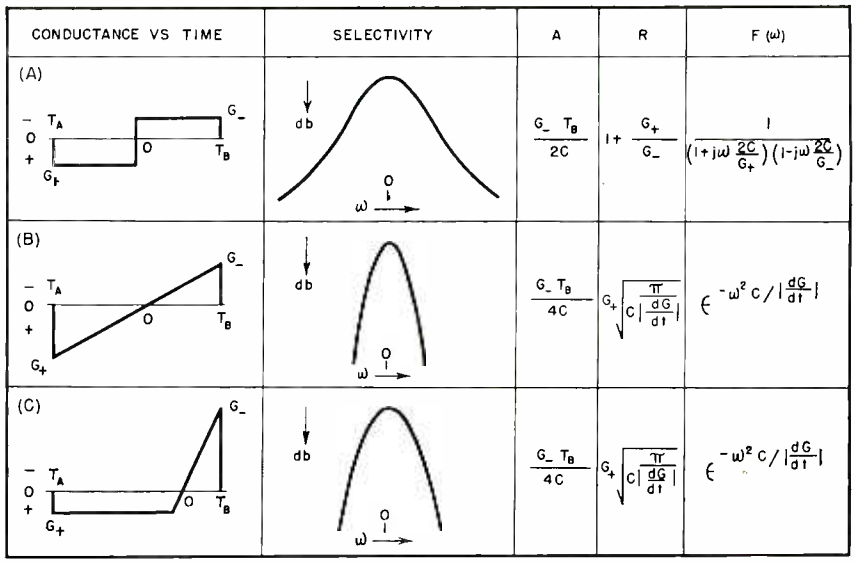



FIG. 3—Conductance waveform controls selectivity, as these specific examples show

$l(t)$ is conveniently taken to be zero at $t = 0$. The superregenerative selectivity shape is found from the frequency spectrum of $s(t)$. If $s(t)$ is not found in Fourier transform tables, an approximate answer may be obtained by graphical Fourier analysis.

If it is desired to calculate the selectivity of an existing superregenerator, it may be convenient to find the plate-current waveform of the regenerator tube (by inserting a small resistor in the plate circuit and observing the quench-frequency voltage waveform across it on an oscilloscope). Then the selectivity can be calculated as before.

### Equations for Gain and Selectivity

The variation in superregenerative sensitivity with time means that the effect of the current supplied to the resonator varies with time. This is exactly equivalent to a variation in input current amplitude with time. It can be shown that the magnitude of the superregenerative selectivity response characteristic is equivalent to that of an unvaried and undamped resonator to which an a-m signal is applied. The spectrum of that a-m signal is continuous because each cycle of quench is independent of the others, if hangover is negligible. The selectivity characteristic of the superregenerator is exactly equivalent to the frequency spectrum of the amplitude modulated signal, or of the sensitivity pulse.

The sensitivity pulse is defined as

$$s(t) = \exp\left(\frac{1}{2C}\int_0^t g\,dt\right) \qquad (3)$$

where this relation holds for $T_A \leq t \leq T_B$, and $s(t) = 0$ outside of these limits.

The gain of the superregenerator, $H$, is defined as the ratio of the voltage existing at the peak of a superregenerative cycle to the voltage which would be developed across the tank at resonance if the conductance had remained at the value $G_+$. That is

$$H = E_B/(I/G_+) \qquad (4)$$

It can then be shown (for example, by conservation of energy or by superposition of the effects of a series of impulses) that

$$H = \exp(A)\,\frac{G_+}{2C}\times$$

$$\int_{T_A}^{T_B} \exp\left(\frac{1}{2C}\int_0^t g\,dt + j\omega t\right) dt \qquad (5)$$

If hangover is ignored and the superregenerative gain is large, Eq. 5 reduces to

$$H = \exp(A)\,\frac{G_+}{2C}\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} s(t)\exp(j\omega t)\,dt \qquad (6)$$

Equation 6, which ignores end effects, indicates that the selectivity of a superregenerator can be found from the inverse Fourier transform of the sensitivity-time pulse. The factor, exp $A$, in Eq. 6 is the superregenerative transient gain where

$$A = -\frac{1}{2C}\int_0^{T_B} g\,dt \qquad (7)$$

The remaining factor, evaluated at resonance, defines the added gain



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that is obtained by regeneration. The regenerative gain ratio is

$$R = \frac{G_+}{2C}\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} s(t)dt \qquad (8)$$

As before, these steps have ignored effects of hangover and assume that the superregenerative gain is large.

Effects of hangover can be computed from the net attenuation, $A_0$, and phase shift per cycle, exp $(-A_0 - j\ \omega\ T_q)$. The resulting selectivity is

$$S = F(\omega)\ [1 - \exp\ (-A_0 - j\omega T_q)] \qquad (9)$$

where $F\ (\omega)$ is the selectivity ignoring hangover. The curve at the bottom of Fig. 2, showing hangover, is plotted to a linear scale; the peaks are very nearly separated by $F_q = 1/T_q$ and the troughs are halfway between.

#### Effects of Special Waveshapes

Figure 3 gives examples of three conductance-time curves with their corresponding selectivities as calculated by the foregoing method, as well as the equations for superregenerative gain $A$, regenerative gain $R$ and selectivity $F(\omega)$, ignoring hangover and end effects.

In the case of symmetrical squarewave quench (Fig. 3A), a selectivity equal to that of two cascaded, isolated single-tuned circuits (one having conductance $G_+$, the other $G_-$) is obtained. When $|G_-| = G_+$ the equivalent phase characteristic of the selectivity has no phase distortion. This distortionless phase characteristic is produced by all conductance-time functions which have skew symmetry about $g = 0$ (Fig. 3A and 3B). When gain $A$ is large, departure from exact skew symmetry in regions remote from $g = 0$ can be neglected.

The triangular conductance waveform of Fig. 3B produces a selectivity having the form of a probability curve. (A probability curve plotted to a db scale forms a parabola.)

The conductance waveshape of Fig. 3C is similar to that found in the usual self-quenched superregenerator, particularly those using grid quench and having the grid leak returned to a positive bias. This waveform produces a selectivity following a probability curve, but considerably wider than that of Fig. 3B. The reason for this is that, for the same quench frequency and gain, the shape of Fig. 3C has a greater rate of change of conductance with time, giving a narrower sensitivity-time pulse and thus a wider frequency spectrum.

When a converting superregenerator is used, such as the Fre-Modyne circuit, an unusual result is obtained. The conversion efficiency varies during the quench cycle so that the r-f sensitivity-time pulse is the product of the i-f sensitivity-time pulse and the conversion efficiency pulse. This generally results in an r-f sensitivity-time pulse that is slightly narrower than the i-f pulse, and thus gives a slightly wider r-f bandwidth than i-f bandwidth.

In the foregoing discussion it has been assumed that the resonant frequency of the superregenerative tank circuit does not vary during the quench cycle. This gives symmetrical selectivity curves. If the superregenerative tank frequency varies appreciably during the period when the sensitivity-time pulse has significant amplitude, then a result much like a combination of simultaneous a-m and f-m is obtained, which can produce unsymmetrical selectivity curves.

#### Practical Considerations

It can be shown that the shape of the selectivity curve near the nose of the curve is determined mainly by the shape of the conductance-time curve near the time when $g = 0$. If the conductance waveshape is approximately a straight line in the vicinity of $g = 0$, then the selectivity curve is a probability curve to approximately as many db of attenuation as are represented by the superregenerative gain obtained during the linearly sloping part of the conductance wave form. This leads to the useful approximation that *the total bandwidth at one neper (8.7 db) from the peak is*[4]

$$f_w = (1/\pi)\ [(1/c)\,|dG/dt|]^{1/2} \qquad (10)$$

*where $dG/dt$ is the slope of the conductance-time curve at $g = 0$.*

In a separately quenched superregenerator, Eq. 10 shows that, in general, if the quench voltage amplitude is increased, the selectivity curve will become wider. Also, if the quench voltage frequency is reduced, keeping the same waveshape, that the selectivity curve will become narrower. However, if the quench amplitude is increased, or the frequency decreases, the available superregenerative gain will be increased, producing more total gain for a linear mode operation or producing an earlier saturation in logarithmic mode. *Thus for a given quench waveshape, and for a specified superregenerative gain, the narrowest selectivity is obtained by using the lowest possible quench frequency.* However the minimum quench frequency should be at least equal to twice the maximum modulation frequency of the received signal.

The question frequently arises of how to measure the selectivity of an existing superregenerator. Conventional methods may be applied in certain cases, but are generally inadequate. With certain types of superregenerators the problem is like measuring the selectivity of a conventional receiver having a very flat avc that cannot be disconnected. The following method is suggested as being applicable to substantially all forms of superregenerators normally used.

The audio output noise of the receiver, without an applied signal, is measured by an output meter (rms type preferred). A signal is applied at resonance and adjusted in level until the noise is suppressed by some convenient amount such as 10 or 20 db. Then the signal is detuned and readjusted in level until the noise is suppressed by the same amount. The difference between the two levels is the attenuation or selectivity at the detuned frequency. By this method of constant noise suppression, the complete selectivity curve may be measured (assuming an adequate signal generator) to as much as 80 to 100 db of attenuation.

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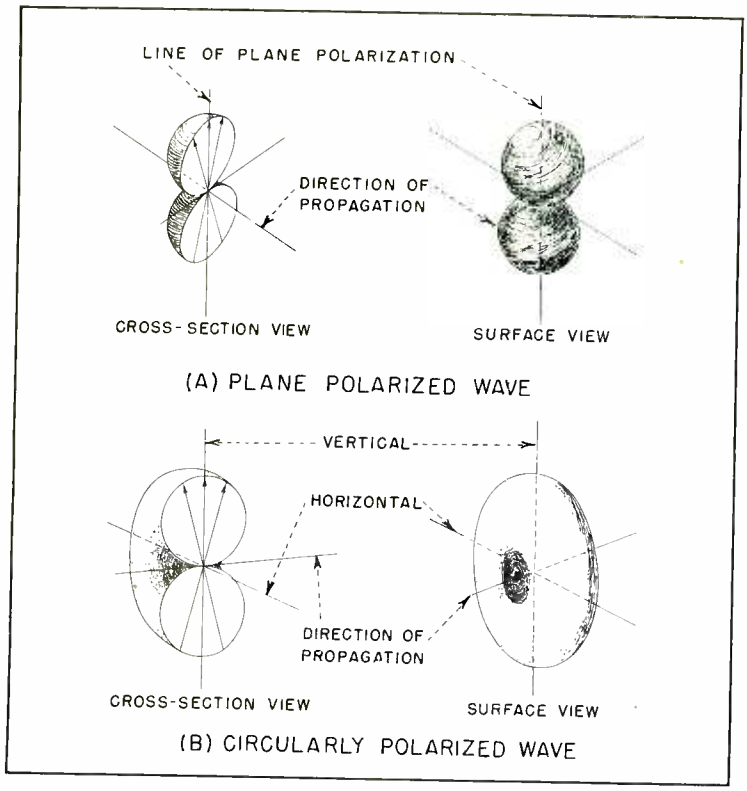
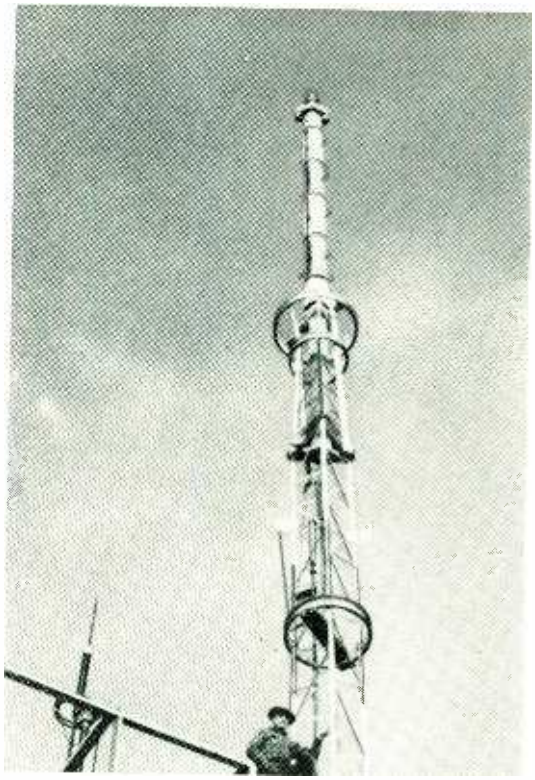



FIG. 1—Reception patterns of half-wave dipole in plane and circularly polarized fields



Circularly polarized antenna in use by radio station WHKX

# Circular Polarization in F-M Broadcasting

**Experimental field intensity measurements substantiate theoretical advantages to be gained over plane polarization. The high-gain omnidirectional broadcast transmitting antenna described allows most convenient location of home receivers**

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MORE than two years ago the United Broadcasting Company initiated an experimental program to investigate the use of circular polarization for f-m.

The early experimental work was carried on with a prototype circular-polarization antenna consisting of a vertical half-wave dipole and a horizontal loop, mounted on the same vertical axis. A report covering this work was furnished to the Federal Communications Commission in October 1946.[1,2] Within 30 days the Commission had amended the Standards of Good Engineering Practice to permit the addition of a vertical component having the same magnitude as the horizontal component and thus making it possible to supply the service area with a diversely polarized signal from a circularly polarized f-m broadcasting antenna by radiating twice the power of either component operating alone.[3]

During the past year field measurements have been made on W8XUB and WHKX in Cleveland to determine quantitatively the im-



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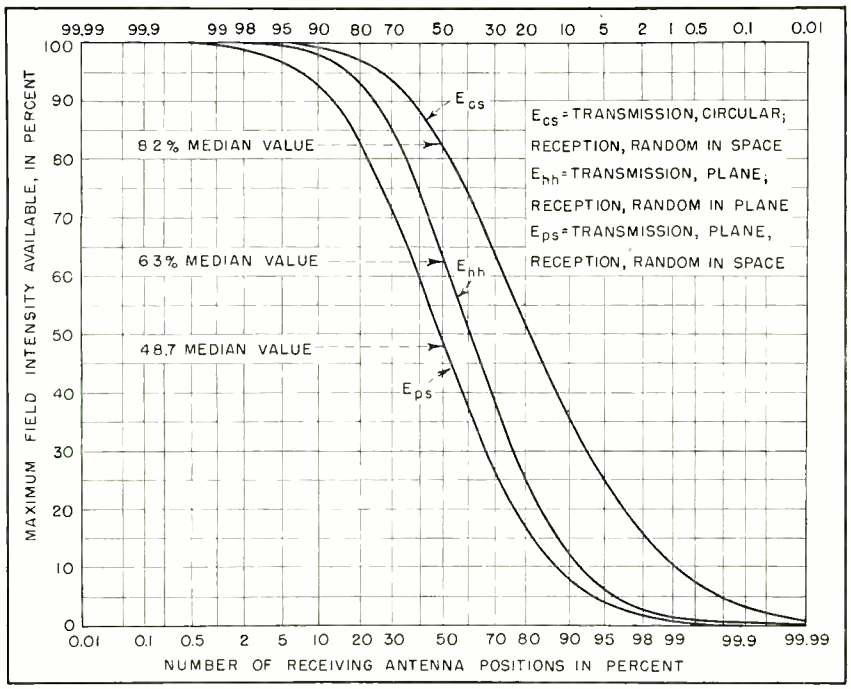



**FIG. 2—Distribution of field intensity with receiving antennas in random placements**

provement of circular polarization over plane polarization, and a research program has been carried on by the Ohio State University Research Foundation in Columbus to develop a high-gain circularly polarized broadcasting antenna.

### Theoretical Advantages

One of the principal advantages of circular polarization over plane polarization is that space is more completely filled with a diversely polarized signal. Figure 1 shows that in a plane-polarized field a simple receiving antenna can be placed in only one position for maximum signal pickup and in a whole plane of positions for zero signal pickup, while in a circularly polarized field a simple receiving antenna can be placed in a whole plane of positions for maximum signal pickup and in only one position for zero signal pickup.

It should be emphasized that although the radiated power can be doubled in going from plane to circular polarization the more important consideration is that the polarization changes from a single line or linear dimension to a surface or two-dimension phenomenon. The radiated power from many f-m stations using plane or horizontal polarization is limited to an equivalent 20-kw, 500-foot antenna in accordance with FCC allocation standards. All of these stations have the privilege of improving their service to the public by employing circular polarization and radiating up to an equivalent 40-kw, 500 foot antenna.

If reception patterns are investigated on a theoretical statistical basis by placing a half-wave receiving antenna at random the curves of Fig. 2 result. For a circularly polarized field with receiving antennas placed at random in space the median value is 82 percent. In a plane-polarized field with receiving antennas placed at random in the plane of polarization the median value is 63 percent. If the receiving antennas are placed at random in space when the field is plane polarized the median value is 48.7 percent.

If ratios between the curves of Fig. 2 are expressed in decibels of improvement the two theoretical curves of Fig. 3 result. The median improvement of circular polarization over plane polarization for antennas placed at random in space is 4.6 decibels, while the improvement of circular polarization over plane polarization when the receiving antennas are placed in the plane of polarization is 2.3 decibels. It should be observed that the improvement to 50 percent of the sets will be much more than this value, as indicated by the sharp upward

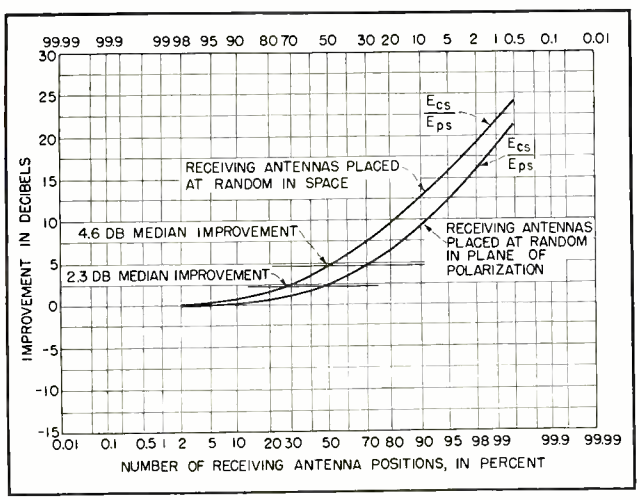



**FIG. 3—Theoretical improvement of circular polarization over plane polarization**

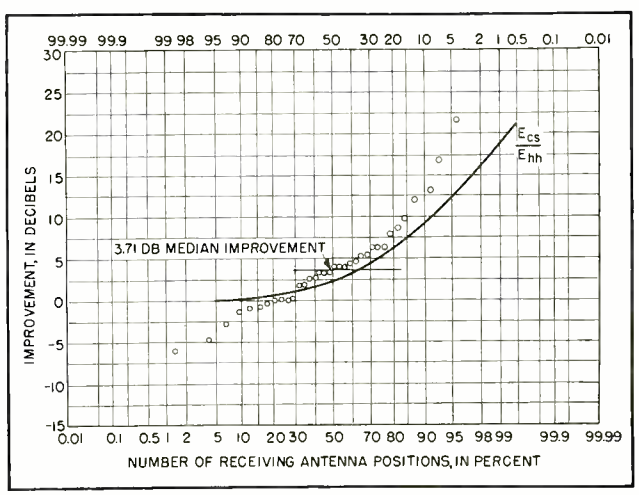



**FIG. 4—Improvement of circular over horizontal polarization when receiving antennas are horizontal**



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curvature toward the right end of these curves.

### Field Measurements

To determine quantitatively the improvement of circular polarization over plane polarization as it affects the average home receiver it was assumed that the f-m receiving antenna built into the home receiver must be served. Therefore, 372 carefully controlled field-intensity measurements were made in 36 typical homes throughout the service area of W8XUB.

Measurements in the home were made with a half-wave dipole placed six inches in front and with the center of the dipole level with the top of the home receiver. In other words, an effort was made to reflect into the results the effect of the position of the home receiver as selected by the housewife.

With the test half-wave dipole horizontal, the transmitting antenna was caused to radiate, first horizontal polarization and then circular polarization of equal maximum field intensities. The ratio of these measurements made in 36 homes shows in Fig. 4 that the median improvement is 3.71 decibels. The theoretical curve was also drawn in this figure for comparison purposes. It will be noted that the field measurements data is in fair agreement with the theoretical curve. It is believed that cancellations and reinforcements due to reflections from metalic plumbing and wiring in and around the home cause the measured points to fall below the theoretical curve toward the left end and rise above the theoretical curve toward the right end.

If the receiving antenna is placed at random in space it should be possible to check the theoretical curve of Fig. 3. To accomplish this, measurements of circular polarization transmission with vertical receiving antennas were compared to both vertical and horizontal-polarized transmission with the same vertical receiving antennas. Then a similar set of ratio measurements were made with horizontal receiving antennas. Figure 5 presents 72 such ratio measurements with a median improvement of 4.87 decibels. This is in good agreement with the theoretical median improvement of 4.6 decibels. Again cancellations and reinforcements are believed to be the reason for the statistical data to fall below the theoretical curve at the left and rise above the theoretical curve at the right.

Another case of interest is the improvement that can be expected when the receiving antennas are vertical. A practical application is whip antennas on automobiles and power-cord antennas such as are commonly used on table-model receivers. The 21 statistical measurements for this condition are presented in Fig. 6, which shows a median improvement of 9.25 decibels. The improvement for three points was too great to plot; however, their effect is reflected by shifting the other points to the left.

Summarizing the results indicated by the above field measurements, it is more profitable for a broadcaster to divide the available power between the horizontal and vertical components and employ circular polarization even for serving only horizontal receiving antennas placed in the home. However, such division of total power is not necessary under the Standards of Good Engineering Practice for f-m broadcast stations. Under these standards the broadcaster can expect to more than double the power (3.71 db) in horizontal receiving antennas and increase the power more than eight times (9.25 db) in vertical receiving antennas within the service area.

### Antenna Development

The program at the Ohio State Research Foundation embodied basic research on two methods of producing circular polarization. The first employed excitation of a single element geometrically shaped, such as spiral slots or helical antennas, to produce the desired polarization. The second group consisted of horizontal and vertical radiating elements, each fed with the proper proportion of energy to produce equal-magnitude fields and with the proper time-phase difference to produce circular polarization.[4]

In developing the antenna the

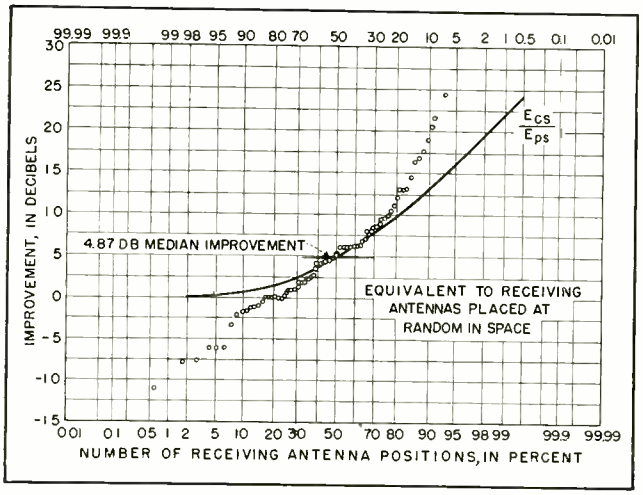



FIG. 5—Improvement of circular over plane polarization with randomly placed receiving antennas

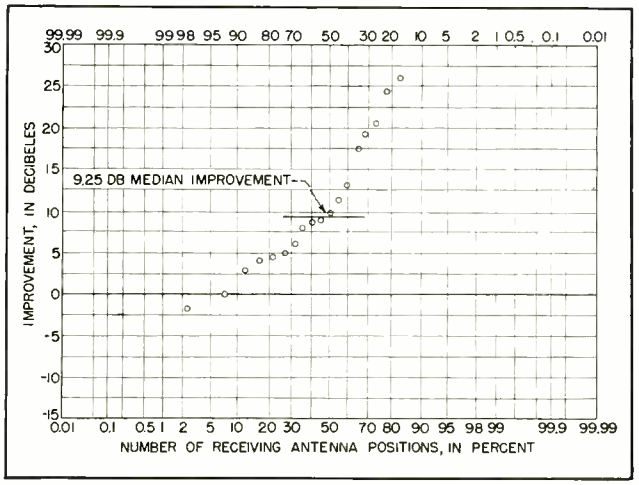



FIG. 6—Improvement of circular polarization over horizontal with vertical receiving antennas



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problem was attacked theoretically and experimentally by means of model technique.[5] The theoretical work was devoted to slots in cylinders[6] since it appeared early in the development that this type of antenna would probably be used as the radiating element to produce the horizontal polarized component of the circularly polarized antenna.

To produce circular polarization in the horizontal plane it should be remembered that both the horizontal and vertical radiating elements must have a uniform pattern in magnitude and phase. It has been shown[6] that two diametrically opposed axial or longitudinal slots in a cylinder will satisfy the requirement for the horizontal component, as the magnitude was essentially uniform and the phase shift was less than three degrees through the f-m broadcast band for cylinders whose diameters were 16 inches. By making the cylinder a half-wavelength long and feeding the slots at the center, the desired horizontal component can be produced. The vertical component can be obtained by feeding the half-wavelength cylinders as full-wavelength vertical dipoles. The 90-degree time-phase requirement was satisfied by using a phase control as shown in Fig. 7, which also shows the basic elements and how they were developed and combined to produce the circularly polarized experimental antenna as used by station WHKX, and illustrated on the cover of ELECTRONICS for April 1948.

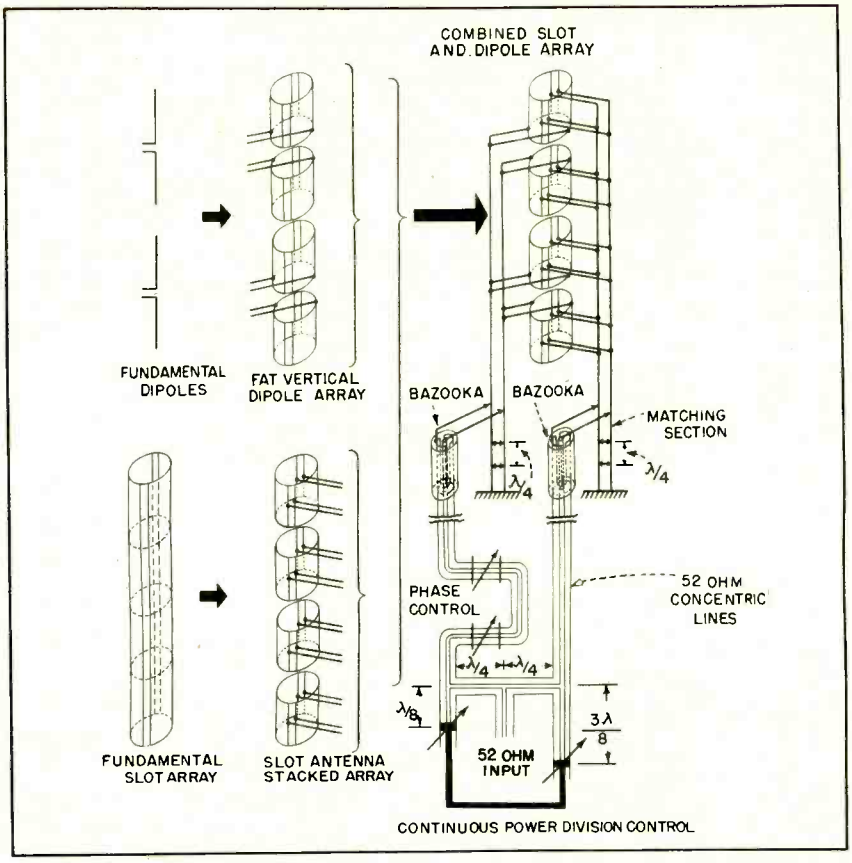



FIG. 7—Development of the circular-polarized antenna from dipoles and a slot array

Experimental data on the slots showed them to have vertical patterns which were similar to the vertical fat dipole and indicated that the units or full-wavelengths bays could be stacked suitably for high gain. Vertical patterns at 100 mc for both elements are shown for half-wave cylinders 16 inches in diameter, in Fig. 8. The horizontal-plane patterns for the two elements are quite uniform, as shown in Fig. 9. With this basic information a model for a circularly polarized antenna was constructed and tested. Pattern tests proved the antenna to be circularly polarized in the horizontal plane and that the units could be stacked for high

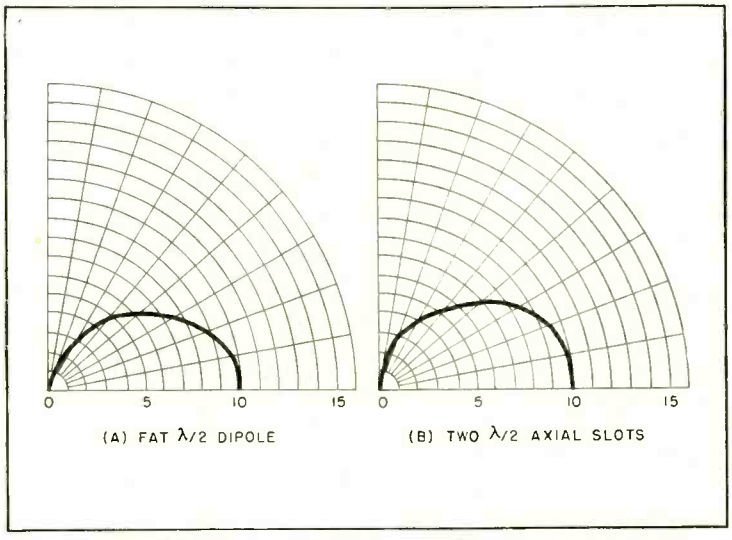



FIG. 8—Vertical field patterns for both vertical and horizontal-polarized elements at 100 mc, using 16-in. diameter cylinder

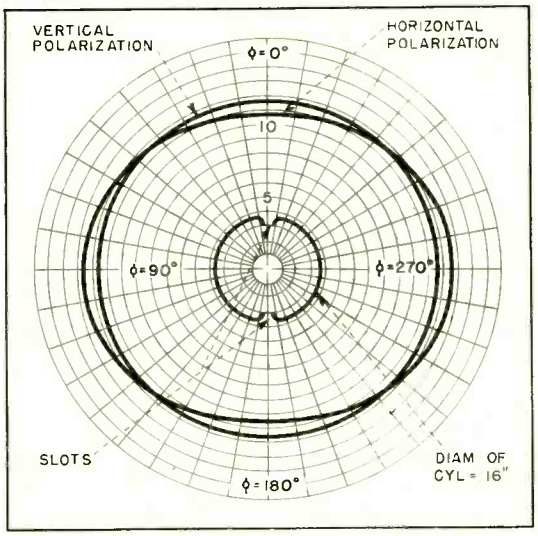



FIG. 9—Vertical and horizontal-polarization components of horizontal-plane pattern at 100 mc



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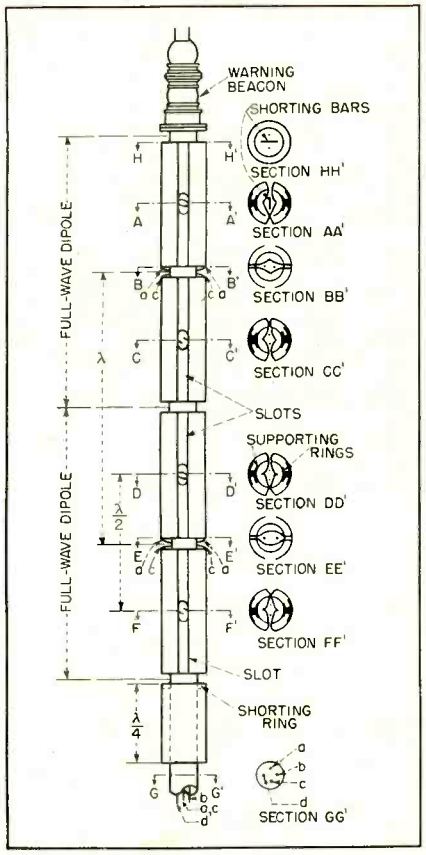



FIG. 10—Construction and feed details

gain. As a result of these studies the full-scale antenna was fabricated and installed for experimental operation.

### The Antenna

One unit, or bay, of the antenna consists of two half-wavelength cylindrical sections with two diametrically opposed axial (longitudinal) slots cut in each section as shown in Fig. 10. For the vertical radiating element, the two cylindrical sections are fed at the center of a vertical full-wavelength fat dipole. Since the units are one wavelength long, the feeding problem is simple when the units are stacked in a vertical collinear array, to obtain a high-gain vertical pattern. The horizontally polarized component is obtained by feeding the axial slots, cut in each section of the cylinder, in phase with equal amplitudes of current so the circular pattern in the horizontal plane is obtained.

Feeding the antenna can be accomplished with a multiwire balanced transmission line as shown in Fig. 7 and 10, or a coaxial-line feed system can be employed throughout. The full-scale model employs a balanced four-wire line. The copper-clad steel conductors are stretched from the top to the bottom of the supporting mast and on the inside of it. One pair of conductors is used to feed the vertical radiating elements and the other pair the horizontal radiating elements. The correct phase relationship for the two slots in each cylinder is obtained by properly crossing the connectors from the transmission lines to the slots as shown in Fig. 10. Since the feed points from one cylinder to the next cylinder are a half wavelength apart, altering the crossed connectors keeps the units in phase so they can be stacked. The feed points for the dipoles are one wavelength apart and can thus be fed in phase to produce a simple collinear array of stacked elements.

Each section of the galvanized-iron cylinder shell is fastened to a standard 10-inch steel mast with metal castings to support the shell to the mast. This is possible because the support point is at zero potential, being an odd quarter-wavelength away from the vertical-polarization feed points and equidistant between the horizontal feed points. This keeps the entire antenna free of insulators. A quarter-wavelength skirt is placed at the bottom of the antenna to minimize currents on the supporting structure. Bazookas are used to transform from balanced to unbalanced transmission lines as shown in Fig. 7.

With independent phase and power control it is easy to adjust for true circular polarization. The condition of polarization is determined at WHKX by a half-wave sampling dipole mounted level with the center of the circular-polarization antenna on a wooden pole at a distance of about 100 feet. This dipole can be rotated by a rope control to any position in a plane at right angles to the direction of propagation. The r-f meter at the center of the dipole can be observed by using a telescope mounted in the transmitter building.

The gain of the antenna is a function of the number of units or bays and may be determined by the conventional method used in computing the gain of collinear arrays.

### Commercial Antennas

For commercial antennas it may be more desirable to use a concentric transmission line harness-type of feed throughout. By first resonating and then controlling the resistance magnitude at the various antenna-element feed points the standing waves on the feeder lines can be reduced to a minimum. The commercial broadcast antennas can be fabricated in this fashion. All openings in the cylinders will be covered with plastic to minimize effects from weather conditions. It will then be practical to bulk heat the antenna structure if icing is expected to be severe enough to require it. A ladder can be mounted on the cylinders without affecting the radiation pattern, thus making it easy to service the flasher beacon at the top of the antenna.

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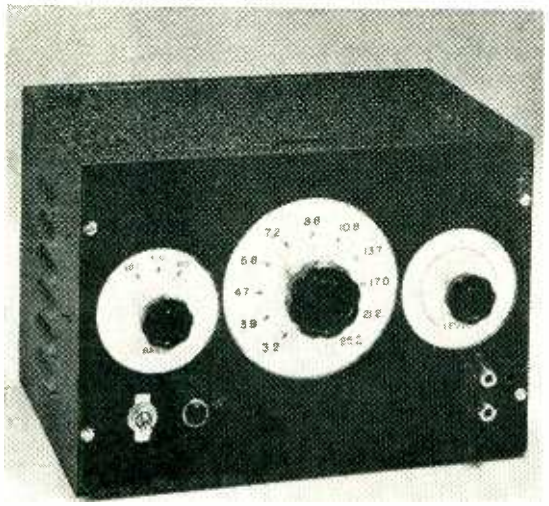
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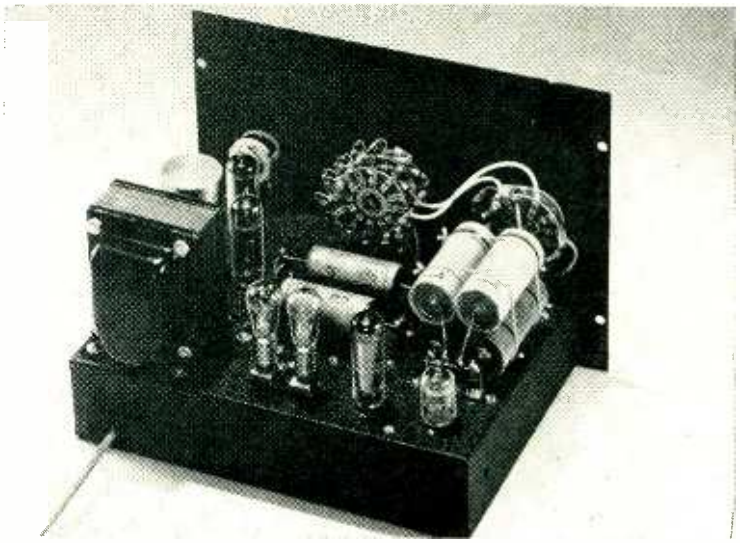
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The low frequency oscillator showing range switch, step frequency selector, and level (gain) control



Top chassis view of the oscillator and conventional power supply. The two 6-watt lamps are in the feedback circuit

# Low-Frequency

**Stable oscillations from 0.3 to 252 cps are obtained in three ranges. The ganged variable-resistance tuning elements give small stepped increments of frequency. Lamps are used for nonlinear negative feedback**

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OSCILLATORS in the frequency region below 20 cps have numerous laboratory uses, particularly in the study of vibration problems and in the design and testing of amplifiers which use a large amount of negative feedback.

The two major obstacles to be overcome in designing a satisfactory low-frequency oscillator are the large sizes of the components and the time required for transients to disappear. Because of the low impedance and low Q of inductors in this region, the frequency-controlling elements are almost always resistances and capacitances; and with the comparatively low resistances of wire-wound resistors and potentiometers it is difficult to hold capacitors to a reasonable size. In oscillators with only vacuum tube nonlinearity controlling the amplitude, circuit changes in adjusting the frequency and selecting the range of frequencies cause transients lasting as long as 15 cycles, which is 30 seconds at 0.5 cps, making additional amplitude stabilization desirable.[1]

Beat-frequency oscillators, with the fixed frequency at 1,000 cps, have operated satisfactorily in the low-frequency regions. Time, however, is required to be certain that the zero-beat error is negligible; and a good quality filter is required to eliminate the unwanted modulation components from the desired signal.

The circuit diagram shown in Fig. 1 is fundamentally that of a resistance-capacitance oscillator with nonlinear feedback for stabilizing the amplitude.[2] The frequency-controlling network is of the series R-C, parallel R-C type, and was chosen because only two variable elements are required. Resistance changes are used to control the frequency over a range of 10 to 1, and the decades are selected by varying the associated capacitance. Resistors $R_1$ and $R_2$ are the variable parameters, and $C_1$ through $C_6$ are the fixed. They give an overall range from 0.32 cps to 252 cps. Negative feedback is controlled by $R_3$, $R_4$ and $R_5$, with $R_4$ and $R_5$ the nonlinear resistors. Tube $V_1$ is a voltage amplifier, and $V_2$ drives the frequency-controlling and negative-feedback networks.



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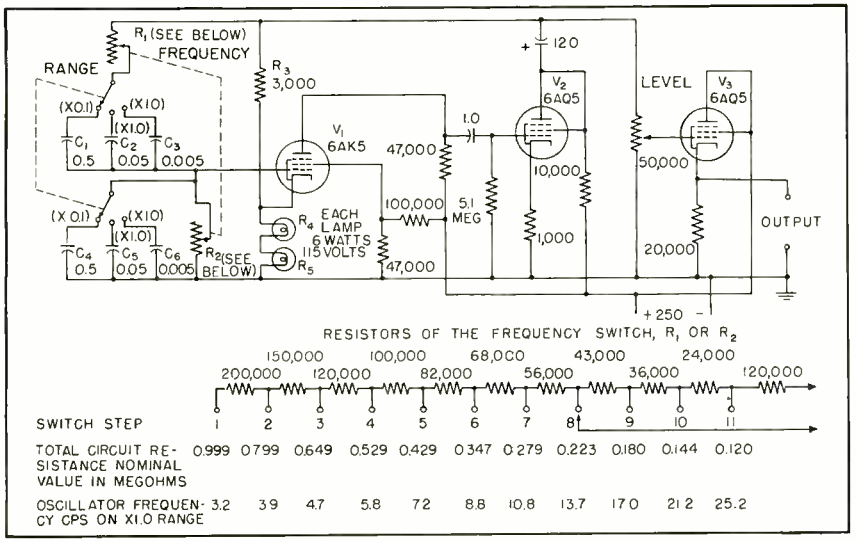



**FIG. 1—Circuit diagram of the low-frequency oscillator. The stepped variable frequency control detail indicated**

# Oscillator

Cathode-follower $V_3$ isolates the output. The power supply is conventional.

In the circuit of Fig. 1, $f = 1/2\pi RC$, where $f$ is the frequency of oscillation; $R$ is the resistance of $R_1$ or $R_2$, assuming them equal; and $C$ is the capacitance of the associated capacitors, assuming they also are equal. Resistors $R_1$ and $R_2$ are controlled by a two-section, eleven-point frequency selector switch. At each range setting, if a factor of 10 in frequency is desired for a complete sweep of the frequency switch, along with a proportional increase in frequency with each step of the switch, then the ratio of increase is $10^{1/11}$, or approximately 1.23 per step. This relation, in turn, means a division of the previous value of $R_1$ or $R_2$ by 1.23 for each increasing step of the frequency switch. One megohm was a convenient value for the maximum of $R_1$ and $R_2$. Using this, the incremental resistances were computed, and the nearest RMA-value resistor was selected. One half-watt resistor was used for each incremental resistance; these mount conveniently on the frequency switch, and result in a neat and compact control. The switch and resistor combination gives a stable, variable resistor with high resistance, so that only a 0.5 μf capacitance is required for the 0.3 cps to 2.5 cps range. The schematic diagram of $R_1$ and $R_2$ is shown at the bottom of Fig. 1.

Capacitors $C_2$ and $C_3$, $C_5$ and $C_6$ were selected and trimmed to fit the decade relationship with $C_1$ and $C_4$, respectively. The capacitors $C_1$ and $C_4$ were chosen within 5 percent of each other.

### Thermal Elements

The choice of the thermal characteristics of the nonlinear resistors in the feedback circuit is a compromise between two requirements. It is desirable that the thermal time constant be as short as possible, so that transients caused by changing the frequency or the range will be as short as possible. Yet there should be no appreciable change in resistance during a cycle of oscillation at the lowest frequency, or waveform distortion will result. Two 115-volt 6-watt candelabra-base lamps connected in series were found experimentally to give acceptable waveform at 0.5 cps, damp transients quickly, and have satisfactory electrical characteristics.

The chief limitation of the oscillator is that the frequency cannot be varied continuously. In most work encountered, the steps have been adequately close. Additional increments, however, can be obtained by using a selector switch with more steps, using ranges of 3 and 30 in addition to 1, 10, and 100, or by connecting auxiliary decade capacitors across the frequency-controlling capacitors.

As noted previously, the lower frequency limit of oscillation is determined by the thermal elements in the feedback circuit. The upper limit, with $R_1$ and $R_2$ maxima of 1 megohm, is reached when the tube, switch, and wiring capacitances become appreciable compared with those of the oscillating circuit. A convenient limit for the present oscillator is 252 cps.

### Accuracy

The finished oscillator has been calibrated carefully, and the range capacitors adjusted so that the error in frequency is less than 2 percent of any given setting. The use of tubular paper capacitors and composition resistors in the frequency-controlling network, however, means that errors as great as 4 to 6 percent can be expected. This error can be reduced by the use of more stable elements; or a spot calibration can be made whenever a critical situation is encountered.

The low-frequency oscillator has given good service for several months, and seems to be a generally satisfactory instrument. Through the techniques of a switch-controlled variable high resistance and nonlinear negative feedback, a simple, stable, easy-to-use oscillator has been built in a frequency region once noted for its difficulties.

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# Digital Computer Switching Circuits

**Basic operational requirements of digital computers and fundamentals of the means for obtaining them are set forth. For the most part familiar switching circuits can be used but they must meet the special requirements of positive action that are described here**

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AUTOMATICALLY-SEQUENCED digital computers are machines that have no intelligence, yet carry out, without intervention, lengthy routines of mathematical calculation. An understanding of general design considerations requires a survey of the procedures followed by a human computer using desk calculator.

A human computer does more than arithmetic; he not only carries out the elementary processes of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, but he also decides what numbers to add, multiply, etc., and what to do with his results. These results of his arithmetic are only stepping stones to his final goal, just as the numbers upon which he performs his arithmetic were previous stepping stones. Some problems require millions of arithmetic operations to arrive at a relatively small set of numbers representing the final answer.

If we reduce the human computer to an automaton having only the ability to read, write, and do arithmetic, we need to give him a very detailed set of working instructions. These instructions include original numerical data from which he works, and an explicit program of operations to be performed. He must be told, for example, to read numbers in two specified places, add them, and write the result in a specified place. He must then be told where to find his next instruction, unless all instructions are serially listed and no variations in their order are to be made. Explicit instructions as to where to write partial results and when and where to refer back to them for further use comprise a sort of automatic memory. The sheets of paper, numbered for identification, form a storage for numbers; his whole program is stored on paper before he starts to work.

Even the power of decision can be mechanized. If a human computer is supposed to compute one intermediate result to a specified degree of accuracy by a method of successive approximations, he must continue until further steps make insignificant changes. He is therefore instructed to keep repeating the procedure until a tentative answer, taken to ten places, equals the previous tentative answer, and then to proceed with the main program.

We see that our automaton must be given instructions, or orders, incorporating the following information: (1) where to find operands; that is, the two numbers to be combined by addition, multiplication, subtraction, or division, (2) which arithmetic operation to perform, (3) where to write the result, either in a specified place for furture reference or on his final answer sheet, and (4) where to find his next set of similar instructions.

An electronic computer operates on a similar routine. Machines being designed and built will perform this cycle of operations in a millisecond or less, working with numbers having ten decimal places. Such speed means that these machines will make it practical to solve problems requiring so many millions of arithmetic operations as not to be considered at present. Directing such a machine is a major administrative problem. As Dr. von Neumann of the Institute for Advanced Study expressed it, "Programming a problem for such a machine is equivalent to writing a detailed set of instructions for twenty automatons with desk calculators sufficient to keep them busy for two years, working a forty-hour week." These automatons have no ability to think for themselves!

Leaving the mathematical and administrative problems to others, we can proceed to the basic electronic problems. We must first have (A) an electronic alphabet for writing numbers and orders, (B) a medium on which to write, (C) means of writing and reading, and (D) means for interpreting the written word. These words may be numerical, as 3721499825, or coded orders, as A0173Q75B6. When a number-word (number) is read, it must be translated into what the machine recognizes as numerical form. An order-word (order) must be interpreted by being converted to a set of voltages, to operate switches.

Reading a word consists in part of transmitting it to the organ which is to interpret and be affected by it. Thus numbers are transmitted from storage to arithmetic unit, or vice versa, and orders are sent from storage to the central control organ, or dispatcher. In ad-



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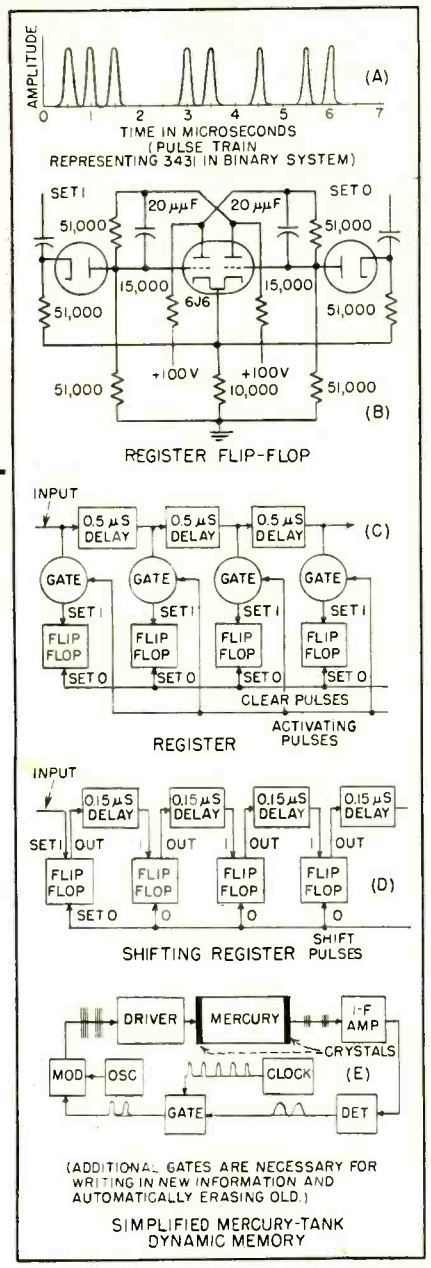



**FIG. 1—Pulses are stored statically in flip-flops, dynamically in delay lines**

dition, both kinds of words are transmitted to storage from the input as needed, and final answers or desired partial results are transmitted to the machine output.

An order must not only tell the central control which numbers to dispatch to the arithmetic unit from storage, but must also tell central control which arithmetic operation is to be performed and where the result is to be sent.

In addition to the central control organ, there must be various local control stations. The arithmetic unit itself, for example, is primarily a traffic unit such that the arrival of two numbers causes the transmission of a third number. Whether this third number is the sum, difference, product, or quotient of the other two depends upon the dispatching system of the arithmetic unit. Separate arithmetic units can be built for the four cases, but it is also feasible to make a universal arithmetic unit which will perform any one of the four processes upon request of the central control. Hence the central control must not only dispatch number-words and orders, but must also interpret orders and actuate circuit changes.

### Transmission and Representation

A NUMBER, say 43712, can be read and transmitted in two fundamentally different ways. If one transmission channel is used for each column, we can simultaneously transmit a 2 along the first channel, a 1 along the next, 7 along the next, etc. This simultaneous transmission of the digits of each position along their appropriate channels is a PARALLEL operation. Its characteristic feature is that it distinguishes between digits by a spatial relation, transmitting all digits at the same time.

Conversely, we could transmit all digits over a common channel, at successive times, in the order 2, 1, 7, 3, 4. The separate digits would be distinguished by their time of arrival on a common line. This is a SERIAL process, digits being distinguished by a temporal relation.

If ten pulses, made recognizable from each other by modulation, are available, any number can be transmitted either serially, over one line, or in parallel, over many lines, from one organ to another. We will consider only serial operation because it is more illustrative of traffic (switching) dispatching problems, as well as because it is the system employed in the machines that will first be constructed.

ORDERS to various parts of the machine must also be capable of transmission, hence they can be expressed conveniently as numbers in some arbitrary code. Thus numbers and orders are represented in the same way, being strings of digits. We know which is which when we put them into the machine, so that if our programmer dispatches only orders to central points and numbers to arithmetic points, it will not matter that the machine by itself cannot distinguish orders from numbers. In fact, this is a convenience, because by considering an order as a number we can modify an order by operating on it with the arithmetic unit.

REPRESENTING the ten digits by pulses of different amplitude would reduce machine reliability, making results depend upon tube constants and supply voltages. It is better to have only two amplitudes to distinguish. If these two amplitudes represent digits 0 and 1, we must find a way of representing numbers in terms of these two digits. In decimal notation, the number 352 means

$$2 \times 10^0 + 5 \times 10^1 + 3 \times 10^2 = 2 + 50 + 300$$

Each successive digit position to the left represents the coefficient of the next higher power of 10. We therefore need digits only to 9; a coefficient of 10 in any place is equivalent to a coefficient of unity in the next place. If we drop the use of 10 as our base, and use 2 instead, we write a number such as 37 in the following binary manner, 100101, meaning

$$1 \times 2^0 + 0 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^2 + 0 \times 2^3 + 0 \times 2^4 + 1 \times 2^5 = 1 + 4 + 32 = 37$$

We pay for the simplicity of having only two different digits by needing approximately three times as many columns to write a number in the binary system as in the decimal system.

To represent 0 and 1 and the corresponding pulse trains, we choose a basic pulse repetition rate of 2 mc, and synchronize all parts of the machine so that successive pulses (representing 0 or 1) occur at these half-microsecond intervals. If all trains of pulses are locked to this reprate (repetition rate), we can use the presence of a pulse to represent 1, and the absence of a pulse to represent 0. Thus the six-microsecond pulse train shown graphically in Fig. 1A represents the binary word 110101100111 (read from right to left) which has the (decimal) value 3431. Voltage and tube parameters need only be held within the tolerance range to



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keep the pulses within their amplitude range of reliable operation.

Now that we have a scheme for representing numbers as pulse trains, we are ready to analyze problems of storing numbers.

STORAGE — Typical machines operate with numbers of ten significant figures in the decimal system, so will require roughly 35 binary places. A 35 binary place number at 2-mc reprate will be represented by a pulse train having a duration of 17.5 microseconds. It is impractical to put information into a machine or to print results at such a rate, over 50,000 words per second. We need a speed changer, or device for storing the many words being written into it at one speed, and capable of being read at some other speed, either faster or slower. One scheme is magnetic recording of the pulse trains on either wire or tape. Magnetic pulses cannot be packed more closely than about 200 per inch if they are not to overlap and become incapable of resolution. The reprate of reading and writing magnetically for a given packing is proportional to the speed at which the wire is transported. Hence we can magnetically record pulse trains leisurely and run them into the machine rapidly or conversely, can record fast signals on a fast wire, and later read the wire at a speed which an electric typewriter can reliably be expected to follow.

Inside the machine we need two types of memory, one that stores a train of pulses statically and another that stores the high reprate trains of pulses.

STATIC REGISTER — The first of these, the static register, is needed, among other places, in the arithmetic unit, to set up central voltages in accordance with the 0's and 1's of a number. Basically a static register is a flip-flop such as that of Fig. 1B which has two stable states. High and low plate voltages can be taken to represent the storage of a 1 or a 0.

In a practical flip-flop, grid capacitors are used to speed transition from one state to the other. Minimum transition time depends upon mutual conductance of the tubes. A more rapid flip-flop than the one shown can be made by using such tubes as the 6AK5, connected either as pentodes or triodes. Provision is also made for setting the flip-flop in either state by applying a negative pulse to the appropriate tube. The diodes are isolation buffers to disconnect the pulse sources when pulses are not being applied. This not only reduces loading on the transfer pulse from one tube to the other, but also prevents this pulse from being transmitted to other flip-flops via the input circuit.

Tying the two input leads together provides a binary counter. The plate-grid coupling capacitances provide enough memory (time lag) for the flip-flop to remember in which state it was prior to the application of a pulse applied to both tubes. As a result, an input pulse changes the state of the flip-flop and provides a scale-of-two, or binary counter. Cascaded binary counters have many applications. For binary counter purposes, the grid input arrangements can be omitted and a positive pulse applied to the common cathode lead.

By using 35 flip-flops, one for each binary column, we can statically store a 35 place binary number. Writing a number into a register consists of setting its flip-flops in accordance with the succession of 0's and 1's in the binary number. Reading the register consists of causing it to generate the pulse train corresponding to its array of 0's and 1's.

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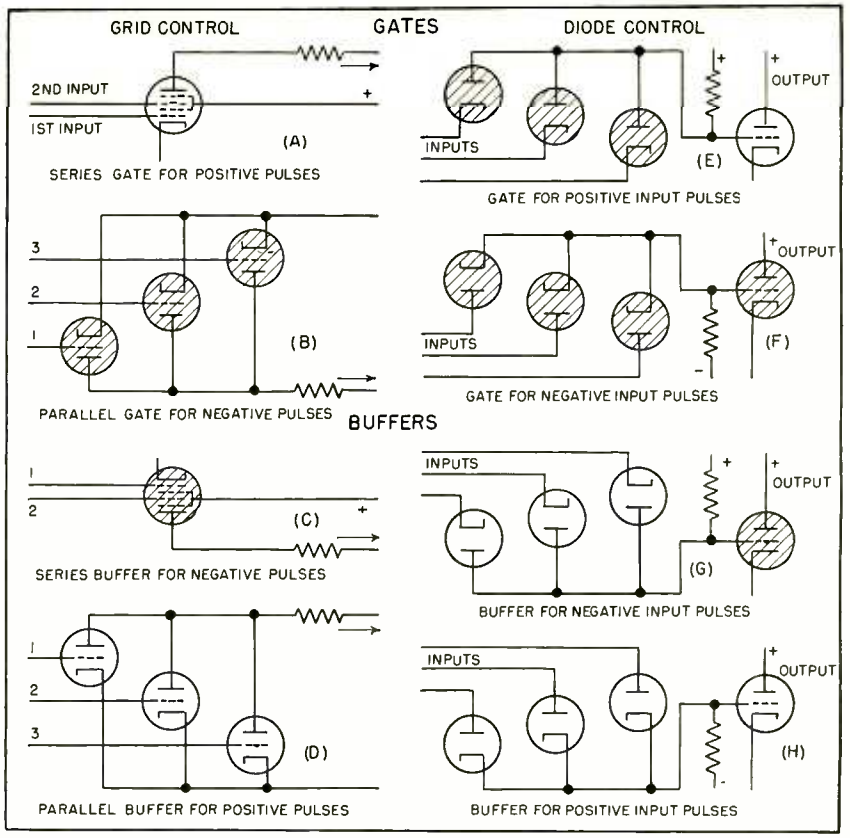



**FIG. 2—Gates and buffers constitute the operating elements of the arithmetic units. Germanium diodes may be used for compactness**

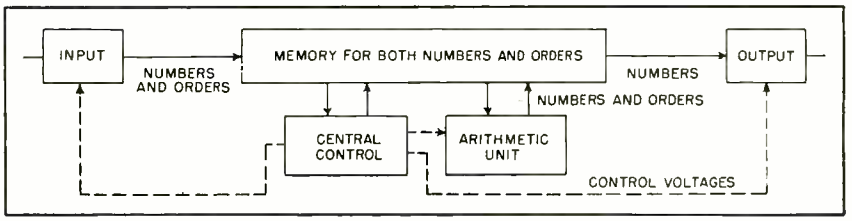



**FIG. 3—Basic functional components of digital computer, and their interrelation**



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two ways of converting a serial train of pulses into the parallel form for storage in the static register. The pulses can either be fed into the register from the end or set up in parallel alongside it.

The latter scheme is indicated in Fig. 1C; the train of pulses is fed into a delay line of 0.5 μs sections, so that just as the last pulse appears at the input the previous pulses appear at the various junctions. The delay line thus momentarily converts the serial pattern of voltage peaks versus time into a spatial pattern of voltage versus position; voltage appears at the junctions corresponding to the positions of the binary 1's in the number represented, no voltage appears at the positions corresponding to 0's. When this space pattern is obtained, all the gates are opened by an activating pulse, and the 1's are entered into the register via the set 1 input leads. The register can be cleared by applying a pulse to the set 0 inputs.

If the plate outputs of the flip-flops are connected to successive junctions of a duplicate delay line, clearing the register (by simultaneously setting all flip-flops to 0) will introduce pulses into the line at the 1 positions; these pulses will come out of the delay line as the desired train.

The other scheme for sending a train into a static register is somewhat similar to the operation of some desk computing machines that have only 10 keys, 0 through 9. Pushing 3 enters 0003 on the dials, then pushing 5 shifts the 3 along as the 5 is entered, showing 0035, etc. This sequential to parallel conversion can be accomplished by the shifting register of Fig. 1D.

The set 0 lines are all connected to a shift pulse bus. A shift pulse then clears all flip-flops, and any registering 1 generate output pulses. These pulses arrive at the set 1 leads of the next flip-flops, transferring the 1's one place to the right. Clearing a flip-flop registering 0 generates no pulse, so leaves the next flip-flop cleared to 0. Hence every time a shift pulse is sent in, the contents of the register shift to the right. If the shift pulses come at a 2-mc reprate, evenly interspersed between the 2-mc signal pulses sent into the left-hand flip-flop, every time the register is shifted it will find the next digit of the train in the left-hand flip-flop and 35 shifts will result in a static storage of the 35 pulses in the train. We now stop the shifting and have the number stored.

Reading the register (regenerating the train of pulses) is simple. The output of the right-hand flip-flop is connected to a transmission bus and 35 shifts are made, sending the successive 1's and 0's onto the line, and leaving the register cleared to all 0's, assuming that no signal is coming in from the left.

The static registers described above require two tubes per binary digit, or 70 tubes per word stored, so are uneconomical for the main storage. (A general purpose computer needs storage facilities for at least 1,000 words). However the static register is useful in the arithmetic unit for intermediate storage between two organs with different speeds, such as internal parts of the machine and the magnetic wire. One word at a time can be written at any speed, and then read at any other, permitting synchronizing input data pulses with the 2-mc clock, which would be impossible to do by trying to run the wire at an exact speed.

The other internal high-speed memory, or scratch paper, of the machine can either hold pulse trains as a static array, or remember them dynamically; that is, in the form of pulse trains available for retransmission on demand. Only the latter choice will be discussed here.

DYNAMIC MEMORY—The simplest way of achieving dynamic memory is to feed pulses into a delay line whose output is connected back to the input to keep the pulses circulating. An amplifier and pulse regenerator are needed at the delay line output to compensate losses. Distorted pulses from the line are used to control a gate feeding fresh pulses from the master pulser, or clock, back into the line. Such a gating combination in the recirculation system is referred to as a pulse reshaper.

The losses of an electric delay line are too great. Each word to be stored requires 17.5 μs of line to hold it; this implies a total of 17.5 milliseconds of electrical delay line, whether in one or several segments. To transmit the individual 0.2 μs pulses without excessive distortion requires a bandwidth of 10 mc. Even with the optimistic figure of 6 db per μs attenuation in lines having this bandwidth, attenuation would be 105,000 db, requiring 7,000 tubes such as the 6AK5 having a gain of 15 db per stage. This is excessive.

A practical way to simplify dynamic storage is to store pulses acoustically rather than electrically. We can convert the 0.2 μs pulses into 0.2 μs packets of h-f using a carrier frequency of 20 or 30 mc. These h-f pulses can then be used to drive a quartz crystal which in turn generates waves in a mercury column. A receiving crystal at the far end senses these waves giving a signal that is amplified and rectified to regenerate the pulses. Attenuation in mercury is approximately 0.06 db per μs at a carrier frequency of 30 mc, or one percent of that for the electrical line. The pair of crystal transducers used with the line introduces a loss of about 50 db.

If one long delay line is used, coupling losses would be negligible, but a single delay line of 17.5 milliseconds would require on the average a waiting time of 9 milliseconds before the desired word would be available. This is too long. A practical compromise between equipment and speed is to subdivide the memory into lines, or tanks, of 20 word capacity, each having a delay of 350 μs. Thus 50 lines are needed, involving 50 pairs of transducers having 2,500 db attenuation. Adding the attenuation of 1,050 db in the mercury, we have a total of 3,550 db attenuation (to be compared with the 105,000 db of electrical lines) and requiring only about 250 amplifier tubes. A typical recirculating tank circuit is shown in Fig. 1E.

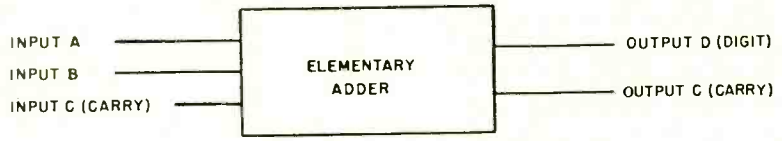
We now have conceptually a source of input signals, a receiver for output signals, an arithmetic unit, static registers and dynamic memory tanks. Signals must be dispatched from one to another of



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## Table I—Operation of an Elementary Adder

**Terminals of Elementary Adder**




**List of Binary Input-Output Combinations**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| In A | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| In B | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| In C | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Out D | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Out C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

**Rules of Arithmetic**

| Binary operations | Logical concepts |
|---|---|
| (1) A single input 1 generates a 1 and no carry | (1) (A AND B) or (A AND C,) or (B AND C) generates a carry |
| (2) Two input 1's generate a carry but no output | (2) A or B or C generates an output digit unless one of the above AND combinations occurs, which operates a gate to prevent the transmission of the digit |
| (3) Three input 1's generate both and output and a carry | (3) A AND B AND C generates both digit and carry |

**Functions of Elementary Adder**

Transmit a digit if A OR B OR C and not A AND B, A AND C, nor B AND C, or if A AND B AND C
Generate a carry if A AND B, A AND C, or B AND C

these organs. In general, any organ may be called upon to send signals to any other. The simplest way of doing this is to connect all tank inputs to a common point through switches (electronic gates) and to connect the arithmetic unit output to this point. Then opening the proper gate will allow the signal to proceed to the chosen tank, and to no other. Conversely, if several sources are to be capable of sending to several receivers, all sources can be connected in parallel to a common transmission bus, and the receivers connected to this bus through gates. Then by opening a receiver gate, and instructing the proper source to transmit, the desired result should follow. In practice, this would not work, for with many sources in parallel, each source would be loaded by the parallel combination of the output impedances of all the others. We need, between each source and the common bus, a buffer which allows only one way traffic, so that a signal can come from a source through the buffer to the bus, but the other sources cannot load the bus. The use of a buffer between an oscillator and a modulated r-f amplifier is well known. In our case of passing pulses of only one polarity, we do not need a triode or pentode buffer, but can use a diode. This diode is normally biased with back voltage so that it presents a high impedance to the common bus. A pulse on the bus increases the back voltage on the diodes and is protected. A pulse from a source, however, reverses the polarity on that one diode and goes through with small loss. The advantage of such buffers is that germanium diodes can be used, greatly reducing shunt capacitance.

With gates and buffers we can perform circuit switching, or spatial selection for traffic control. If we stored our 1,000 words in 1,000 one-word tanks, there would be an exorbitant number of switches with their attendant losses and control problems. We could compromise on 50 tanks holding 20 words each. We can choose any one of these 50 tanks by spatial switching and any one of the 20 words in a tank by temporal selection. The temporal selection requires no switches aside from the timing gate.

The timing circuit can be operated by dividing the master clock rate. The 2-mc reprate drives a counter which counts up to 35 and then throws a flip-flop, giving an output which is on for 35 pulses, or one word time, and off for the next. By feeding these rectangular waves of word duration into a scale-of-20 counter, we can devise a circuit which will give an output (to control a gate) for the duration of any desired one of the twenty words.

### Arithmetic Circuits

To understand how to combine gates and buffers to make a circuit that will do arithmetic, it is convenient to interpret gates and buffers in terms of their logical behavior.

A GATE is essentially a device having two inputs and one output. Either input can be considered as the signal, and the other as the control. Obtaining output from a gate is dependent upon stimulating both inputs; that is, it requires stimulation of one input AND the other input. Logically the gate detects the AND concept, one thing AND another.

BUFFERS, on the other hand, that feed two or more signals to a common point give an output signal if any one of the sources is excited; that is, if one OR another input of the row of buffers is stimulated. Hence two buffers connecting two inputs to one output constitute the logical concept of OR, one signal OR another.

Typical gate and buffer circuits using tubes are shown in Fig. 2. The series gate of Fig. 2A has both grids normally biased beyond cutoff; both must be driven above cutoff to produce an output. The parallel gate of Fig. 2B has all tubes normally conducting. If the load resistor is large compared to the conducting resistance of a single tube, the common plate voltage will remain low unless all tubes are cut off by signals.

The series and parallel buffers of Fig. 2C and 2D represent inverse operating conditions on the corresponding gate circuits. The nor-



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mal-abnormal conduction states are interchanged, and the circuits are stimulated by pulses of sign opposite to those required by the corresponding gates. A signal on any input produces a change in the output.

The diode circuits of Fig. 2 are all parallel circuits. Gates, requiring the AND or multiple coincidence, have all their diodes normally conducting, while buffers have all their diodes normally nonconducting. Diodes are generally of the germanium type.

### Adder Is Basic Element

To add two digits, the basic operation of arithmetic, we need two inputs and one output. If the sum of the two digits is greater than 9 in the decimal system, or greater than 1 in the binary system, a carry will be produced to add in the next digit position. Hence we need three inputs, one for each digit in the given position, plus one for the possible carry from the previous position. We also need two outputs, one for the output digit, and one for the carry. Thus each digit position requires a device as shown in Table I. Operating characteristics of this elementary adder can be deduced from the laws of arithmetic. The desired outputs for the eight possible input combinations of 0 and 1 on the three inputs are listed in the table.

There are two types of adders: parallel and serial.

A PARALLEL ADDER is made of 35 elementary adders, one for each digit position. Various digits are set up in a static register, as previously discussed, and the steady register output voltages representing 0's and 1's activate static elementary adders. The carry output lead of each place can be permanently connected to the carry input lead of the next, requiring one type of elementary adder to satisfy the rules of arithmetic. Alternatively the sum and carry digits can be formed statically in each place, and the carrier transmitted to their neighboring adders an instant later. Part of the difference in the circuitry is involved with the fact that a carry may generate a carry, as in adding 7774 to 2226. Propagation of the carry down the line can be handled in various ways.

THE SERIAL ADDER uses a single complicated elementary adder for successive digit places in sequence. Pulse trains are not set up in static form, but are fed in dynamically, the two numbers arriving simultaneously. If an output 1 pulse is generated, it is transmitted immediately as one digit of the sum. If a carry pulse is generated, it is delayed 0.5 μs and returned to the carry input, arriving there coincident with the input digits of the next place.

An elementary adder can be made of gates and buffers. Rules of arithmetic shown by the list of input digit combinations are stated in Table I. The preventing operation in case (2) implies a negative gate, or logical AND NOT, which is easy to devise from diodes by using several bias levels. With this terminology, the functions of an elementary adder can be described logically as at the bottom of the table. The complicated combinations of AND and OR are straightforward logically and electronically, but lead to a practical circuit employing (in one design) nine pentodes and 36 diodes! Some of these elements are incorporated to reshape pulses, and several diodes are used as limiters and d-c level restorers.

Any adder can be considered as a problem in traffic control where the signals (numbers) that are put in control the transmission of pulses throughout the adder. This local control is one step more complicated than the central control, or traffic dispatch between organs. In the central control problem, control voltages set up the paths to be taken by signal pulses. In the local control, pulse paths, and times (clock beats) at which pulses occur are set by the signals themselves, so that there is no longer a clear-cut distinction between signal and control pulses.

MULTIPLICATION is a more complex problem. Ordinary longhand multiplication consists essentially of adding the multiplicand (574) as many times as the right-hand digit of the multiplier (31) shifting columns, adding on the multiplicand as many times as the next digit, etc., as in the example:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 574 | | 574 |
| 31 | = | 31 |
| 574 | | 574 |
| 1722 | | 574 |
| 17794 | | 574 |
| | | 574 |
| | | 17794 |

Because in the binary system, only 1's and 0's occur, we have for the partial products either the multiplicand itself, or zero.

| Decimal | | Binary |
|---|---|---|
| 23 | | 10111 |
| 5 | = | 101 |
| 115 | | 10111 |
| | | 00000 |
| | | 10111 |
| | | 1110011 |

This allows us to use a shifting register (previously described) together with a basic adder, to perform multiplication. We do or do not add in the multiplicand according to whether the right-hand digit of the multiplier is 1 or 0, shift the number in the register, and repeat. Thus a basic arithmetic unit consisting of registers, which can be shifted when desired, gates and buffers, can either add or multiply according to whether it gets a simple signal to add, or whether it gets also a signal to shift and repeat. Other modifications permit subtraction and division. Which operation is to be performed is controlled by signals from central control, usually quasi-static voltages to keep certain gates open until the operation is completed.

Before examining means for converting pulse trains representing arbitrarily coded orders into gate control voltages, let us glance at the overall organization of the computer.

The input portion of the machine sends all its words, both numbers and orders, to the high speed memory storage. From storage, orders go to the central control, logically through a decoder, but this decoder is the main part of the central control and so is not usually considered separately. Central control must dispatch operating instructions to all machine units, including the input, for it must tell the input when there is room in the memory for more data and orders



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to continue the problem. The general scheme is shown in Fig. 3. The only feature of the diagram that is unnecessary is the transmission of orders (not control voltages) to and from the arithmetic unit. This is a useful way of pyramiding the hierarchy of control to achieve versatility of operation. Because orders themselves are coded to appear as numbers, orders can be modified by performing arithmetic upon them. This feature simplifies programming the mathematical problem in terms of dispatching orders, but need not concern the electronic circuit designer.

We have mentioned that orders are coded in numerical form. Suppose for example that eight different orders are desired; that is, eight different lines are to be energized. Any eight things can be represented in code form by the binary numbers 0 to 7; that is, 000, 001, 010, 011, 100, 101, 110, 111. These are the eight combinations of three places, each having either of two values. Electrically, we can have three wires, each of which may have voltage applied. If orders are pulse trains they can be converted to the static three wire combination by setting up a static register of three flip-flops. We then have three wires, any one or more of which may be hot, representing eight different possibilities, and we wish to excite any one of eight leads in accordance with these choices. In general, we have $N$ wires of two possible states each (hot or cold) giving $2^N$ combinations, and wish to excite only one of $2^N$ outputs. In practice, instead of using $N$ wires from $N$ flip-flops, having some hot and some cold, it is better to bring two wires from each flip-flop, one from each side. We then have $N$ pairs of wires, each of which has only one side hot. All input pairs are thus excited one way or the other, avoiding complications of zero-voltage input signals.

The simplest case of a decoder is where $N = 2$, so that there are two input pairs and four output leads. The circuit of Fig. 4A shows this case. The horizontal and vertical lines are connected through diodes, so that the diodes in any column form a gate, or AND circuit. If upper and lower lines of the top pair are excited positively, output from the left-hand lead is excited, and so on for the four possible combinations of input.

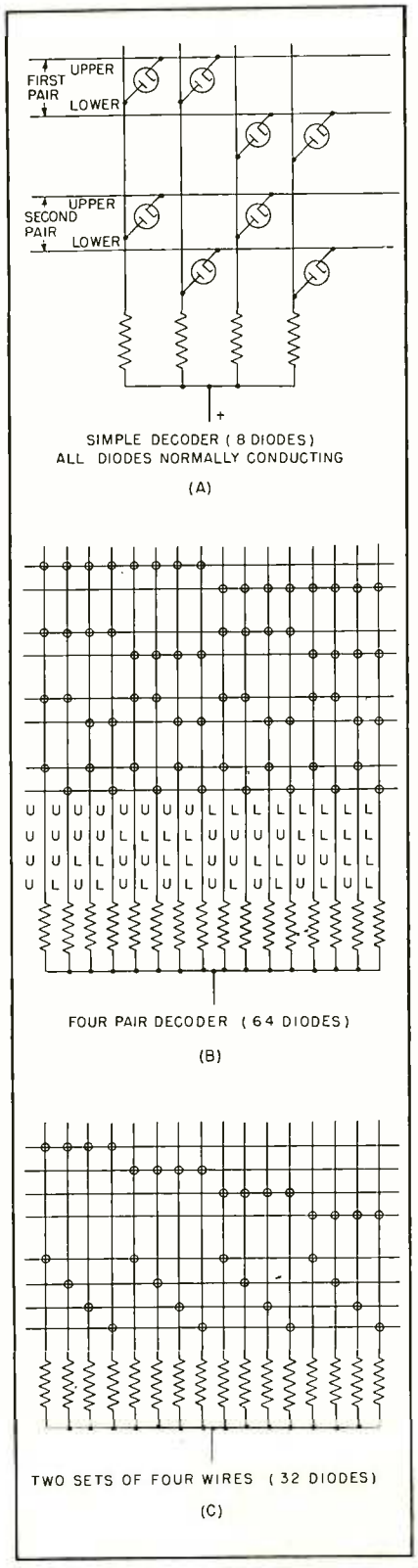



**FIG. 4—Switching circuits use unidirectional conductance of diodes**

For larger decoders, it will be convenient to indicate the presence of a diode connection between two lines by a circle at the crossover. There are no direct connections. Figure 4B shows a simple decoder for four input pairs, yielding 16 possible output excitations. Combinations of upper and lower pair excitations that result in excitation of each of the 16 lines are indicated on the figure.

This direct check of the possible combinations can be called a one-stage decoder. Fewer diodes are required if we decode in two stages, namely, by mixing two pairs as in Fig. 4A to get one line out of four, and doing the same with the other two pairs to get one line out of another set of four. We then have two sets of four lines each, in which only one line of each set is excited. These two sets can be fed into the circuit of Fig. 4C. Thus in using Fig. 4B, each output line requires a quadruple coincidence for excitation, and 64 diodes are needed. By using two circuits of Fig. 4A and one of Fig. 4C, making successive simple coincidences, we need $8 + 8 + 32 = 48$ decoders, or a saving of 25 percent.

Multistage decoding exhibits even greater savings as $N$ increases. For $N = 8$, allowing selection of any one of 256 memory tanks by virtue of the $2^8 = 256$ different gates that may be opened by an 8-pulse signal, a three-stage decoding requires only 608 diodes as against 2,048 for single-stage decoding.

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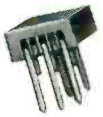
Having seen how a coded order can be converted to the selection of a gate opening voltage, it is of interest to consider briefly the general traffic handling plan. The mathematician prepares his instructions to the machine in terms of numerical data, coded orders to select which basic operation the arithmetic unit is to perform, for sequencing the machine or for expressing the routine to be followed. In general two kinds of words are put into the machine memory: numbers and orders.

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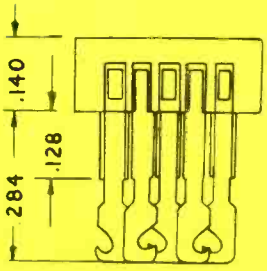
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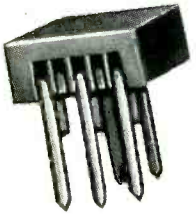
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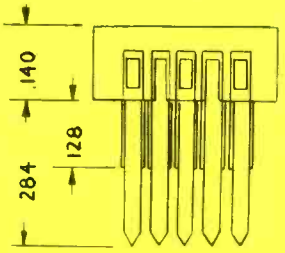
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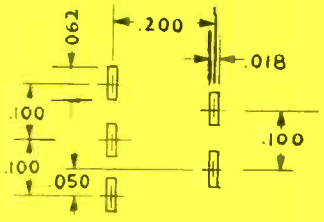
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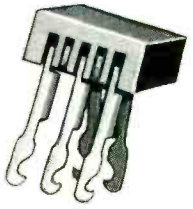


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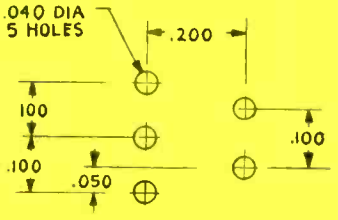


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simplicity, that the two kinds of words are of equal duration, or number of pulse positions. These 1,000 words occupy definite positions in two dimensional space-time. Hence we can consider their positions as pigeonholes numbered from 1 to 1,000 and call for transmission of a word to or from any pigeonhole. The simplest way of entering the input data is to take the first thousand words from a magnetic wire and store them sequentially in the thousand cells. This can be done by using a counter to measure off a word, and cause unity to be added to the address to which the next word is to be sent.

High speed reading of the memory can also be done sequentially by giving the address 1 as the instruction for the cell to be read and by having a built in arrangement for automatically adding unity to the address of the cell to be read. It will then automatically read cell 2 as soon as it has finished with cell 1 and is ready to read again.

A procedure that may be more flexible for repeating subsequences and setting up branch operations (choice of next order depending upon present results) and also more convenient in practical programming is the four address code. In this system each order is composed of four addresses (or memory cell locations): the address of the first operand (number to be arithmetically operated upon), the address of the second operand, the code for the operation to be performed, and the address of the next order to be read after completion of the present instructions. This system is more efficient if memory reference is slow compared to other operations; that is, if waiting time for a word to be reached in the sequential reading of a dynamic memory is relatively large because it allows the essentially simultaneous look-up of both operands.

A variation of the four address system is the use of a fifth address in the words on the input wire, to designate the cell into which that word is to be stored. The fifth address is automatically deleted as the word is entered into the machine.

In electronic digital computers, the tubes, for example, are called upon to develop a pulse of usable level, or not called upon at all. Variations between tubes, aging, or tolerances of resistors do not affect accuracy, until they become so extreme that the signal falls out of usable range. A ten to twenty per cent variation of signal strength has no effort on a series of pulses. Ideally a computing machine works perfectly or not at all. Actually, as tubes deteriorate, there is a threshold at which operation may be erratic. By setting a limit checking circuit for a safe level margin, this otherwise possible operation can be put in the class with complete breakdown.

Errors can occur due to noise generating a false pulse at an allowed pulse time when the word transmitted has a zero in that position. This noise pulse may be indistinguishable from a proper pulse. Occurrence of errors due to such random causes can be guarded against by one of several checking schemes.

One of the most elaborate checking schemes that has been proposed is to check the arithmetic and the transmission. The arithmetic can be checked in a fashion similar to the ancient system of casting out 9's, where each number is expressed as its excess over a multiple of 9; that is, it has a value of 0—8. This is done by adding sideways. The 9's excess of a sum of numbers is equal to the sum of their individual excesses, (expressed as an excess if larger than 9). The 9's excess of the product of two numbers equals the (excess of the) product of their excesses. A simple auxiliary addition or multiplication on the excesses has often been used for checking arithmetic. For example, multiplying 371 by 24 gives 8904. The 9's excess of 371 is found by adding the digits $3 + 7 + 1 = 11$, $1 + 1 = 2$. Similarly, the 9's excess of 24 is 6. The product of these two excesses is 12, having itself an excess of 3, which agrees with the excess of 8904, $8 + 4 = 12$, $1 + 2 = 3$. A corresponding procedure of casting out $(2^N - 1)$ can be set up for binary computation, and a small auxiliary arithmetic unit operated simultaneously with the main unit.

This type of checking lends itself to verifying correct transmission of a number. The excess count of a number can be stored with it in the memory for performing the parallel arithmetic check. It can be used as a transmission check by taking the excess count of a number received by the arithmetic unit and comparing it with the received check count. Very peculiar transmission errors are required to make the new count of an incorrectly transmitted number agree with either its original count or an incorrectly transmitted count. This type of checking is based on arithmetic.

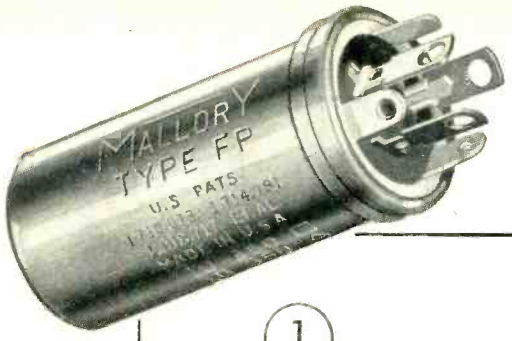
Checking the address selection exercised by central control can be done by storing with each word its address. When the word and accompanying address is read, the read address is checked against the called-for address. This checks both the spatial and temporal phases of word selection in the machine.

Electronic design of machines is fast progressing to the point where they will be more perfect than the mathematics set up for them. I refer to such varied factors as round-off error, inevitably introduced by working to a fixed number of significant figures. If a machine performs 1,000 arithmetic operations a second for days on end, what relationship does the final answer have to the original hypotheses? Some mathematical research is being done on this point. A more vital question is the design of mathematics suited for machines. Many procedures use machines for replacing human computers, using numerical computational schemes developed for the human brain. Characteristics of an electronic machine are different from those of a human brain, and it is reasonable to suppose that computational procedures can be devised which, although unsuited for hand computing, are well adapted to machine routines. Such procedures have been developed for a few special problems.

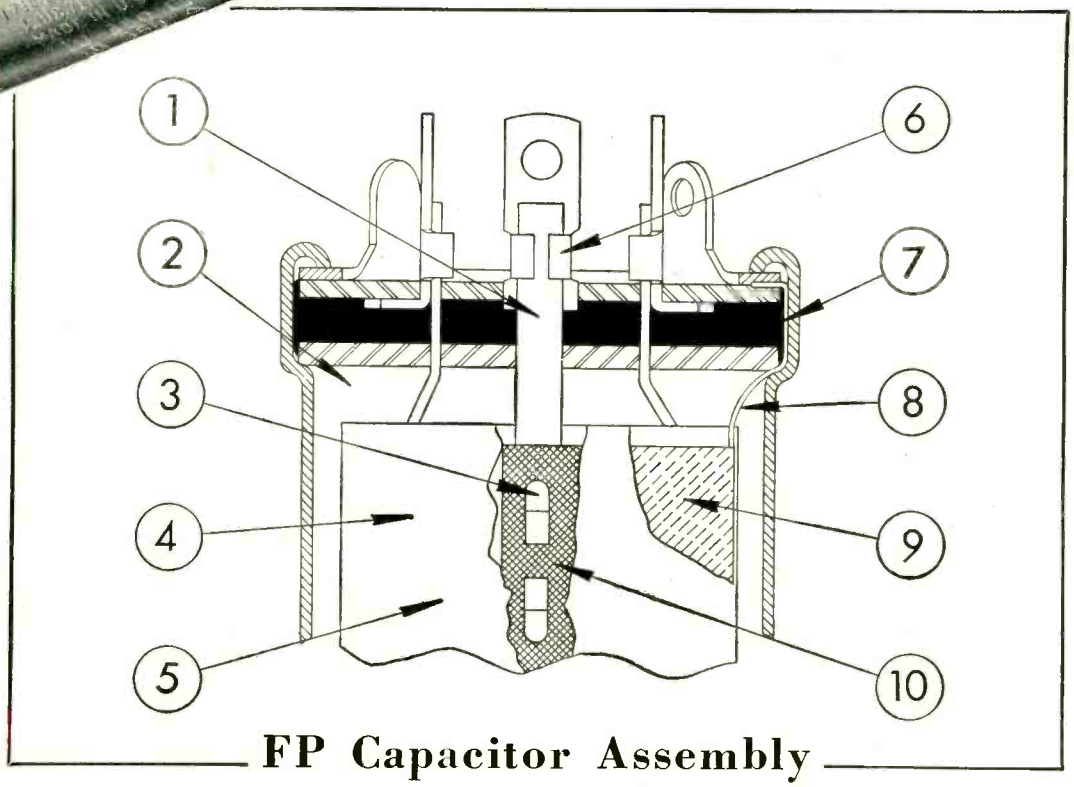
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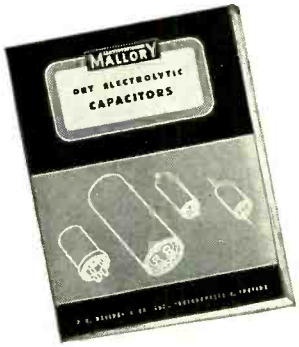

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The receivers were mounted so that they faced the sidewalk when the jeep was parked on the right-hand side of the street. Thus each jeep could be parked along the highway enabling spectators to watch the television picture from the sidewalk without producing a traffic hazard.

Table model television sets were used, standard Philco model 1001 receivers with 10-inch direct-view screens. As the picture shows, each television set was mounted on a special rack at the right rear of each jeep, and a 12-foot aluminum antenna was also mounted on the side of each jeep. The antenna comes in 6-foot sections, and two sections were used.

For driving along highways with bridges or low-hanging trees, the top mast section and dipole were detached and strapped to the top of the jeep. A single half-wave dipole without a reflector was fastened to the top mast section. This was connected to the receiver by a 70-ohm coaxial line to minimize ignition interference from passing automobiles.




Philco ten-inch table model television receiver mounted on a jeep for the convenience of roadside viewers

Such an installation is useful for observing television reception in various locations. Measurements of field strength may be taken by checking agc voltage and multipath may be observed by watching the picture. The jeeps had standard JAN ignition suppression and in the absence of bad standing waves it was possible to obtain a steady picture when the jeep was traveling at 30 mph.

Power for each set was supplied by three 120-ampere-hour storage batteries in the back of each jeep. One battery supplied heater voltage at 14.4 amperes to all tubes. For the purpose, the 5V4 damper tube was replaced by a 6W4.

The other two batteries supplied two Mallory VP-555 Vibrapacks whose total output was 340 volts d-c at 140 ma. Cold-cathode 0Z4 rectifiers were used and filament power was applied at least 30 seconds before the Vibrapacks were energized.

Initially planned by the staff of WCAU-TV, the idea was executed by Philco engineers under the direction of Joseph Fisher, project engineer, Research Division, Philco Corporation. One engineer from Philco Service accompanied each jeep, with the regular uniformed drivers of the Keystone Automobile Club. The jeeps are normally used for emergency calls and are equipped with mobile radiotelephone, and now have mobile television.

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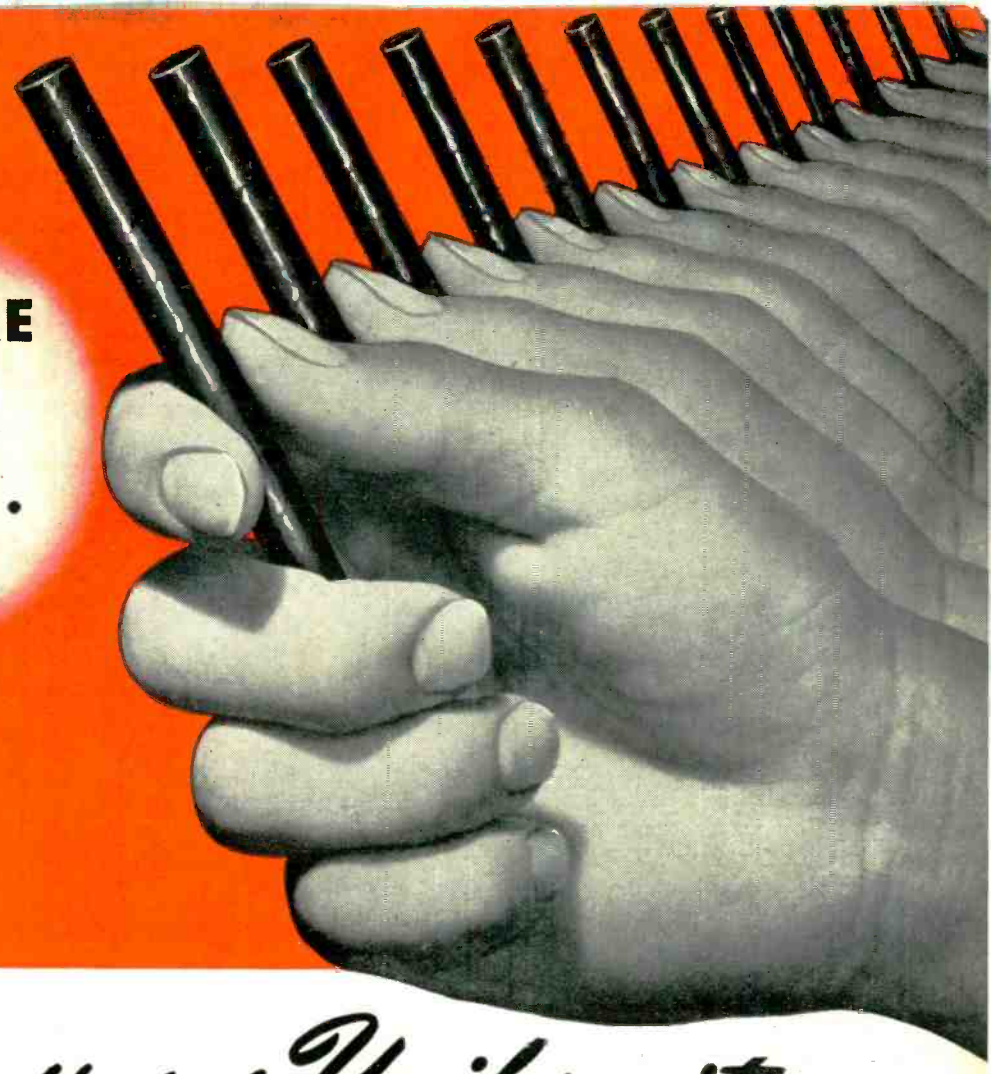
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pulse. Adequate heater voltage was found important to stabilize sync action.

To cover both the high and the low channels, an all-band antenna was shortened and modified at the center as a compromise between good performance at the proper length and ease of mobility of the vehicle.

Ignition suppressors and special generator filtering were found desirable but no special shielding was added to the receiver circuits. It was found to be important to have low set and car noise during minimum signals in the standing wave pattern.

The high-channel signals seemed to have more standing waves and ghosts. In severe standing waves the agc was able to follow signals on the low channels better because the standing waves occur about three times as far apart. Video and audio signals seemed to have different standing wave patterns.

Signals from the high-band channels were stable in open flat country but tend to have somewhat deeper shadows behind hills as expected. Standing waves were found to be greatest near large metal structures such as a bridge but were often perfectly stable under the bridge. Strangely, slight ghosts appeared in a few areas in flat open country without overhead wires or other objects that cause reflection.

## Industrial Tube Tester

THE EFFICIENCY of gas or mercury-filled industrial tubes such as thyratrons and phanotrons is tested by the circuit shown in Fig. 1.

In most cases, gas or mercury vapor tubes are used as high-current, low-voltage devices. For that reason, this General Electric tube tester is designed to test the ability of the tube with high current passing through it. The passage of current may readily be seen by noting the familiar blue glow.

Tube efficiency can be determined by measuring the voltage drop from anode to cathode when rated peak anode current is passed. With the TT-1 tube tester, the rated peak, anode current is carried by the tube under test for a half-cycle shot once per second, thus preventing the cathode of the tube from warming up due to the passage of current. The lowering of the voltage drop due to passage of current can easily be checked by allowing the tube to conduct during short portions of each cycle for a few minutes and noting the change in the dial setting required to light the indicating neon tube. This is the reason for making the test reading on the first five conducting cycle positions. A voltage drop of 25 volts is usually considered the maximum limit for good tubes at rated peak anode current.

An anode-to-cathode voltage of 110 volts is placed across the tube for one-half cycle of a 60-cycle source by means of a contactor which is opened and closed by an electronic circuit when the test button is pushed. Various peak currents may be put through a tube by changing the load resistor to various selector settings. When current passes the tube under test, a voltage drop appears across the tube which lights the indicating neon light if the voltage drop exceeds the rated value. The zero calibration is set for a series of tests to compensate for the slight change in the tube characteristics in the electronic calibrating circuit.

In testing ability of the tube to pass current, other defects of the tube are automatically tested. If a tube is leaky or gassy, has an open filament or low emission, it will immediately show up as having poor ability by a high voltage drop.

Mercury vapor pressure inside of tubes nearly doubles for every 10 C rise in temperature. Too low a mercury pressure causes a high-voltage drop from anode to cathode and therefore speeds up the positive ions in the region between the anode and cathode, resulting in bombardment of the delicate cathode coating. A higher mercury pressure lowers the tube's voltage drop but also lowers the ability of the tube to withstand inverse voltage. For these reasons, mercury tubes have a minimum and maximum temperature limit, usually from 40 to 80 C.

Temperature is measured at the point where condensation takes place, usually at the bottom of the tube. A test of the ability of the tube as given by the TT-1 tube tester is made at the lower temperature limit so that tests will be under the highest voltage-drop condition. However, in low ambient temperatures a longer period than the cathode heating time is required in order to get the condensed mercury temperature of the tube to this lower temperature limit.

For this reason, and also because it is necessary for the mercury to be properly distributed (all condensed in the bottom of the tube), a heating time longer than the normal cathode heating time is called for in the instructions for use of this tester. A condensed mercury temperature of 40 C is usually taken as the temperature for measuring the ability of the cathode.

Gas-filled tubes differ from mercury-filled tubes in that the gas pressure does not vary excessively in normal temperature conditions of

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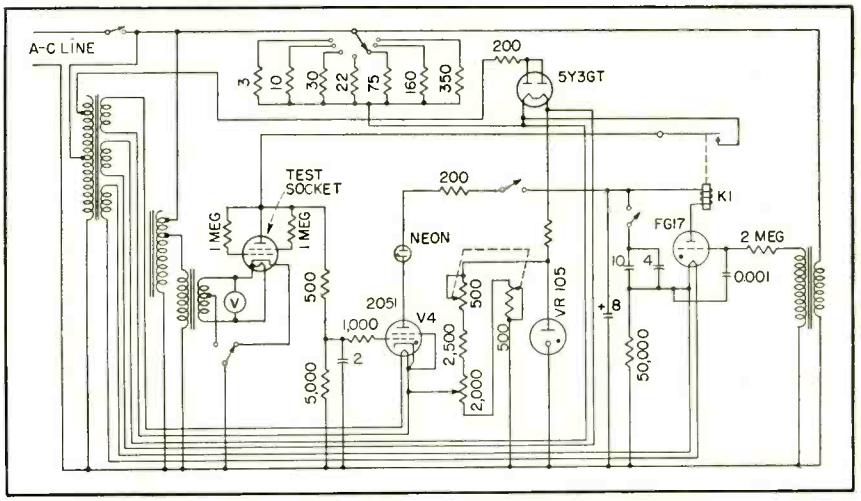



FIG. 1—Complete circuit of tube tester for phanotrons and thyratrons

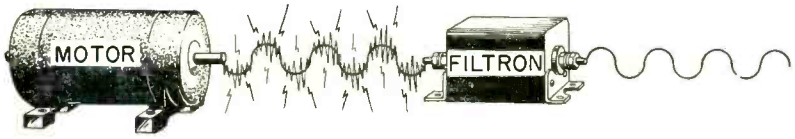


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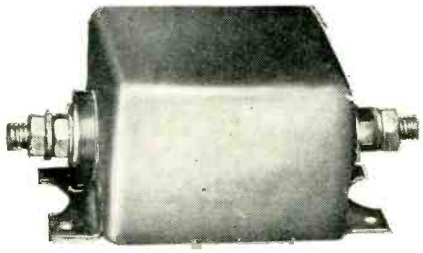





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# THE ELECTRON ART

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## Detection of Microwaves

ABSORPTION OF MICROWAVES by gases has been studied to determine such physical constants as molecular dipole moments.[1] In these investigations thermal and acoustic effects have also been observed.[2] Using the expansion produced in gases by their absorption of microwave energy it has been possible to detect as little as 10 milliwatts with relatively simple apparatus. The absorption phenomena can also be used, at low gas pressure, to stabilize the frequency of microwave oscillators as effectively as oscillators of lower frequency are stabilized by quartz crystals.[3]

*Microwave Wattmeter*

Figure 1 shows a wattmeter. The resonant gas-tight metal cavity is filled with a highly absorbing gas such as ammonia or one of the Freons. The cavity communicates with the U-tube in which is a light liquid that does not react with the gas. When a transmitter generating 10 watts is coupled to the resonator the liquid is deflected about 12 inches in a second; equally rapid response is obtained when the power is cut off.

This type of wattmeter can be used with 1.25-cm and 3.2-cm transmitters delivering either continuous or pulsed power. The action is a consequence of the conversion by resonant molecular absorption of the microwave energy, followed by collisions of the excited molecules thereby converting their internal energy into an increased gas pressure.

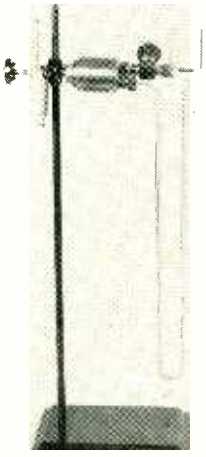


FIG. 1—Wattmeter utilizes expansion of gases produced when they absorb microwaves

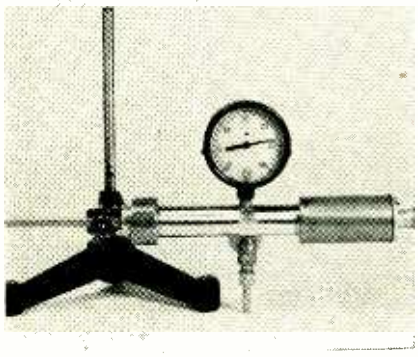


FIG. 2—Gas-filled cavity is acoustically resonant to modulation, electrically resonant to carrier frequency

*Resonant Absorber*

The conversion of microwave energy into gas pressure can be used directly as a detector of modulated microwaves. If a balloon, filled with an absorbing gas, is placed in the throat of a horn excited by a microwave transmitter, the modulation will be heard for some distance as the gas in the balloon expands and contracts in proportion to the instantaneous energy of the wave. Such an arrangement constitutes a true *wireless* receiver.

The technique can be used in a sensitive detector having square-law response. A gas-filled cavity is arranged that is acoustically resonant at the modulation frequency and electromagnetically resonant at the carrier frequency, as shown in Fig. 2. A study of the optimum wave configurations for excitation of the cavity indicated that the microwave energy should be confined to only half of the cavity. A cutoff guide can be inserted at the midsection to confine the electromagnetic waves without disturbing the acoustic waves. A Rochelle-salt crystal is coupled to the aluminum disc that seals the end of the cavity. A conventional audio amplifier and vacuum-tube voltmeter complete the experimental equipment. It is sufficiently sensitive to detect 10 milliwatts of modulated uhf.

The same technique could be used by a football coach to communicate with a quarterback. The coach would use a highly directional voice-modulated microwave transmitter. The quarterback would have a helmet equipped with a gas-filled ear piece.


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(2) W. D. Hershberger, E. T. Bush, and G. W. Leck, Thermal and Acoustic Effects Attending Absorption of Microwaves by Gases, *RCA Review*, p 422, Sept. 1946, on which the foregoing article is based.
(3) W. D. Hershberger and L. E. Norton, Frequency Stabilization with Microwave Spectral Lines, *RCA Review*, p 38, March 1948.


## Plotting Electron Paths


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TRAJECTORY OF AN ELECTRON is frequently determined graphically. The method described here uses a universal set of curves developed on the assumption that the electron trajectory between equipotentials is an arc of a parabola. The curves are used in conjunction with a map of the electric field in which the electron moves, and requires knowledge of the initial position and velocity of the electron in that field.

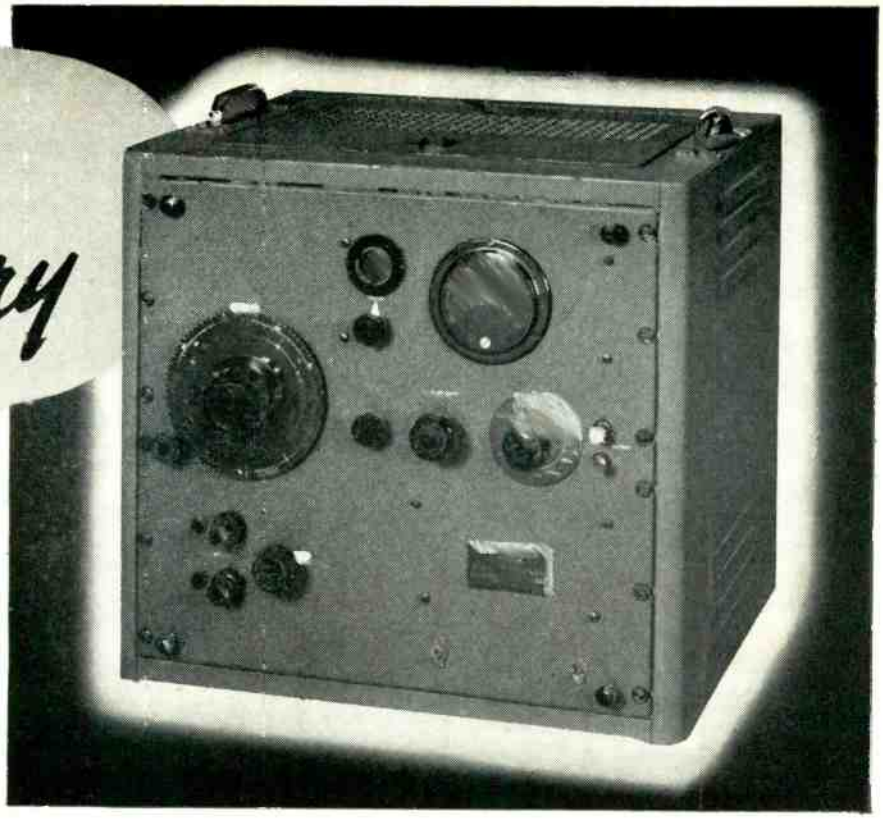
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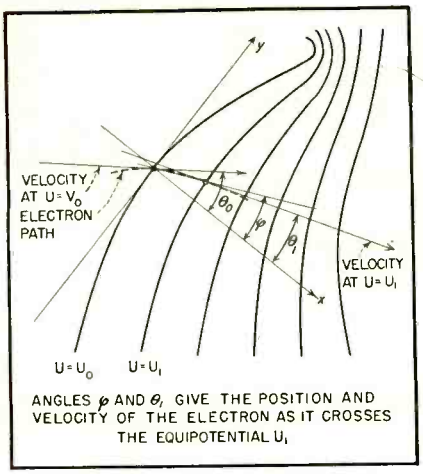



FIG. 1—Notation for general problem

reducing the problem to a mathematical statement, in the study of electron paths the equations of motion, though readily obtained, are difficult to solve. In most design problems the electron does not reach relativistic velocities, so that its mass can be considered constant. Usually there is negligible magnetic field, and, for beams of low density, the region is also free of electrostatic charges. Although this latter assumption will introduce an error, the error is slight and can be taken into account geometrically.[1] These simplifications lead to the equation of motion

$$(d/dt)\, V = (e/m)\text{grad}\, U \qquad (1)$$

where $V$ is a vector representing the electron's velocity, $U$ is a vector representing field potential, whose value in a charge-free region can be obtained by calculation or by an experimental technique such as the electrolytic tank[2]; $m$ represents the mass, and $e$ the charge of an electron. Because the values are expressed in MKS units, there are no numerical constants.

Equation 1 cannot readily be integrated because of the difficulty of expressing $U$ in analytical form for usual configurations. On the other hand, because $U$ is usually available in the form of equipotential contours, the partial derivatives of $V$ along Cartesian coordinates $X$, $Y$, and $Z$ can be determined, and can be considered constant within a small region of the field.

The basis of this graphical method is to assume that the potential gradient is constant between equipotentials, and to compute the trajectory through this region. Then another short span is similarly treated, and so on. To make it practicable to repeat the process, a simple graphical method is developed.

### *Universal Curves*

To systematize the construction, an analytical expression for the motion of an electron is obtained and a universal plot is made from which individual problems can be solved by projection.

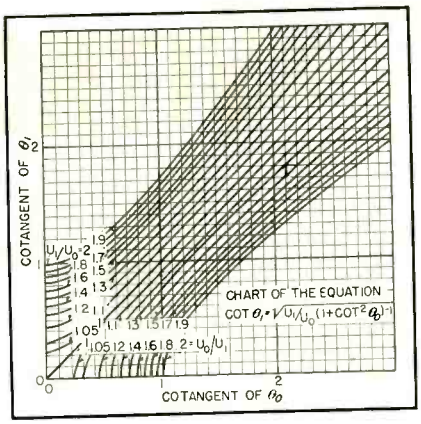



FIG. 2—Chart of universal equation

Due to the initial assumptions, Eq. 1 becomes

$$A_X = (e/m)\,(U_1 - U_0)/X_1 \qquad (2)$$
$$A_Y = 0$$

having taken the $X$ axis perpendicular to the equipotential contour $U_0$ at the point where the electron intersects it (the origin for this particular phase of the solution), $A_X$ is the acceleration in the $X$ direction, $U_0$ is the potential contour at which the velocity of the electron is given, and $U_1$ is the contour at which it is to be found; $X_1$ is the distance between contours (Fig. 1).

With the above orientation of coordinates, there is no acceleration in the $Y$ direction. For fields of usual symmetry, there will be no acceleration in the $Z$ direction, and it will be assumed that there is no initial component of velocity in the $Z$ direction. Integrating Eq. 2 gives

$$V_X = V_{X0} + \frac{e}{m}\,\frac{U_1 - U_0}{X_1}\,t \qquad (3)$$
$$V_Y = V_{Y0}$$

in which $V_{X0}$ and $V_{Y0}$ are the given initial components of velocity. Integrating Eq. 3 gives the coordinates of position of the electron

$$X_1 = V_{X0}\,t + \frac{1}{2}\,\frac{e}{m}\,\frac{U_1 - U_0}{X_1}\,t^2 \qquad (4)$$
$$Y_1 = V_{Y0}\,t$$

At time $t_1$ the electron crosses contour $U_1$ at position $X_1$, $Y_1$. From the above equations it is seen that, under the assumed conditions, the trajectory between contours is a segment of a parabola.

Because the time of flight is usually not of interest, it need not be found. The magnitude of the final velocity can be determined from

$$V^2 = 2\,(e/m)\,U \qquad (5)$$

in which $U$ is the total potential difference through which the electron has fallen. From the geometry of the problem as shown in Fig. 1

$$\begin{aligned} Y_1 &= V_{Y0}\,t \\ (Y_1/X_1) &= \tan\phi \\ (V_{Y1}/V_{X1}) &= \tan\theta_1 \\ (V_{Y0}/V_{X0}) &= \tan\theta_0 \end{aligned} \qquad (6)$$

where $\phi$ determines the point where the electron intersects $U_1$, $\theta_1$ indicates the path of intersection, and $\theta_0$ is the angle of intersection of $U_0$. Using these relations, the pairs of parametric equations (Eq. 4) can be reduced to

$$\cot\phi = 0.5\,(\cot\theta_0 + \cot\theta_1) \qquad (7)$$
$$\cot\theta_1 = \pm\left\{(U_0/U_1)\,(1 + \cot^2\theta_0) - 1\right\}^{1/2}$$

Only the second of these relations need be considered, and only the positive sign need be chosen for it. The negative value would apply if the electron described the entire parabola, cutting the equipotentials.

Although the position of the electron at equipotential $U_1$ could be obtained from Eq. 4 or 7, and the process repeated at the next contour, the trajectory can be obtained more conveniently by constructing a universal family of curves from the second of Eq. 7. The curves are hyperbolas symmetrical about the axes, but not with common foci. Mutually reciprocal values of $U_1/U_0$ are associated with curves symmetrical about the $x = y$ line. The chart is thus as shown in Fig. 2, but only one half of it need be constructed for actual use.

### *Graphical Construction*

To plot the path of an electron, a sheet on which the universal curves are plotted is placed on a map of the potential field as shown in Fig. 3. The lower edge of the chart is

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mended load impedance is 5 megohms.

## Two-Speed Changer

MAGNAVOX CO., Fort Wayne 4, Indiana. A new two-speed record changer that makes it possible to play the new long-playing records at 33.3 rpm will also play conventional discs at 78 rpm. Pickup weight is 5 grams.

## F-M Monitor

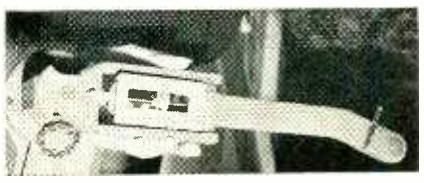
DOOLITTLE RADIO, INC., 7421 S. Loomis Blvd., Chicago 36, Ill. The FD-12 f-m frequency and modulation monitor handles up to four frequencies anywhere between 25 mc and 170 mc and has an accuracy of



0.0015 percent. A 500-ohm output is provided for audio monitoring. Power consumption is 80 watts.

## Tone Arm

GENERAL ELECTRIC CO., Syracuse, N. Y. A new tone arm equipped with a variable reluctance cartridge for playback of 10 and 12-inch records has a 1-ounce stylus pressure. Designated No. UPA-002, the unit is a companion to the professional transcription arm (illustrated) type FA-21-A with stylus pressure adjustable by means of a calibrated scale.



## Alignment Generator

PHILCO CORP., Philadelphia, Pa., introduces a portable visual alignment generator, model 7008, for



television and f-m receivers, and for research and engineering work in frequencies from 3.2 to 250 mc. Price is $395.

## Two-Jaw Clip

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## Lab Counter Set

EL-TRONICS, INC., Philadelphia, Pa. Model LS64 laboratory counter set is a complete instrument for use with Geiger counter tubes in measuring radiation intensities.



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## Ceramic Pickup

ASTATIC CORP., Conneaut, Ohio. Model QC pickup cartridge with



ceramic element has great physical ruggedness. It has a frequency range of 50 to 10,000 cycles and needle pressure of one ounce.

## New Converters

RADIO CORP. OF AMERICA, Harrison, N. J. Types 6BA7 and 12BA7 high-gain pentagrid converters are identical except for heater ratings. They have a conversion transconductance of 90 micromhos with 250 volts on the plate. The short inter-




nal leads are so designed for service in f-m broadcasting. A brochure is available.

## UHF Signal Generator

BOONTON RADIO CORP., Boonton, N. J. Type 218 signal generator is a portable signal source for receiver measurements in the band from 400 to 1,000 megacycles. Maximum power output is 1 milliwatt

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**New equipment, components, tubes, testing apparatus and products closely allied to the electronics field. A review of catalogs, handbooks, technical bulletins and other manufacturers' literature**

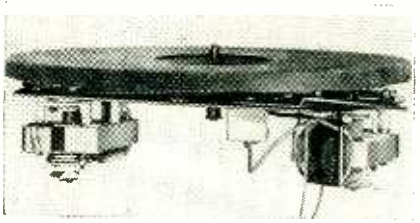
## 500-Mc Tube

RAYTHEON MFG. CO., Newton, Mass. Type CK5703 (formerly CK608CX) has a mutual conductance of 5,000 micromhos and amplification factor of 25. It has a 3-watt plate dissipation and can be made to produce about a watt of output power at 500 megacycles.



## Old-New Record Turntable

ALLIANCE MFG. CO., Alliance, Ohio. A new dual-speed turntable operating at either 33.3 or 78 rpm is a modification of the model 80, containing two motors instead of one. Only one motor is used at a time.



## Oscillosynchroscope

BROWNING LABORATORIES, INC., 742 Main St., Winchester, Mass. Model OL-15B Oscillosynchroscope includes a vertical amplifier bandwidth of 6 mc, recurrent sweeps of 5 to 500,000 per second and driven sweep rates of 0.25 microseconds per inch to 200 microseconds per inch. The instrument is self-contained and uses a 5-in. cathode ray tube.



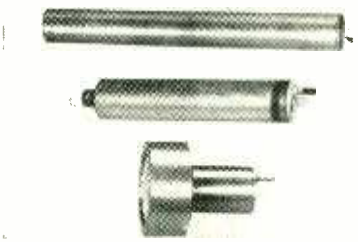
## Ultrasonic Thickness Gage

PHOTOCON RESEARCH PRODUCTS, 1062 North Allen Ave., Pasadena 7, Calif. The Metroscope measures wall thickness of metal, plastic, and glass parts from one surface and will also detect flaws or imperfections in these materials. Using ultrasonic frequencies, the device operates on the basis of thickness vibrations, and gives a cathode-ray presentation of its findings.



## Geiger Tubes

NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT LAB., Box 7601, Kansas City, Missouri. Thin-window, thin-wall, and all-metal cosmic ray counters illustrated are completely described in Bulletin 10.



## Diversity Reception

DECIMETER, INC., 1428 Market St., Denver 2, Colorado. The DM-430 Diverse Adaptor selects the better of two antennas for receiving the desired signal on as little as 0.05 volt of avc. It operates on 200 to 300 volts at 15 ma and filament supply of 6.3 volts a-c at 1.5 amperes.



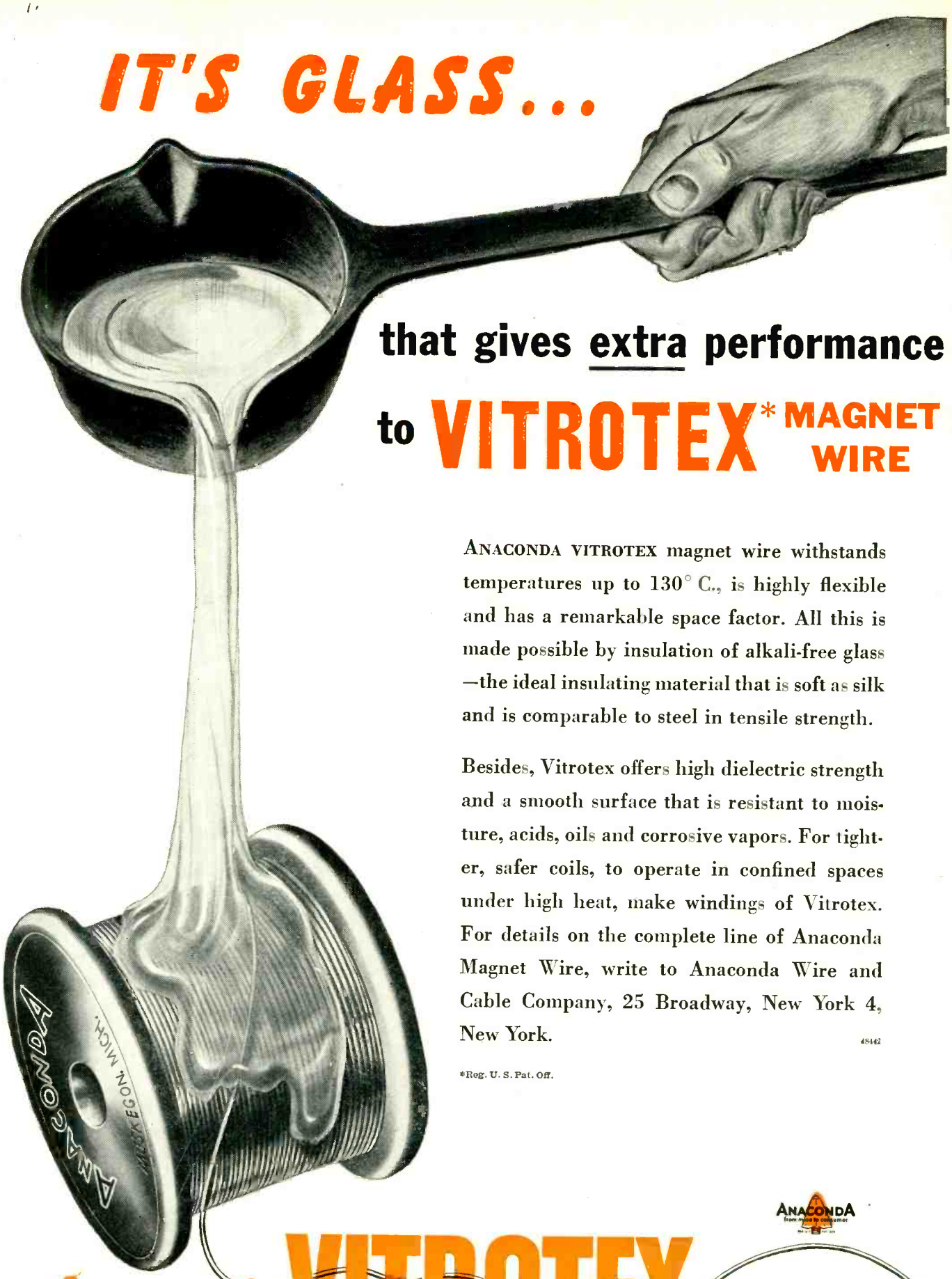

## Ceramic Microphones

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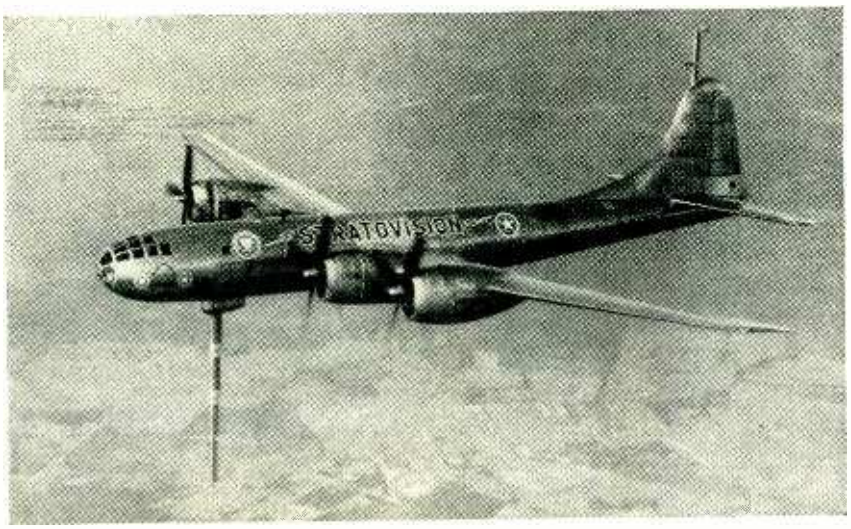
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# NEWS OF THE INDUSTRY

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## Rural industrial radio; URSI-IRE meeting; tv reallocation; Army tests transistors; utilities radio group; IRE-RMA Fall meeting

### Stratovision Demonstration




Stratovision's flying television station over outskirts of Pittsburgh

RURAL AND SMALL town television coverage is now in the offing by means of Stratovision, whereas service in such areas could not otherwise be expected for years. A recent experiment in which some 40 reporters were flown to Zanesville, Ohio, was not too successful due to weather conditions, but a solution for the problem has been promised.

The principal purpose of the recent experiment conducted by Westinghouse and Glenn H. Martin Co. was to show the FCC why the sponsor should get channel 8 in Pittsburgh for regular ground service and Stratovision and why no other channel 8 station should be permitted within 200 miles of the city.

Immediate plans called for making KDKA-TV the conventional ground station operating several hours daily. It would then go off the air and would relay its programs by microwave to the plane, which would spray the channel 8 signal over a 200 to 250 mile radius.

Electronic equipment aboard the plane consists of a 5-kw video transmitter, the size of an ice-box; a 1-kw audio transmitter, intended to be placed in the same rack with the video; a transmitting mast 25 feet long, with 2 bays, lowering from the bomb-bay; and a receiving mast 8 feet long projecting from the tail fin.

The system when perfected would use four planes at each station. Two would alternate in the air, four hours at a time, while two were being serviced on the ground.

### Highlights of RMA Convention

ANTICIPATED MILITARY requirements of a billion dollars annually for radio and electronics equipment recently prompted the RMA board of directors, led by president Max F. Balcom, to appoint an eight-man industry mobilization policy committe. The committee, appointed at the RMA's 24th annual convention in Chicago, consists of Fred R. Lack of Western Electric Co. as chairman, Paul V. Galvin of Motorola Inc., vice-chairman, Frank M. Folsom of RCA Victor, Harry A. Ehle of International Resistance Co., George R. Haase of Operadio Mfg. Co., H. L. Hoffman of Hoffman Radio Corp., W. A. MacDonald of Hazeltine Electronics Corp., and R. C. Sprague of Sprague Electric Co.

Objectives of the committee are to persuade government officials to establish a four-man committee to centralize and coordinate procurement of equipment and components, and to seek means of expediting production of military equipment through spreading work among all segments of the radio industry.

Other accomplishments of the convention were the reelection of Max F. Balcom as president of RMA for his second term, election of three new division chairmen and three new directors, re-election of 12 directors and two division chairmen, and the admission of 13 manufacturers as new members.

New division chairmen are: Set Division—George M. Gardner, president of Wells-Gardner & Co., Chicago; RMA Parts Division—A. D. Plamondon, Jr., president of the Indiana Steel Products Co., of Chicago; Transmitter Division—T. A. Smith of RCA Victor Division, Camden, N. J.; Tube Division—R. E. Carlson of Newark, N. J.; Amplifier & Sound Equipment Division—Fred D. Wilson of Operadio Manufacturing Co., St. Charles, Ill.

New directors are: Allen B. DuMont, president of Allen B. DuMont Laboratories, Inc., Passaic, N. J.; John W. Craig general manager of the Crosley Division of Avco Manufacturing Corp., Cincinnati, Ohio; and Herbert W. Clough, vice-president of Belden Manufacturing Co., Chicago.

The twelve directors who were reelected are: Benjamin Abrams, Max F. Balcom, W. J. Barkley, H. C. Bonfig, G. Richard Fryling, Samuel Insull, Jr., J. J. Kahn, F. R. Lack, W. A. MacDonald, A. D. Plamondon, Jr., Allen Shoup and G. W. Thompson. Retiring directors are past president R. C. Cosgrove, Lloyd A. Hammarlund and Monte Cohen.

Leslie F. Muter of Chicago was relected RMA treasurer for his fourteenth year, Dr. W. R. G. Baker of Syracuse, New York, was reelected director of the RMA Engineering Department. Bond Geddes was reelected executive vice-president.

Following are the 13 new members elected: Aircraft-Marine Products, Inc., Harrisburg, Pa.; Barnes Metal Products Company, Chicago 23, Ill.; David Bogen Co., Inc., New York 12, N. Y.; Consolidated Television Corp., New York 1, N. Y.; Drake Manufacturing Company, Chicago 22, Ill.; Electronic Tube Corporation, Philadelphia 18, Pa.; General Precision Equipment Corp., New York 7, N. Y.; Perfection Electric Co., Chicago 5, Ill.; Radio Specialty Mfg. Co., Portland 14, Ore.; Shure Brothers, Incorporated, Chicago 10, Ill.; Rowe Industries, Toledo 9, Ohio; Wirt Company, Philadelphia 44, Pa.; W. M. C. Inc., Chicago 47, Ill.

Following action by the RMA Set Division and upon recommendation of retiring chairman Paul Galvin,



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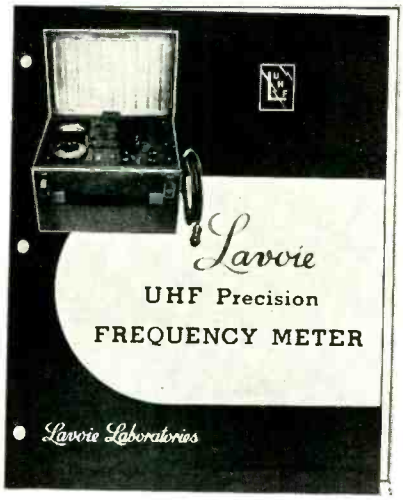
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Fred R. Lack, vice-president of Western Electric, addressing membership luncheon at annual convention of RMA in Chicago

the board of directors voted to continue the policy not to sponsor or endorse any public or trade shows of television or radio receivers. The board also adopted a resolution asking the FCC to retain the present numbers of the twelve television channels for the avoidance of confusion.

Finally, associate director Virgil Graham reported that the Rochester Fall Meetings in the future will be under the sponsorship and direction of the RMA Engineering Department in cooperation with the IRE, instead of the Rochester Fall Meeting Committee which originated these annual engineering conferences.

## Instrumentation Conference

A THREE-DAY conference on electronic instrumentation in medicine and nucleonics, jointly sponsored by the AIEE and IRE, is scheduled to be held in New York City, Nov. 29 to Dec. 1, 1948. Arrangements are to have the area of common interest fall on the second day of the meeting. On the first day, devoted to electronic aids to medicine, such items as biological amplifiers and recording devices (c-r oscillograph, electrocardiograph and electroencephalograph) will be covered. The second and third days will cover nucleonic instrumentation, including subjects of interest in medicine and physics. The second of these three days will be devoted to matters of interest to medical personnel, including stable isotope measurement.

Further information on the conference and registration may be obtained by writing to C. C. Wilson, AIEE Headquarters, 33 W. 39th St., New York 18, N. Y.

### MEETINGS

AUG. 20-29: All-Electrical Exposition, Pan-Pacific Auditorium, Los Angeles, Calif.

AUG. 24-27: AIEE Pacific General Meeting, Spokane, Wash.

AUG. 30-SEPT. 17: 114th national meeting, American Chemical Society. Eastern session, Washington, D. C., Aug. 30-Sept. 3; midwest session, St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 6-10; western session, Portland, Ore., Sept. 13-17.

SEPT. 4-6: ARRL Convention, Milwaukee Auditorium, Milwaukee.

SEPT. 6-11: International television meeting, with exhibition Sept. 2 to 15, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich. Address inquiries to Secretariat, International Television Meeting, Gloriastrasse 41, Zurich 6, Switzerland.

SEPT. 13-17: Third Instrument Conference and Exhibit, Convention Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

SEPT. 20-23: Annual meeting, Associated Police Communication Officers, Inc., Rice Hotel, Houston.

SEPT. 27-OCT. 1: Third National Plastics Exposition, Grand Central Palace, New York City.

SEPT. 29-OCT. 2: Pacific Electronic Exhibition and IRE west coast Annual Convention, Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif.

OCT. 5-7: AIEE Middle-Eastern District Meeting, Washington, D. C.

OCT. 7-9: Second joint meeting, URSI and IRE, National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C.

OCT. 11-12: PM Association Second Annual Convention, Sheraton Hotel, Chicago.

OCT. 12-16: Fifth National Chemical Exposition, Coliseum, Chicago, Ill.

OCT. 23-29: Annual convention, American Society for Metals, Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia.

OCT. 25-28: Annual Fall meeting of the Institute of Metals, Division, American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, Hotel Adelphia, Philadelphia.

OCT. 25-29: National Metal Exposition, Commercial Museum and Convention Halls, Philadelphia.

OCT. 25-29: Annual Convention, American Welding Society, Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia.

OCT. 25-29: 64th semiannual convention, Society of Motion Picture Engineers, Hotel Statler, Washington, D. C.

OCT. 27-28: Annual Convention, Society for Non-Destructive Testing, Hotel Adelphia, Philadelphia.

NOV. 4-6: National Electronics Conference, Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago.

NOV. 8-10: Twentieth Rochester Fall Meeting of members of IRE and RMA Engineering Dept., Sheraton Hotel, Rochester, N. Y.

NOV. 29-DEC. 1: Conference on electronic instrumentation in nucleonics and medicine, sponsored by IRE and AIEE, Engineering Societies Building, New York City.

NOV. 29-DEC. 4: 18th National Exposition of Power and Mechanical Engineering, Grand Central Palace, New York.

## Soviet Television

INDICATIVE of the status of television in the USSR is the fact that one electrical appliance store in Moscow now has on sale to the general public the Moskvich T-1 television receiver. It is a 20-tube set with combination f-m radio reception but only an adapter for record-playing.

However, reconstruction work is being carried out at the Moscow Tele-Center television broadcasting station, which is still using 343-line pictures, for changeover to 625-line pictures. Image clarity at the Leningrad center has been increased to 441-line pictures compared with the prewar 240-line images. Regular

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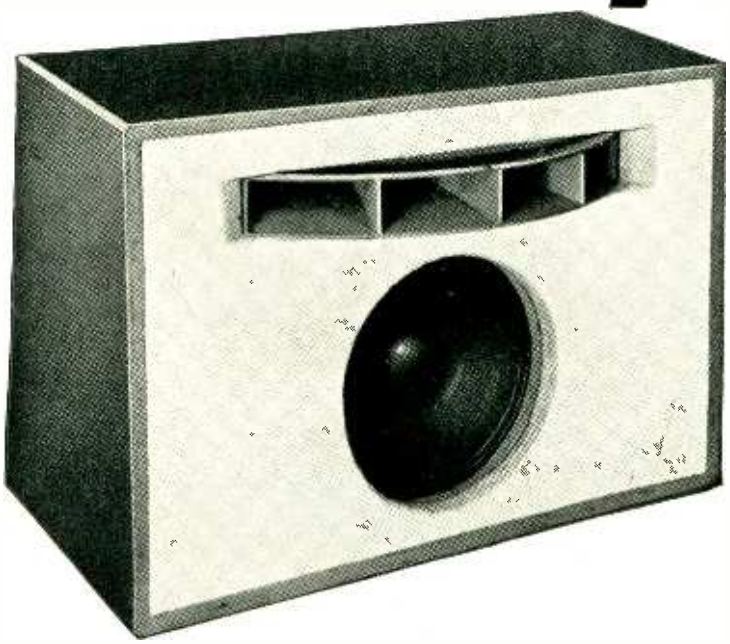
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In general testing, a few points should be reviewed before a tube has definitely been considered bad:

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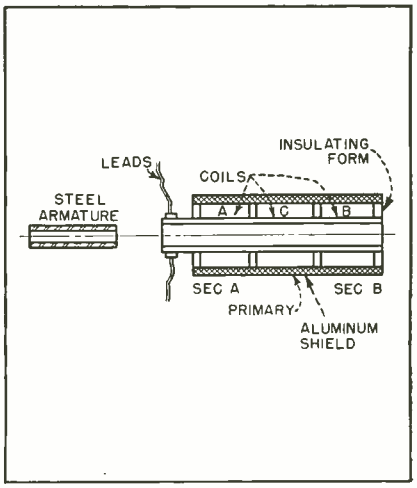


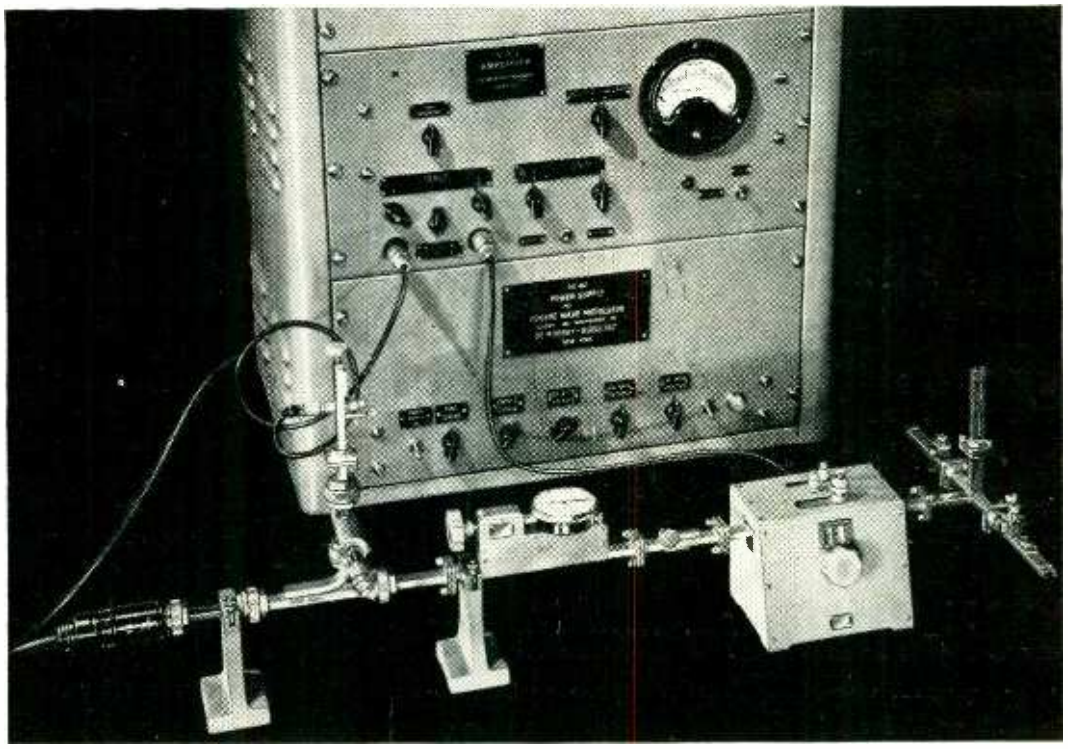

FIG. 1—Cross-section of coil assembly

wound on a single spool, with a free-moving armature of magnetic material mounted inside the spool.

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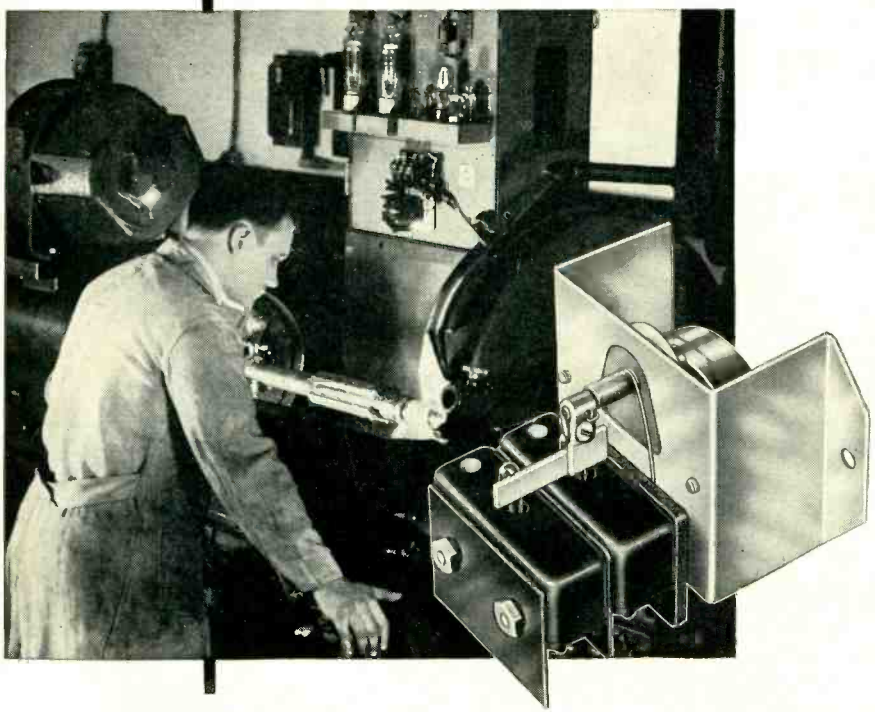

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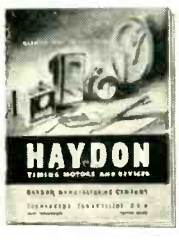
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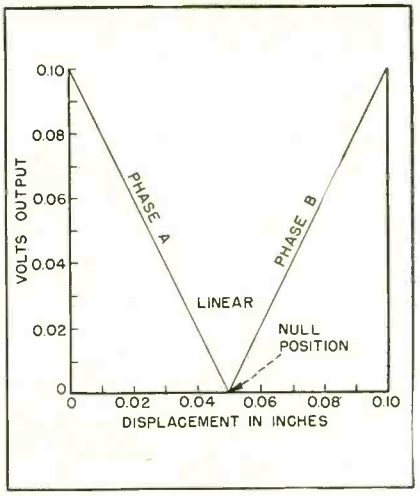



FIG. 2—Output voltage as a function of movement of the armature

that a voltage is induced in secondary coils *A* and *B*.

If the armature is symmetrically located (centered), the induced voltages will be equal but if the armature moves to the left the induced voltage in coil *A* will be greater than that induced in coil *B*. If the armature moves to the right the voltage in coil *B* will be greater than that induced in coil *A*.

In normal operation, coils *A* and *B* are connected in a series bucking relationship so that, when the armature is centered and both coils have equal voltages induced into them, the resulting output will be zero. If the armature moves to the left a voltage of one phase A will predominate, and if the armature moves to the right a voltage of the other phase B will predominate. Phase A will differ from phase B by 180 degrees. These relations are illustrated in Fig. 2.

If the unit were connected as il-

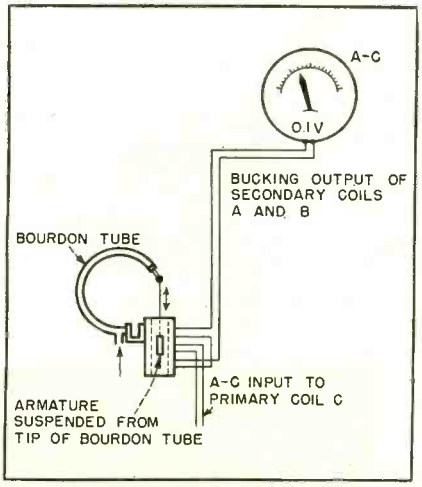
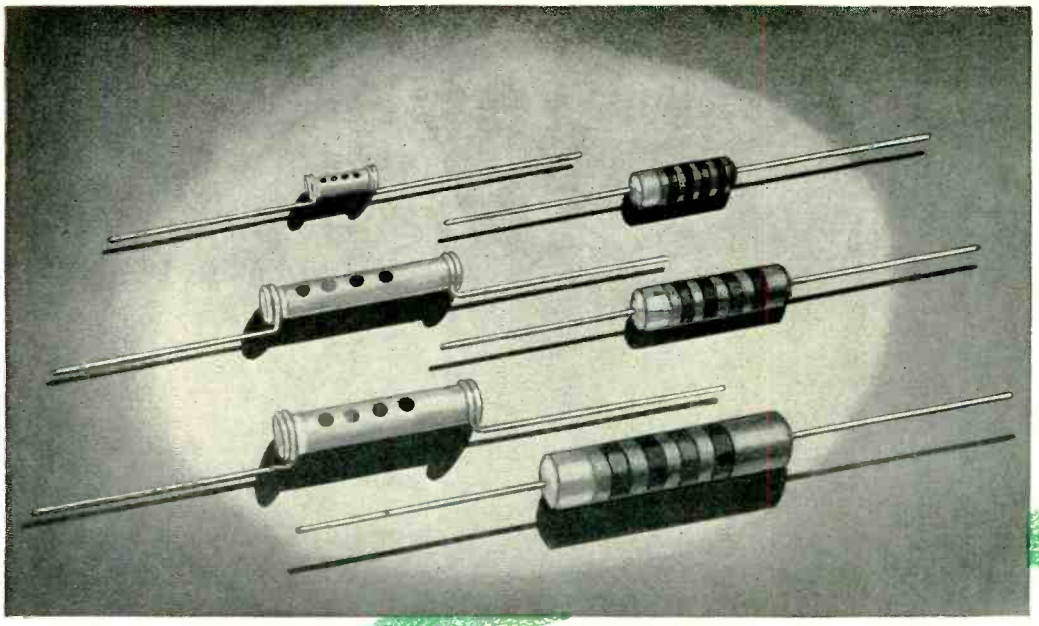
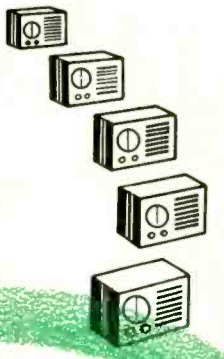



FIG. 3—Application of the pick-up unit to a Bourdon tube for pressure measurements

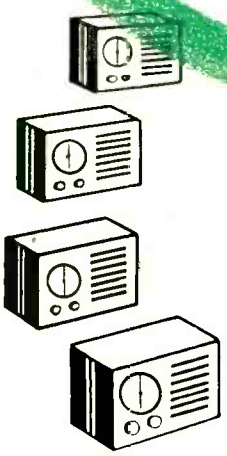


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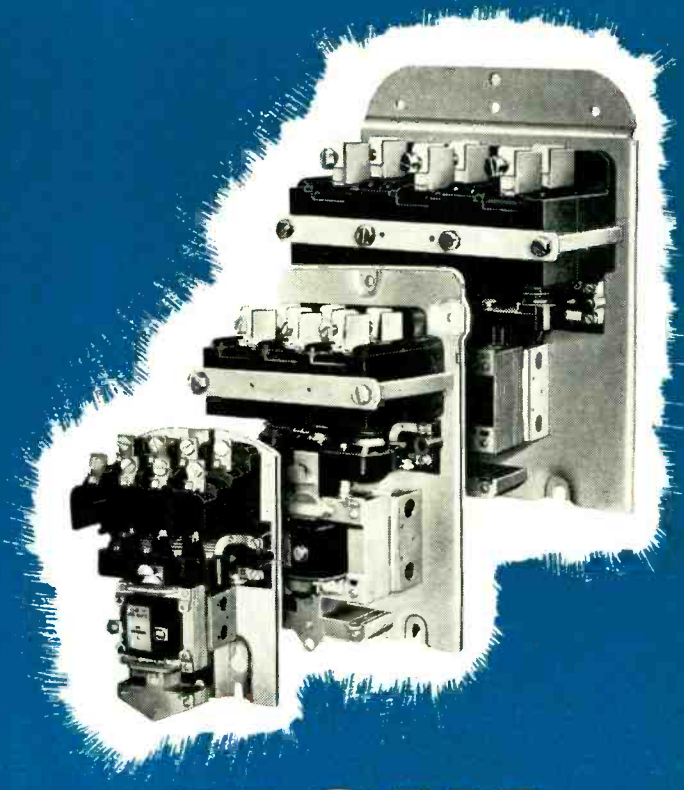
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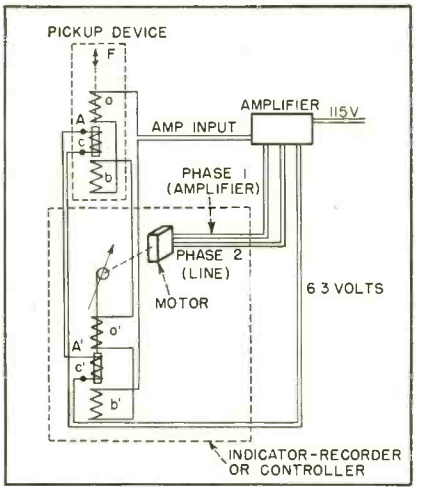




**FIG. 4—Two Atcotrans in a balance circuit for remote indication or control**

lustrated in Fig. 3, and if the portion of the curve in Fig. 2 between 0.05 and 0.1 inch were used, the a-c meter pointer would go from zero to full scale for a Bourdon tube deflection of 0.05 inch. The meter could readily be calibrated in terms of pressure as applied to the Bourdon tube.

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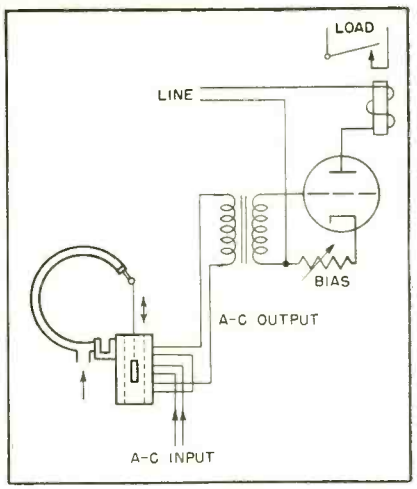




FIG. 5—Electronic phase and voltage-sensitive relay

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Another arrangement is shown in Fig. 5. The electronically operated relay will pull in and either close or open a load circuit, when a small a-c voltage is applied to its input terminals. The magnitude of this voltage required to operate the relay is determined by the bias control. When the Atcotran armature is in a phase A relationship the relay will not be actuated, but if its armature moves through the null or zero output position (see Fig. 2) to a phase B position, the relay will pull in and actuate a load circuit. Such an arrangement would give off and on control of pressure or could be used as an alarm.

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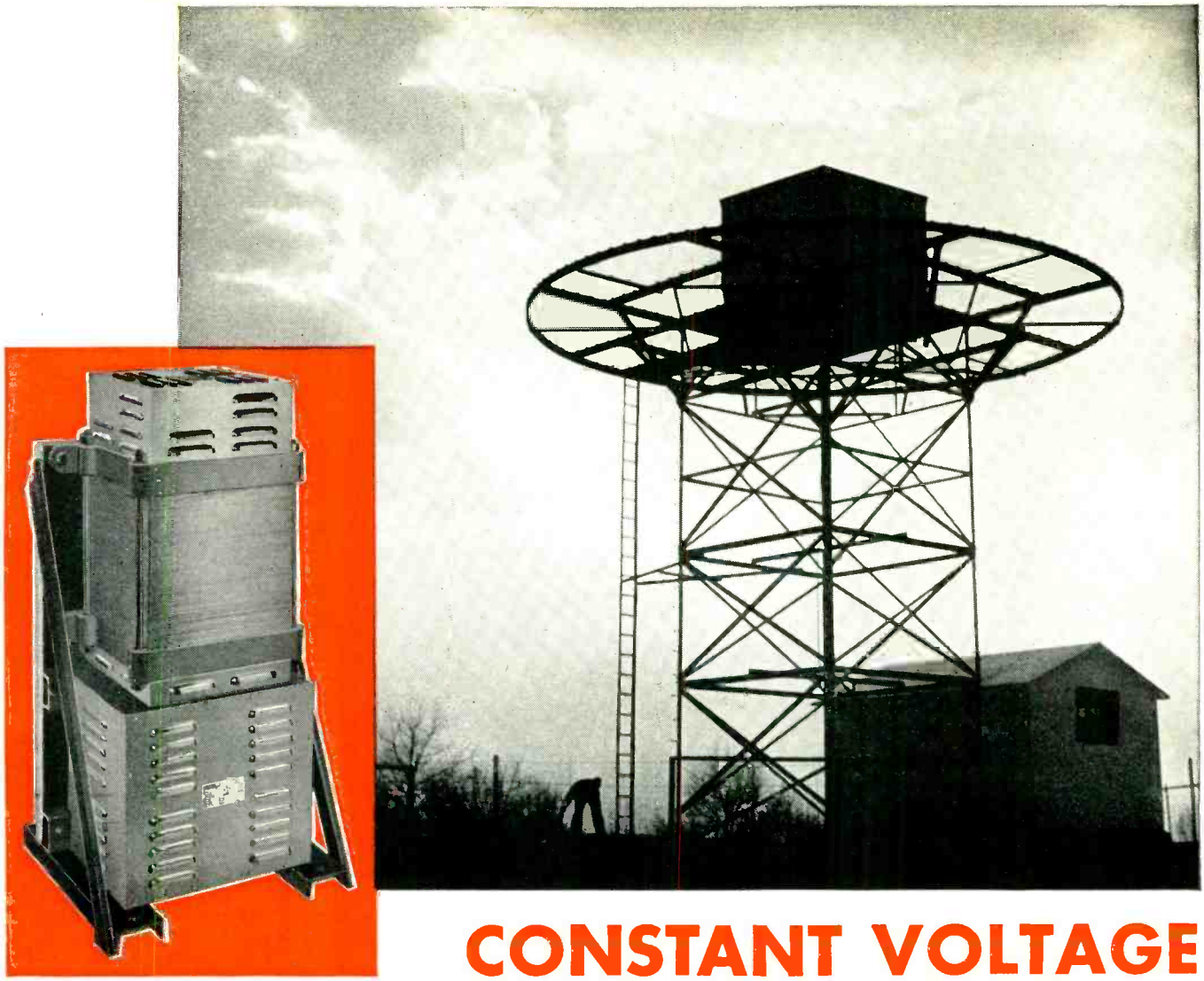
Since the Atcotran made by Automatic Temperature Control Co., is a voltage-producing device a number of these units may be connected in series to give an electrical output which is either the sum, difference or average of a plurality of variables.

## Video Interference

AS MEMOED to designers and manufacturers of television receivers by I. J. Kaar, chairman of RMA Committee on Television Receivers, there is a serious problem of radio interference that may be caused by



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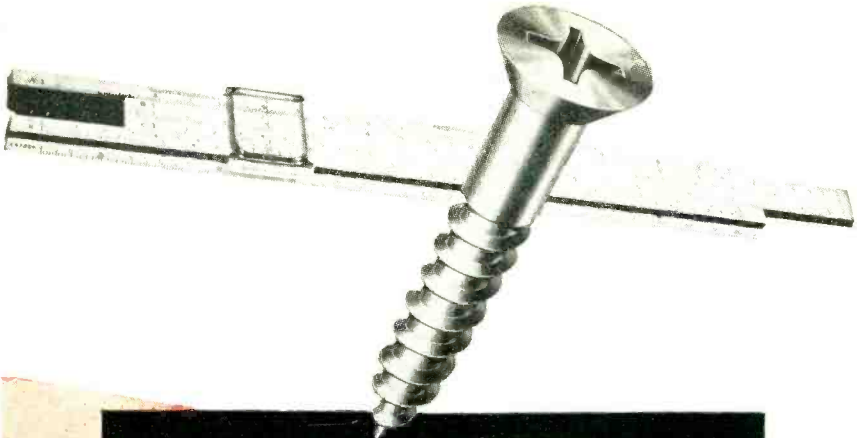
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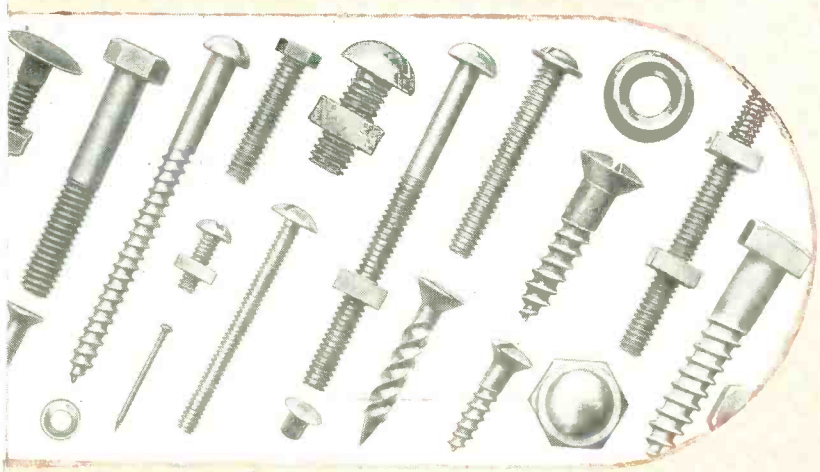


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Interference in the broadcast band is of particular importance because receivers for this band may be located in an adjacent room in an adjoining apartment in the same building so that possibly only a few feet may separate the broadcast and the television receivers. The video interference usually sounds quite mushy and makes itself evident as a noisy background of variable intensity riding along with the broadcast program. The intensity may be so severe in some cases as almost to obliterate completely weak broadcast signals. In addition to the mush there may be birdies or tweets caused by more or less steady frequency components in the video signal beating with the carrier.

### *Intercarrier Audio*

A third type of interference may be found at 4,500 kilo-cycles, in a band used at airports and for some fixed and mobile services. This frequency is found in video circuits as a result of detection of the television sound carrier by the television picture second detector since the difference between the picture and sound carriers is 4,500 kilocycles. This 4,500-kilocycle signal will be frequency modulated by the television sound signal and may be readily identified and received by using slope detection in a standard a-m receiver.

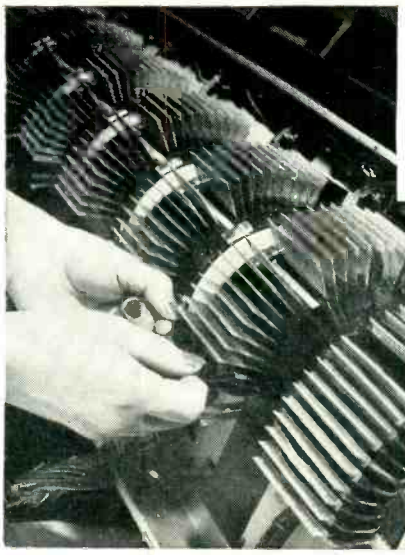
In one instance the 4,500-kilocycle signal interfered with airport operations at an airport located over a mile from the offending receiver. An examination of the receiver revealed that the installation was a custom-built one wherein the video frequency conductor from the last video amplifier to the cathode-ray tube was over ten feet in length and unshielded.

In general, video interference can

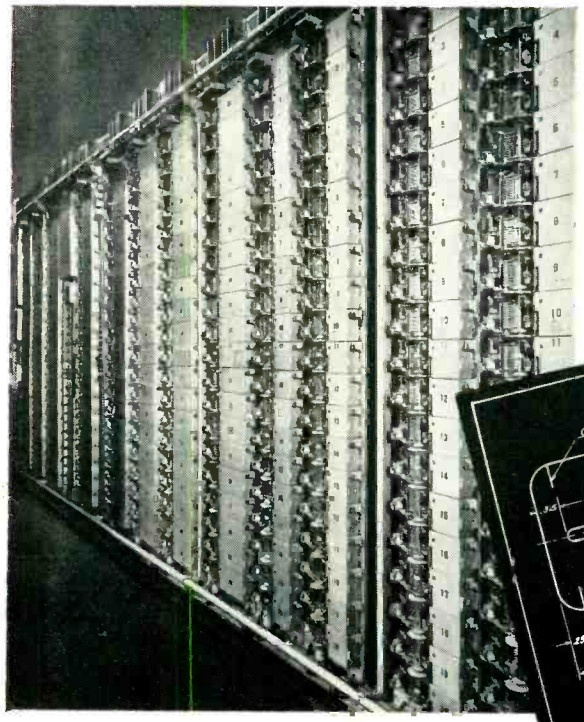


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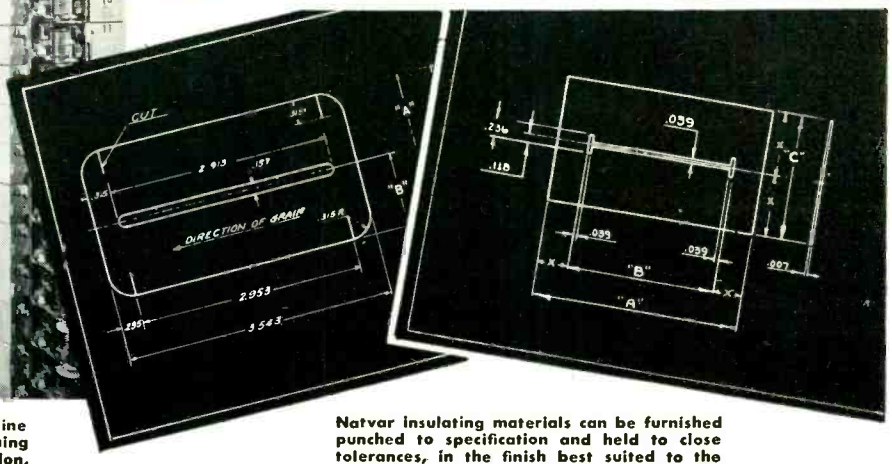
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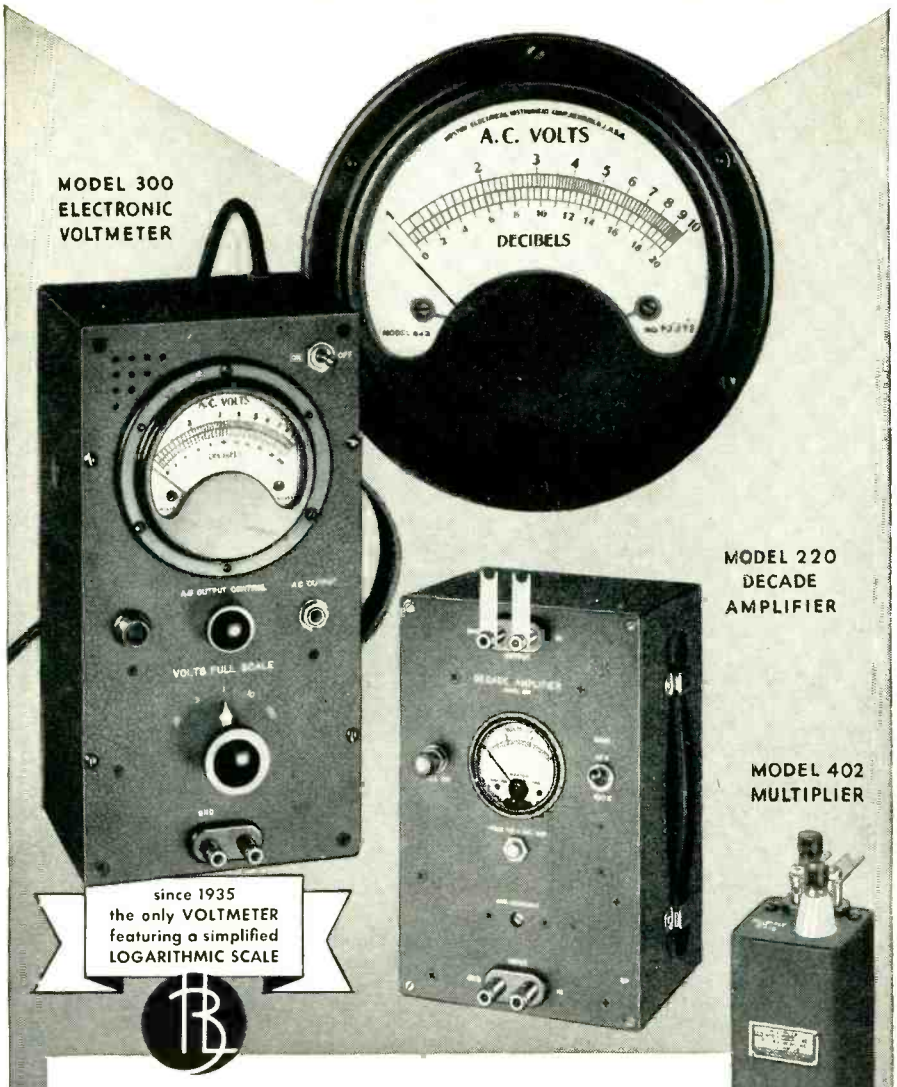
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be reduced by using short connecting wires shielded by running them in fairly close proximity to conductors at r-f ground potential. A brute-force method would be to enclose the whole receiver in a cabinet having a screen shield built completely covering its inner surface. Screening cannot be put over the face of the picture tube, so some radiation occurs through the face of this tube. In an experimental receiver the residual interference was further reduced by employing a picture tube having a special conductive but translucent coating applied to its face and grounding the coating to the chassis.

### *Scanning Circuits*

Scanning systems develop pulse-type and sawtooth-type waves having fairly steep decay characteristics (short-time decay). An analysis of the frequency spectrum reveals the presence of fairly strong harmonics of the line (horizontal) and field (vertical) frequencies. The harmonics of the field frequency, being harmonics of 60 cycles per second, are ordinarily not bothersome at radio frequencies because the amplitude usually falls off inversely with the order of the harmonic.

This is not true in the case of the horizontal frequency because the fundamental is 15,750 cycles per second, and is therefore itself a radio frequency. Harmonics of sufficient amplitude to cause interference to broadcast service have been observed. This type of interference makes itself evident in the form of birdies or tweets caused by the harmonics beating with the broadcast station carriers.

This type of interference is quite annoying and does not change in intensity with picture content, but may change in intensity if the size and linearity controls are adjusted or if a person walks up to a television receiver and changes the radiated field intensity by an antenna effect. A satisfactory cure for this type of interference has been found by the employment of grounded shielding. The components requiring shielding usually are the sweep yoke, the high-voltage rectifier system for the picture tube second anode if the h-v supply is



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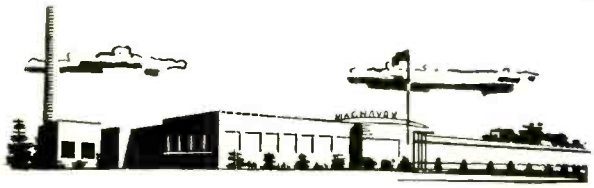
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## Visual Examination of Crystal Modes

USE of the Megasweep, a sweeping oscillator with output between 50-kc and 500-mc (ELECTRONICS, Aug. 1947, p 112), makes possible the visual observation of crystal modes.

The sawtooth sweep voltage of the sweeping oscillator is applied to the horizontal plates of an oscilloscope, providing a horizontal deflection which is proportional to frequency. The frequency-modulated output signal of the sweeping oscillator is applied across a quartz crystal; and the voltage across the crystal, after rectification and filtering, is passed on to the vertical deflecting plates of the oscilloscope. With the sweeping oscillator adjusted for maximum sweep, the oscilloscope pattern will show those crystal modes lying within the sweep width.

The maximum sweep of the instrument is usually about 30 mc, but it can, with some loss of linearity, be brought up to about 70 mc. As the sweeping frequency passes through the crystal frequency or one of its odd harmonics, the crystal impedance and the rectified voltage across it become minimum. Since this absorption occurs periodically at the sweep rate, a stationary pattern is seen on the oscilloscope with pips corresponding to the series resonant modes of the crystal.

As the center frequency of the sweep is shifted, higher modes can be seen to appear on the pattern. With the sweeping oscillator adjusted for narrow sweep, the pattern of an individual "pip" occupies a large area on the oscilloscope and can be studied in detail.

In a typical test using a 10-mc fundamental crystal, the modes were traced up to the 11th, a frequency of 110-mc. The size of the pips was noticeably different, the variation being due either to different mode strengths or amplitude

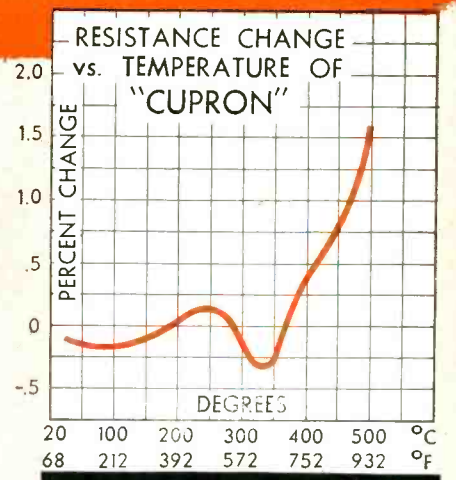


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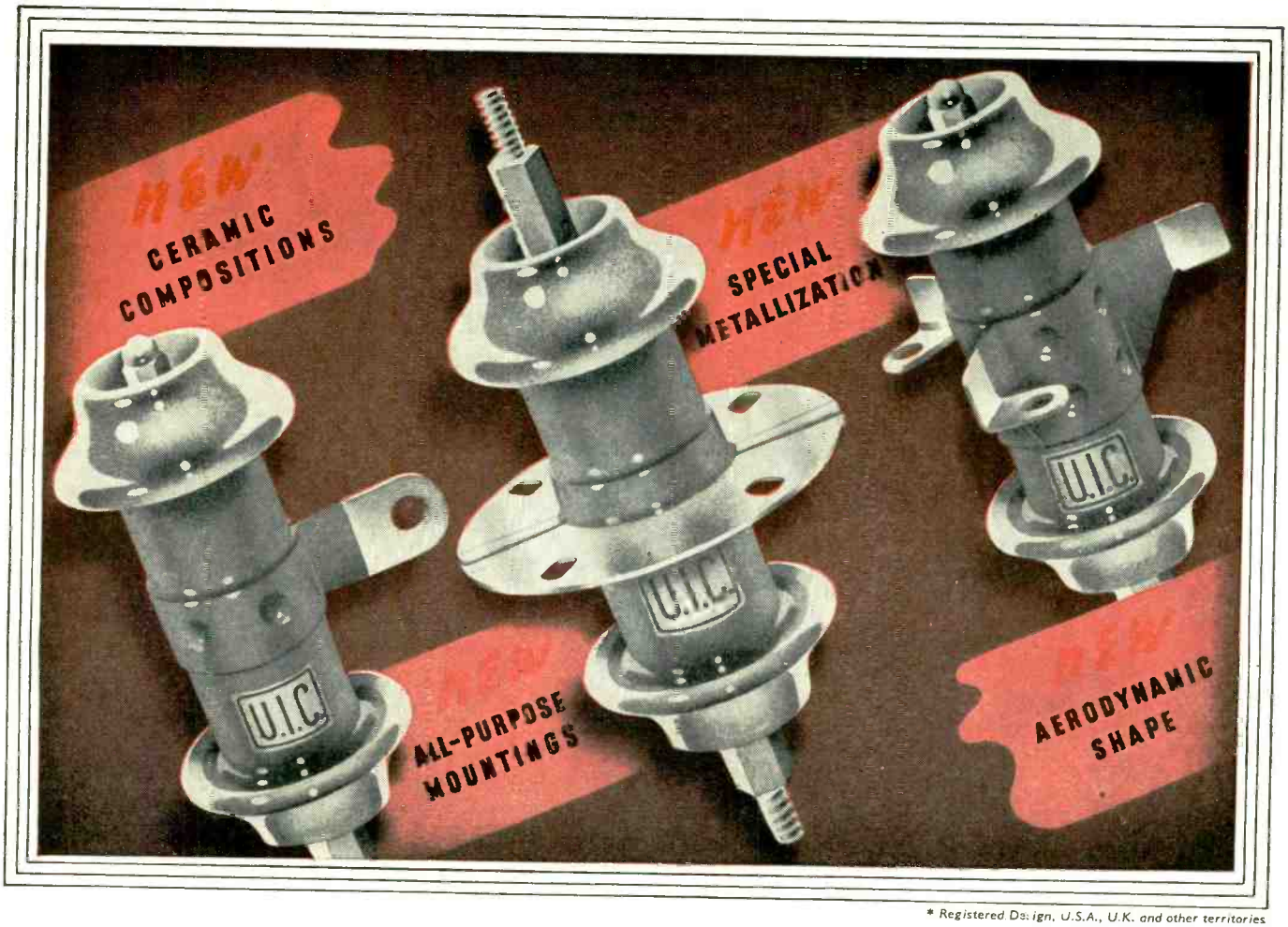
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| OD | Dynamic | 500 Ohm | —82 db | 30-10,000 | Substantially Flat |
| ODH | Dynamic | 5 Meg | —50 db. | 30-10,000 | Substantially Flat |
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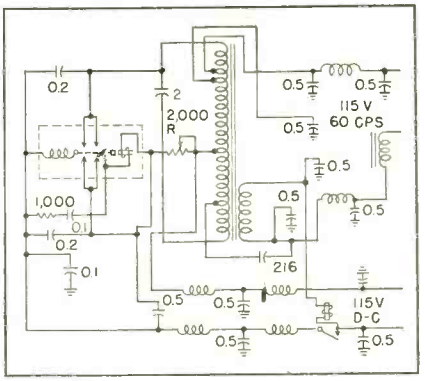
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## Power Converters for Television

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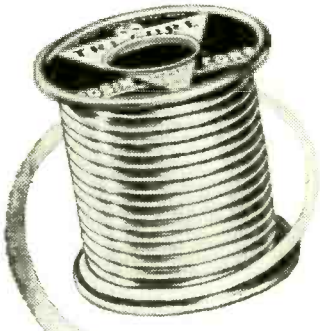
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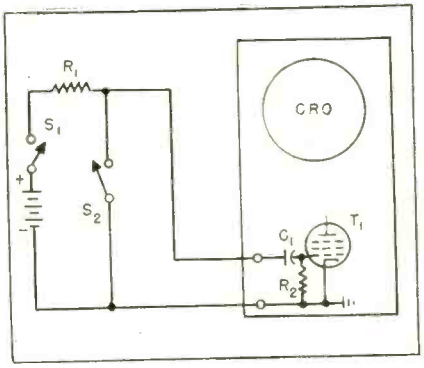



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wave will be lost in coupling to the cro and a d-c component, equal to the plate voltage difference of the keyed stage, will be added and appear on the cro screen. Since it is necessary, to produce an accurate picture of the gain-frequency characteristic of the network under test, to transfer the d-c component of the rectified wave to the cro screen and since this is readily accomplished by periodically restoring the cro vertical amplifier to its zero operating condition, mechanical blanking was chosen.

*Basic Operation*

For an explanation of the transfer of the d-c component, reference is made to Fig. 1. With switch 2 open, when switch 1 is closed, with the battery polarity as shown, $C_1$ charges through $R_1$ and $R_2$. The direction of current flow makes the grid of $T_1$ go positive and the cro spot to move upward. When $C_1$ becomes fully charged, current ceases to flow and the grid returns to its static value. The spot returns to its former position and nothing further happens as long as conditions remain unchanged.

Now if switch $S_2$ is momentarily depressed, $C_1$ will be discharged through $R_2$ while the battery will be protected by $R_1$. The direction of current flow is now such as to make the grid of $T_1$ go negative and the cro spot to move downward. Therefore if $S_2$ is made to operate rapidly and to have equal off and on time, the pattern obtained will be a series of square waves, the magnitude of which will be an absolute proportionality to the battery voltage as $C_1$ has had a charge alternating between zero and full battery voltage.

By substituting the load of the linear diode detector for the battery, adjusting switch $S_2$ on-time to 180 degrees of the modulation cycle, and providing a means of phasing the start of $S_2$ on-time, either the up or down sweep may be blanked and the baseline, equivalent to zero voltage, obtained.

Resistor $R_1$ should have a value at least four times greater than the diode load resistor to prevent the discharge of the diode capacitor during switch $S_2$ on-time. Switch $S_2$ must be capable of very fast action and have very low contact resistance. A relay with the mercury-



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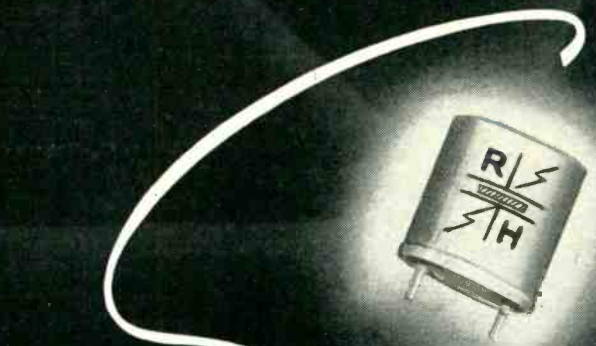
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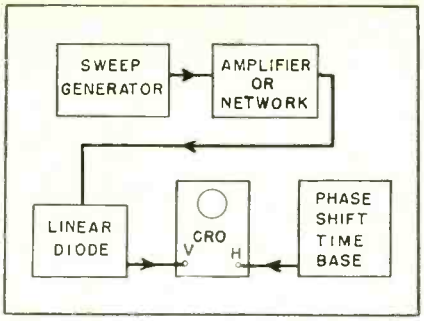




FIG. 2—Conventional circuit for single image alignment

wetted type contacts is recommended to provide the clean baseline and fast action required.

*Single Image Alignment*

A common arrangement for single image alignment is shown in block form in Fig. 2. Here the sweep generator uses sinusoidal modulation and a sinusoidal time base is used to produce a linear frequency-time pattern. With the modulation and time base voltages in phase, a single image will be seen, assuming no distortion, with the up and down sweeps coinciding at all points. With this arrangement only the a-c component of the rectified wave is viewed and no knowledge of the actual instantaneous voltage is obtained.

The practice of using a sweep-width very wide in comparison to the pass-band of the network under test to obtain two points of assumed zero voltage ($F_{max}$ and $F_{min}$), may lead to a false picture of the gain-frequency trace. A more accurate picture of the steady-state characteristic of the network under test is obtained by using a narrow sweep-width and the baseline for accurate gain measurements.

Figure 3 shows the blanking unit in block form connected to the common arrangement of Fig. 2. The

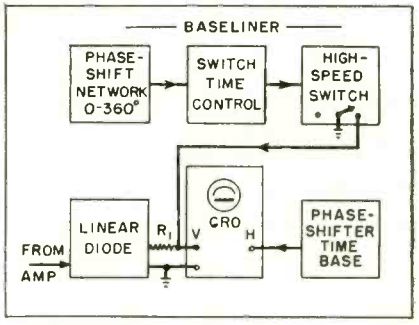


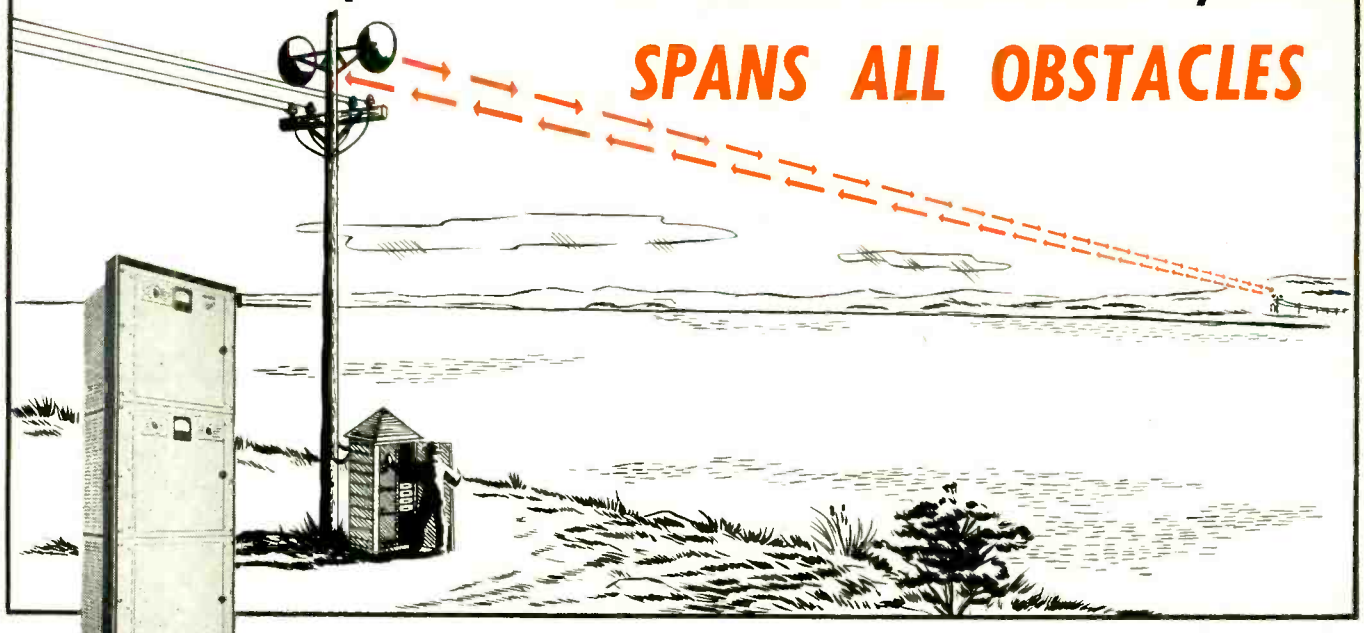

FIG. 3—Addition of the Baseliner provides zero reference trace



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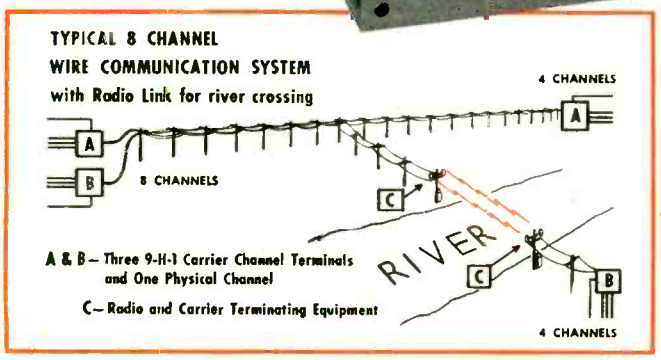
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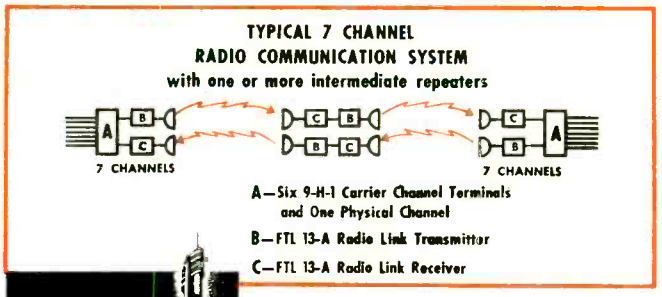
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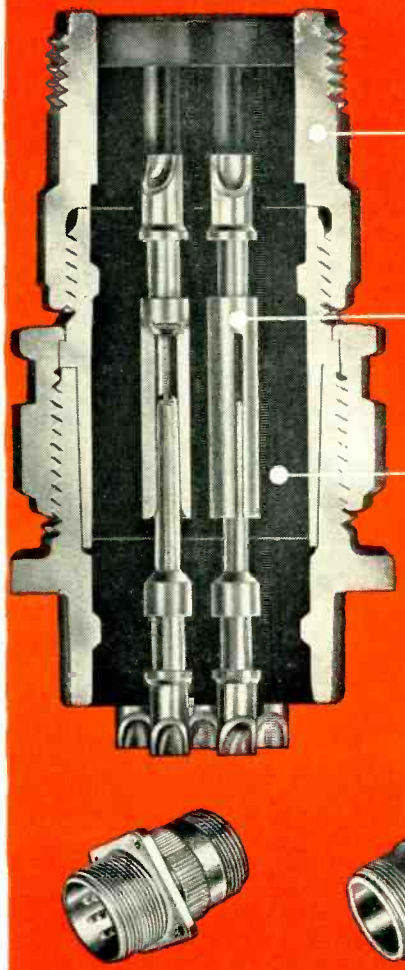
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With single-image alignment, the procedure is the same as where no blanking is used. With double-image alignment, the blanking is not used until alignment is complete. After alignment is complete the blanking is used and one image disappears, being replaced by the baseline. Absolute gain measurements may then be made.

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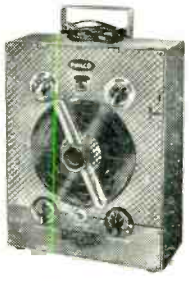
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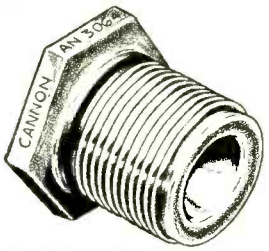
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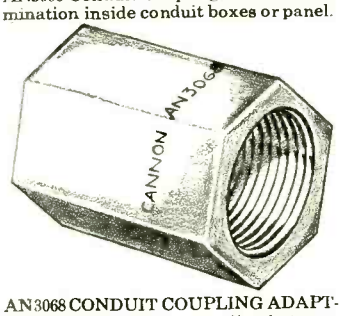
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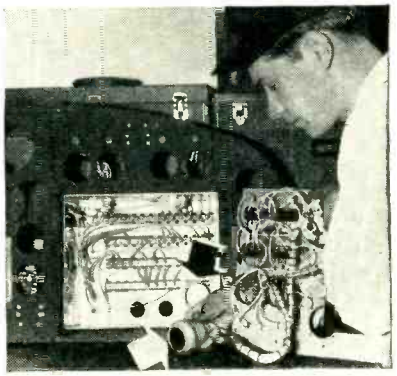

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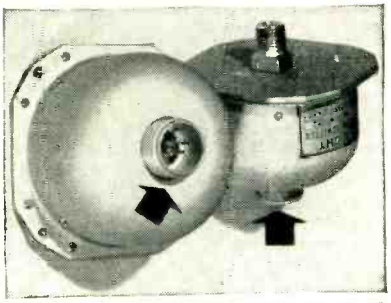

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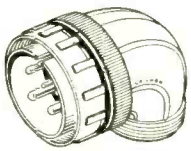
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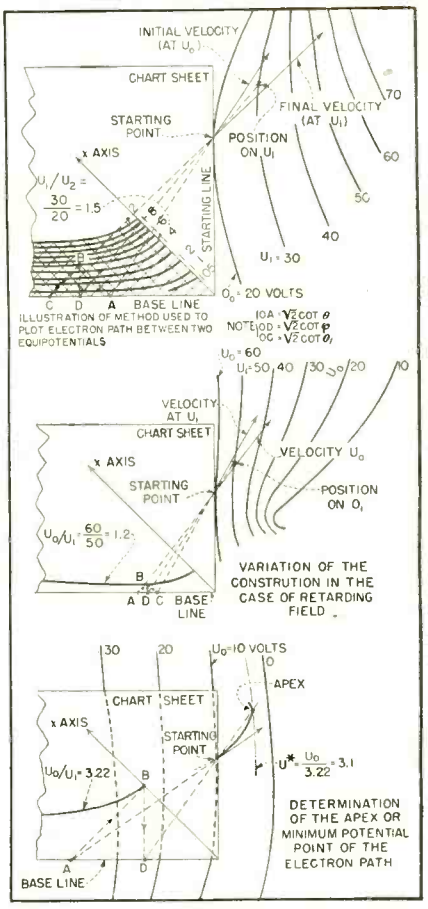



FIG. 3—Chart is used with field map

the $x = y$ line, termed the base line. The coordinates of the chart (parallels of the $X$ and $Y$ axes) cut the base line at 45 deg.

The right-hand edge of the chart is normal to the base line and contains the origin of the chart; this edge is termed the starting line. In operation, the starting line is placed tangent to the equipotential where the electron starts at a point distant $2\frac{1}{2}$ from the origin, marked the starting point; the unit of distance is that used in plotting the chart.

A straight line is projected through the starting point along the direction of the initial velocity, intersecting the base line at point $A$. The ratio $U_1/U_0$ or $U_0/U_1$ whichever is greater is computed. If the field is accelerating ($U_1 > U_0$), the coordinate line from $A$ is followed upward and to the left to the intersection with the corresponding $U_1/U_0$ line at $B$, then back to the base line at point $C$. A straight line is projected from $C$ to the starting point. This line indicates the new direction of the electron as it



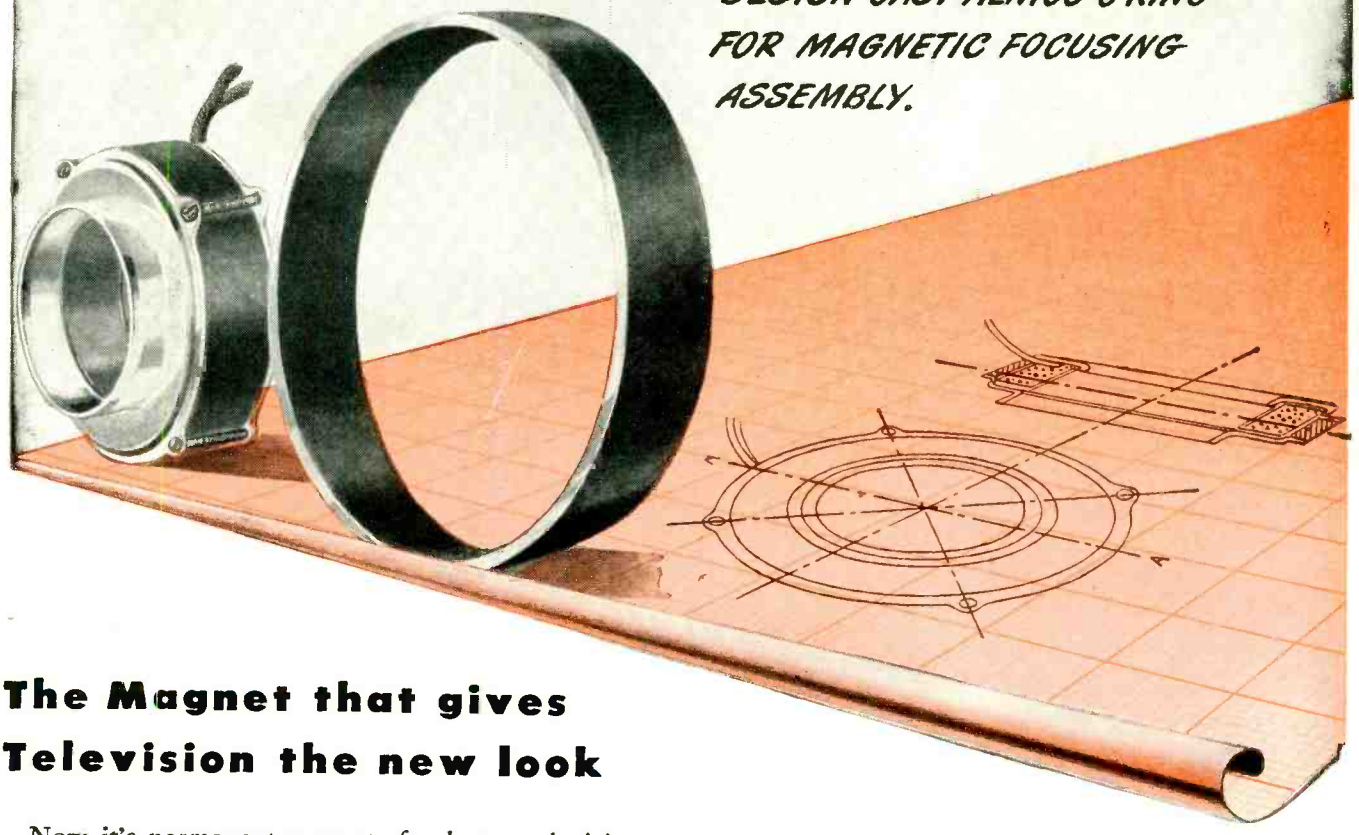
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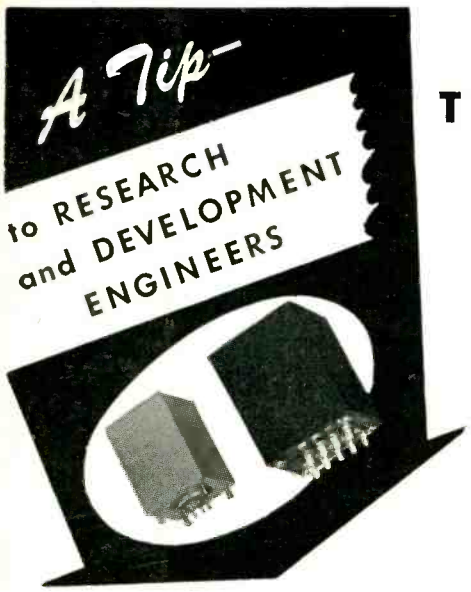
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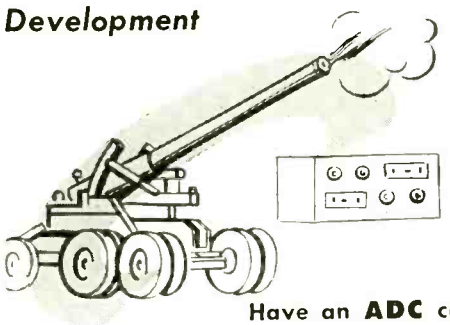
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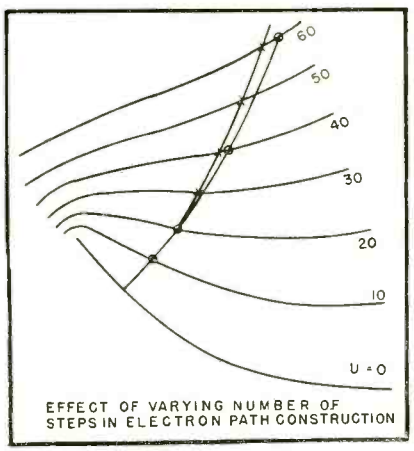

crosses the equipotential $U_1$. A line drawn on the field map parallel to this line will record this direction.

The point where the electron crosses $U_1$ is found by locating the midpoint of $AC$, point $D$ (which can be done by dropping a perpendicular from $B$ to the base line). The straight line projected from $D$ through the starting point to $U_1$ locates the intersection of $U_1$ by the electron. The construction is then repeated extending the path to another equipotential $U_2$, and so on.

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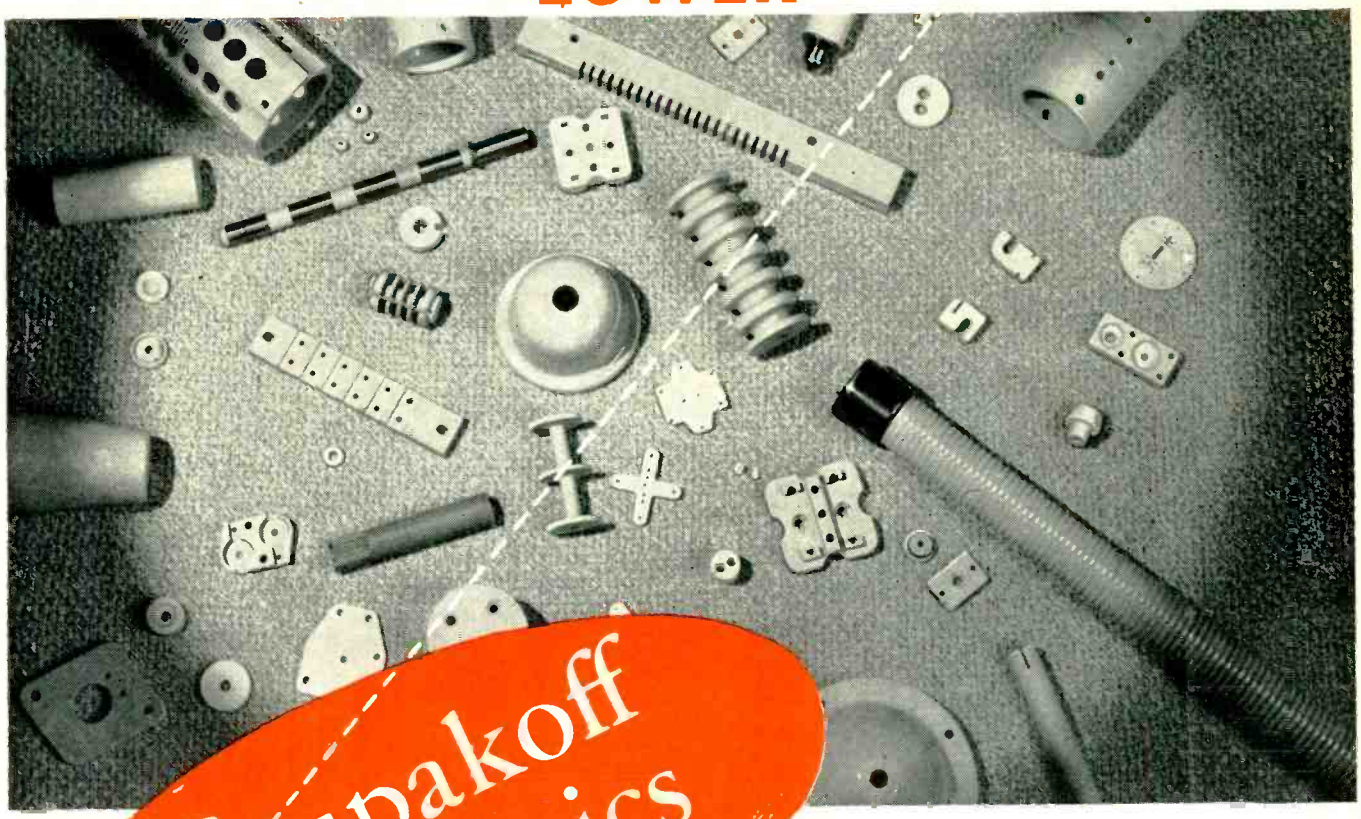
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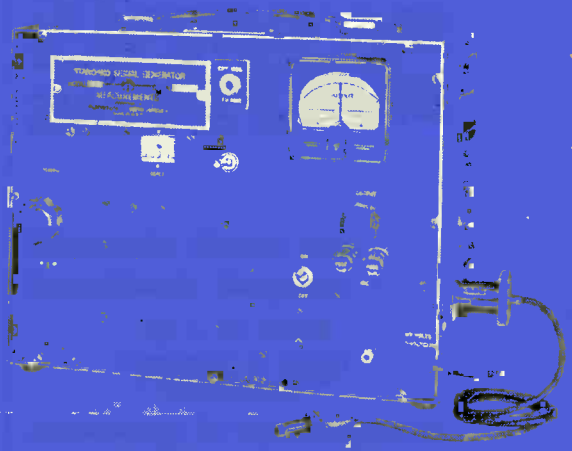
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the construction whereby the electron was followed initially from $U_0$ to the apex. For this purpose the position of the chart on the field map must also be inverted because the electron is now passing through equipotentials in the opposite direction. In general, more points are needed near the apex than in other regions to retain the accuracy.

Figure 4 shows an electron path plotted by this method. Two paths have been plotted with different numbers of points to show the change in accuracy. For most purposes the construction with fewer steps will be adequate. If electrons enter the field at an initial emission velocity $E_0$ volts, all contours on the map should be increased by $E_0$. The direction of emission velocity can be arbitrarily assigned.

Several other graphical methods have been described for plotting electron paths. The simplest and most widely used constructs the path in a succession of arcs of circles.[3] Modifications of this method to overcome the disadvantage on large radii of curvature have been applied to the electron lens[4] and to the cyclotron.[5] Another parabolic method has been described elsewhere.[6] Under the last reference the reader will find a wide survey of other methods.


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*Basis of Operation*

The exponentially decreasing output voltage $E_R$ of, for example, an R-C circuit is $E_R = E_o \exp -t/RC$ where $E_o$ is the initially applied voltage. the time $T_K$ required for the output to decay to an arbitrary value $E_K$ is $T_K = RC(\ln E_o - \ln E_K)$. This equation is the basis for the

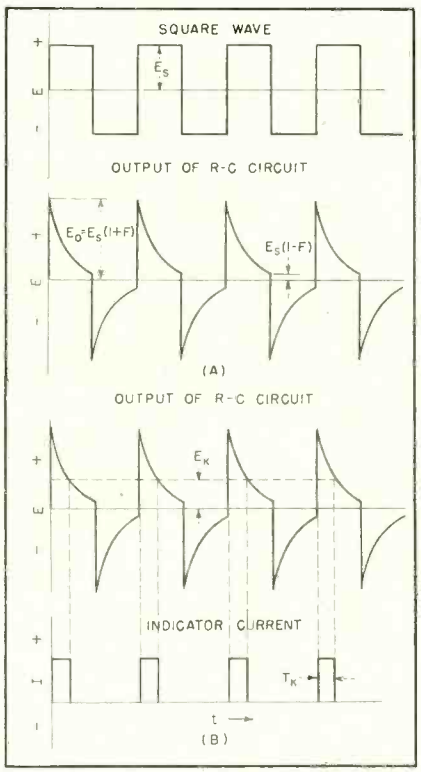



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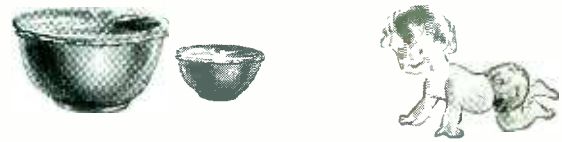
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*Practical Circuit Design*

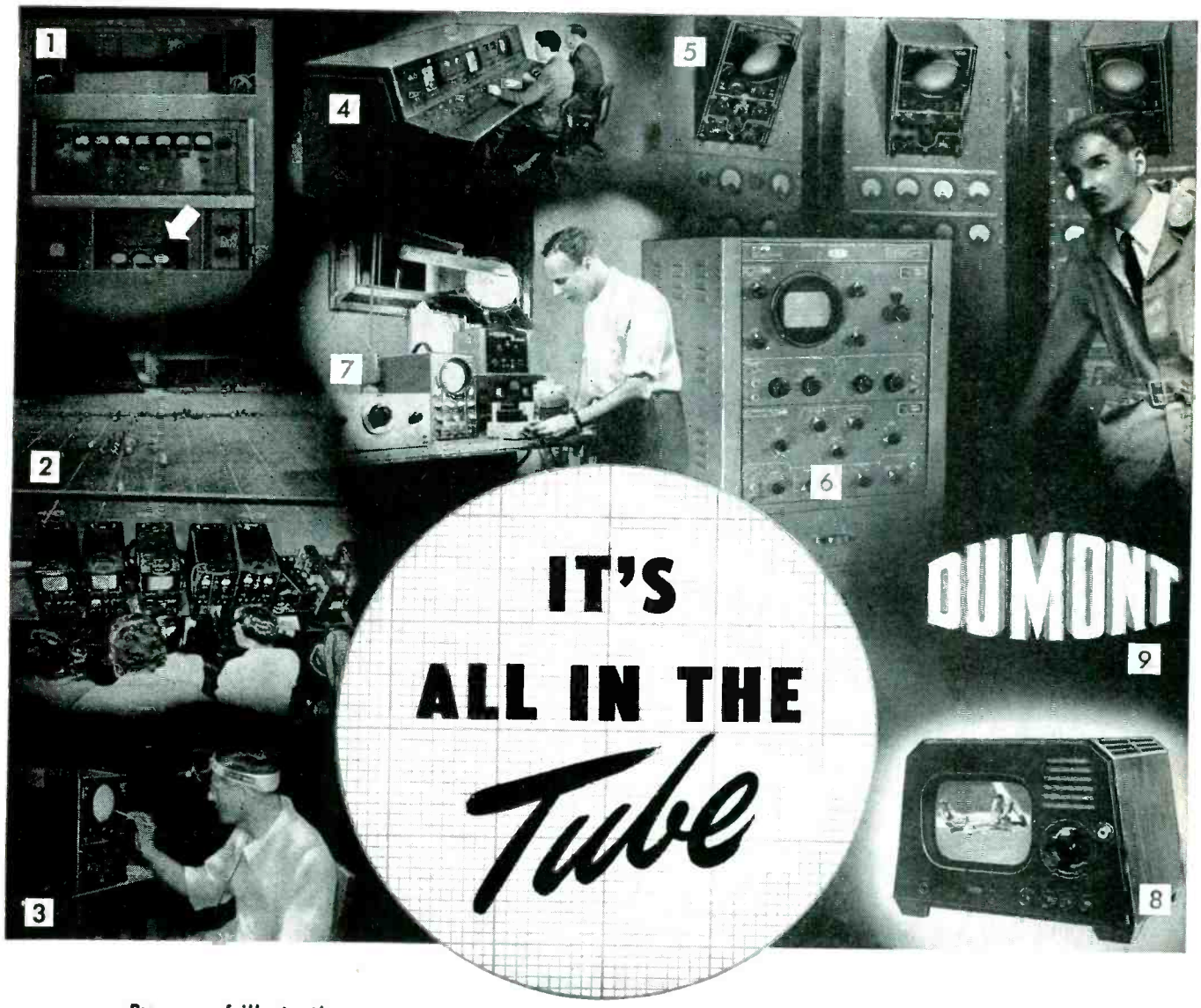
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The repetitive action can be produced simply by applying a square wave whose amplitude is proportional to that of the input signal to an R-C or R-L circuit. The output from an R-C circuit is shown in Fig. 1A in relation to an applied square wave of amplitude $E_S$. Because the capacitor does not charge completely each half cycle, the peak output voltage is $E_0 = E_S(1 + F)$ where $F = \tanh(T/4RC)$, $T$ being the period of the applied square wave. At the end of each half cycle the voltage has decayed to $E_S(1 - F)$. In practice the logarithmic response circuit must be designed so that $F$ is nearly equal to unity if differences of the order of 20 db are to be registered. Thus the peak output voltage of the R-C circuit is essentially equal to the peak-to-peak amplitude of the square wave.

The time required for the output voltage of the R-C circuit to decay to the fixed value $E_K$ is $T_K$. Measurement of $T_K$ will give the correct indication of the logarithmic amplitude of the square wave provided that the peak voltage $E_S(1 + F)$ is (1) greater than the reference voltage $E_K$ but (2) small enough that



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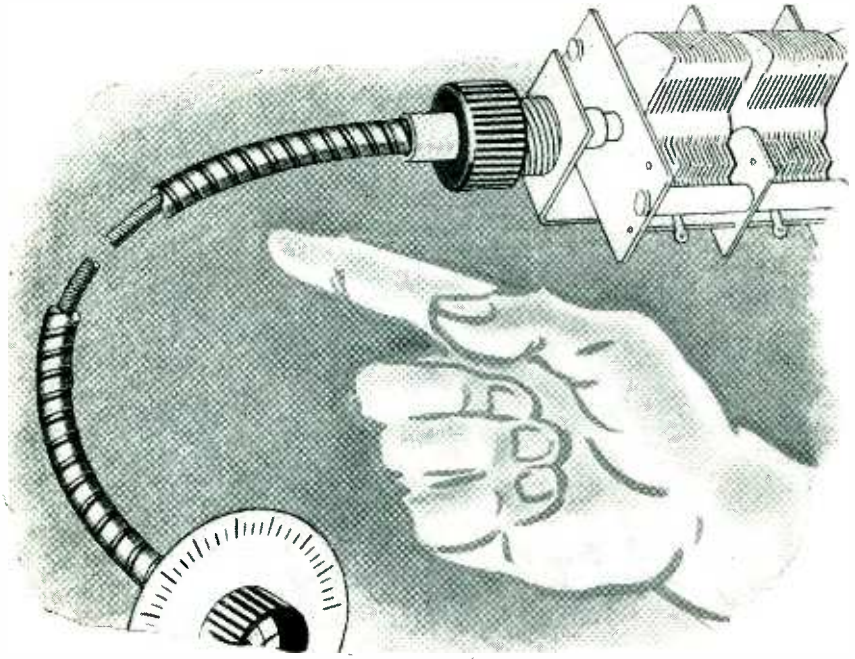
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*A Specific Circuit*

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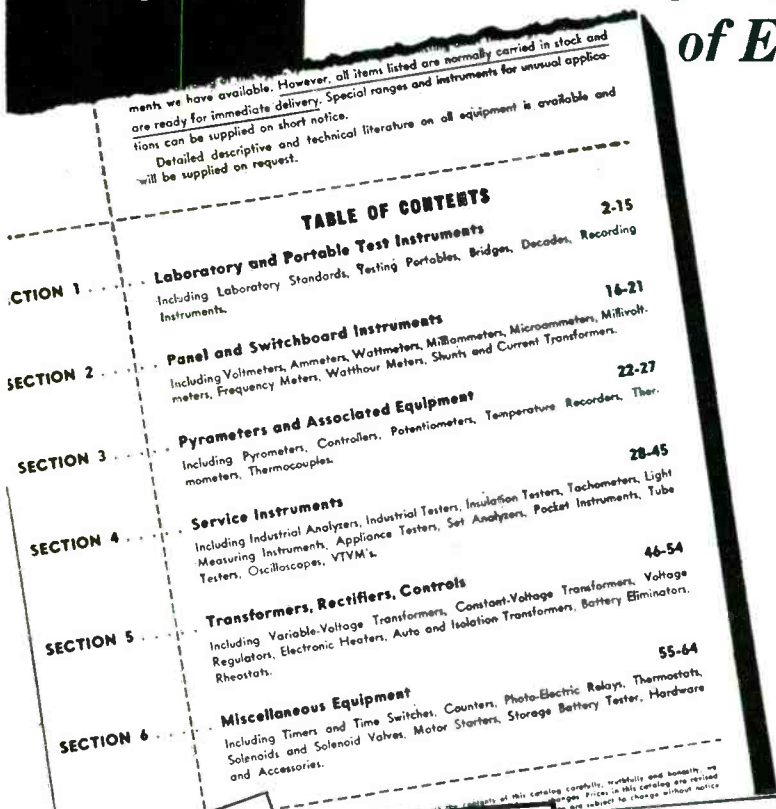

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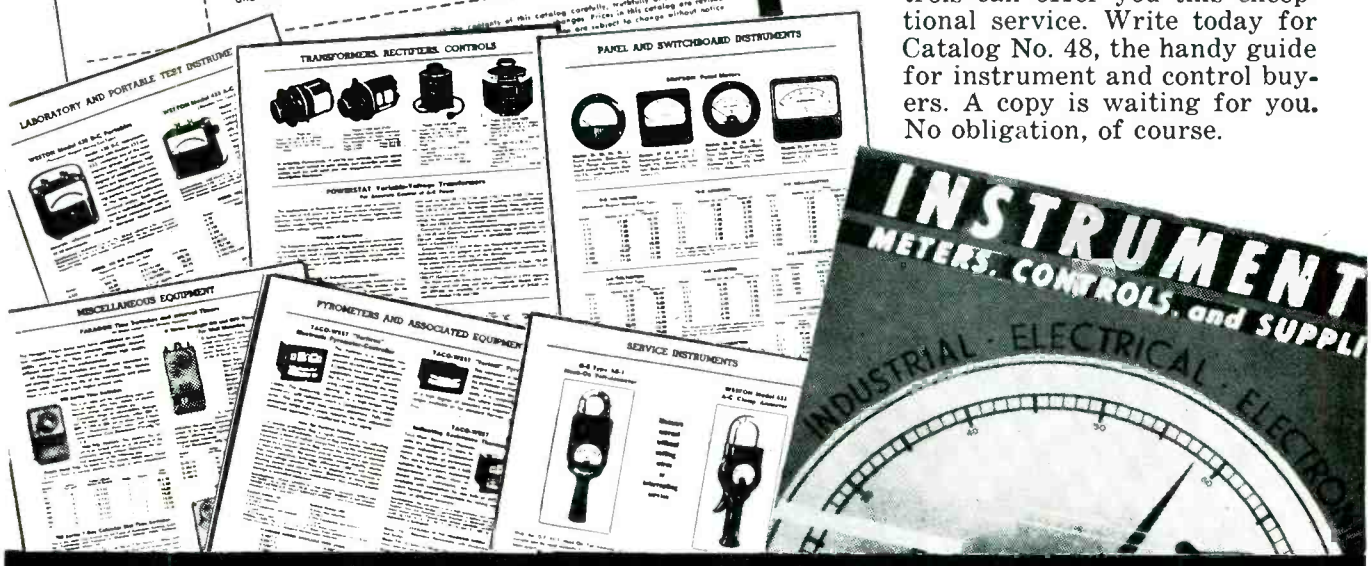
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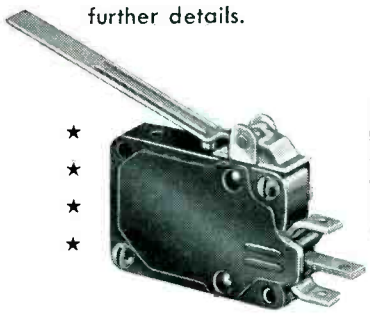


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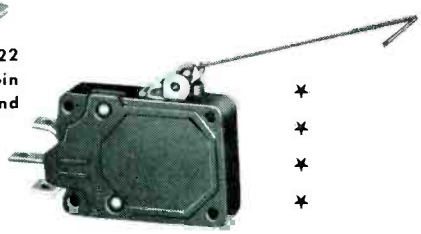



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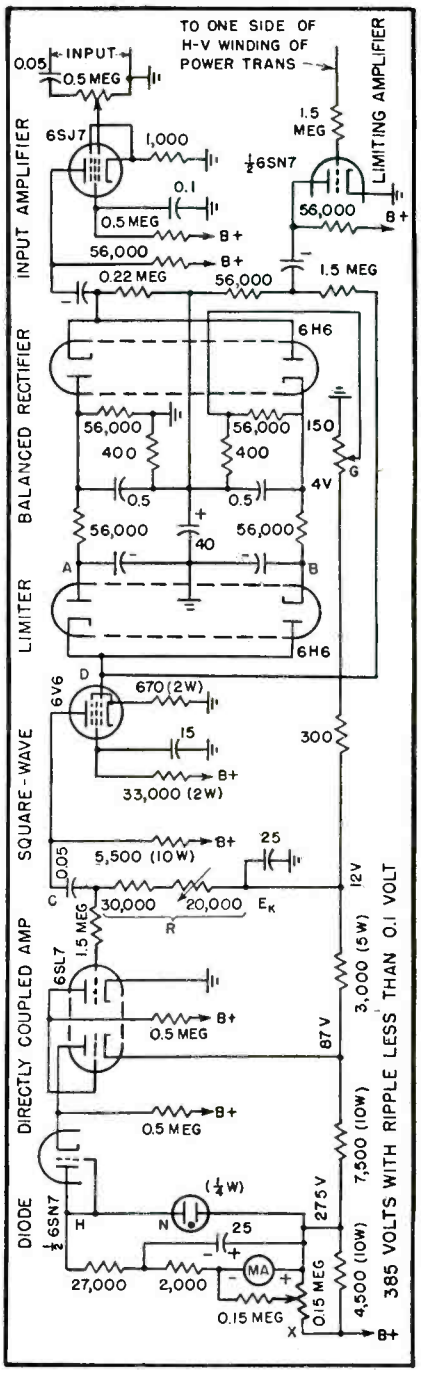




FIG. 2—Circuit diagram of instrument having full-scale response of 20 db

from *G* to assure that both the rectifying and the limiting diodes operate only within their linear regions. This bias is desirable to avoid operation of the diodes in their low-current regions where there is considerable variation of plate resistance, thus improving the linearity of the circuit at low levels. The rectifier-limiter circuit is adjusted so that changes of input level produce very little variation of direct voltage level at *D*.

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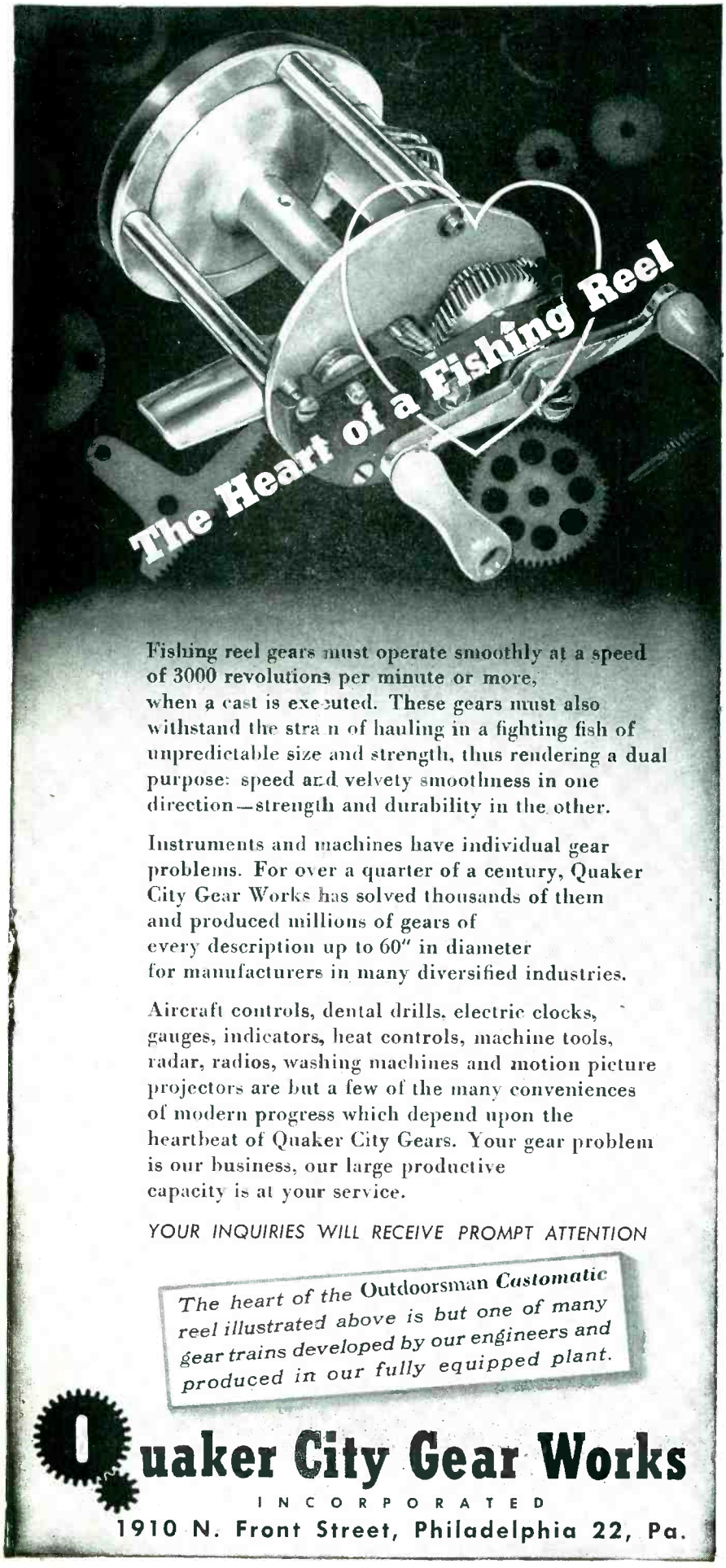









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scribed thus far generates a constant-frequency (60 cps) square wave whose amplitude is proportional to that of the input signal. This square wave is amplified and applied to the R-C circuit. The effective resistance of this circuit includes the generator impedance contributed by the amplifier stage. Resistance $R$ is adjustable so that the desired scale factor can be obtained on the indicating instrument. The circuit is terminated on a low-impedance bleeder that provides the reference $E_K$. The values shown produce a 20-db scale on a 1-ma meter; a 30-db scale can be obtained by reducing the 30,000-ohm fixed resistor to 15,000 ohms and adjusting $E_K$ to about 5 volts.

The output of the R-C circuit feeds a two-stage directly coupled amplifier. In the absence of signal the reference voltage $E_K$ at the grid of the first stage acts to cut off the second stage. The plate of the second stage is then at a higher potential than the indicating instrument circuit at $H$ and no current passes the diode. When signal is present, the second stage of the d-c amplifier conducts whenever the output of the R-C circuit is less than its average value by at least $E_K$. During these intervals, constant current passes through the meter $M$. Neon bulb $N$ regulates this constant current. Control $X$ determines the magnitude of reverse meter current employed to place the zero off scale; it may be used as a fine adjustment to set the end of the scale to correspond to a specified input voltage.

*Response of the Meter*

The frequency response of the instrument and its absolute sensitivity within gross limits are determined by the input amplifier, which is conventional. The full-scale indication of the instrument as shown in the circuit diagram corresponds to an input of about 3 rms volts.

With the instrument adjusted for a 30-db scale, it is accurate within 0.1 db over the top 20 db. If the linearity control is properly adjusted, this accuracy can be extended over the full-scale range. Thus, while it is possible to secure substantially ideal performance over a 30-db range, this result is



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only obtained by careful correction of the rectifier and limiter diodes. Therefore the circuit is shown for a 20-db scale for which critical adjustments are unnecessary. The sensitivity of the instrument to line voltage changes is 0.07 db per volt, which represents a uniform scale drift.

*Design Limitations*

The serious source of error is the rectifier-limiter circuit. The portion of the meter following the rectifier-limiter circuit of Fig. 2 is accurate within ±0.2 db over a 30-db range.

If it were required to redesign the meter for a 30-db range, an input stage having a larger output capability than the 6SJ7 would be necessary so that the rectifiers and limiters could be operated farther into their linear ranges. If this were done, the square wave would have to be attenuated before going to the grid of the 6V6 power stage.

The maximum useful range of the logarithmic circuit, which begins after the limiter diodes, is determined by the finite on-off sensitivity of the d-c amplifier. This sensitivity is of the order of 0.1 volt, and must be small compared to $E_K$ in order that sharply defined pulses be produced. Thus there is a lower limit to $E_K$ of about 3 volts. If the working range of the circuit is to be as much as 40 db, the peak-to-peak undistorted output of the square-wave amplifier must be greater than 3 volts by the 40 db plus a safety margin of about 3 db, or 400 volts peak-to-peak. Because of this requirement, a reasonably portable instrument is limited to about 30 db full scale.

The R-C filters between the rectifiers and the limiters are important to prevent slow periodic variations of the instrument indication at certain input frequencies. When the input frequency is nearly a multiple of the 60-cps square wave, ripple in the rectifier output is sampled in stroboscopic fashion in the limiting process. Thus a 10-percent ripple component in the rectifier output could produce a cyclic 1-db variation in the instrument indication.

These R-C filters are the chief factors in limiting the speed of response of the instrument; the values for them shown in Fig. 2 are commensurate with the mechanical








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The author is pleased to acknowledge the cooperation of the Ordnance Research Laboratory of the Pennsylvania State College, with whose facilities a preliminary test of the principle of the logarithmic circuit described above was made, and of the Electrodyne Company of Boston, to whom development rights have been assigned.

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## *SURVEY OF NEW TECHNIQUES*

PROPAGATION MEASUREMENTS conducted at the National Bureau of Standards under the direction of K. A. Norton indicate that atmospheric ducts may increase the range beyond line of sight of f-m broadcasting stations operating in the 88 to 108 mc band. The effect is most pronounced in the early morning and reaches a maximum during the summer months. (Ed. Note: Listeners have begun reporting reception of distant f-m stations now that the summer is here.) The increased transmission is caused by changes in refractive index in the region from 10,000 to 20,000 feet of air strata of different temperatures and hence different densities. The measurements also indicate that increased transmitter antenna height is more effective in increasing range than increased power. For rural areas, receivers that definitely limit with signals of five

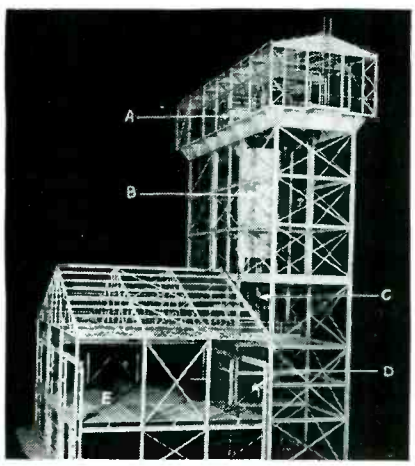


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microvolts per meter will not be affected by natural noise, except possibly strong local lightning. For the most part fading at great distances is caused by multipath effects.

THICKNESS of cigarette paper can be controlled to within 0.2 micron ($0.2 \times 10^{-12}$ meter) by a beat-frequency capacitance meter. The method, being applied in French factories manufacturing paper having a thickness of about 0.001 millimeter, is based on developments described by J. Coulon in his doctor's thesis at the Faculte des Sciences de l'Uinversite de Toulouse, France. The thesis reports methods of stabilizing the frequency of crystal oscillators.

LINEAR electrostatic accelerator, designed to yield positive ions with energies up to 12 mev, will be built at the University of California Los Alamos Scientific Lab. Although other types of accelerators capable of higher energies are operating or under construction, there is need in nuclear technology for precise measurements within the range for which this new machine is designed; beam energies will be controllable to a precision of one-tenth of a percent (orbital accelerators are accurate to only about two percent). The flexibility of the energy controls will permit experimenters to select particles and target materials to produce monoenergetic neu-




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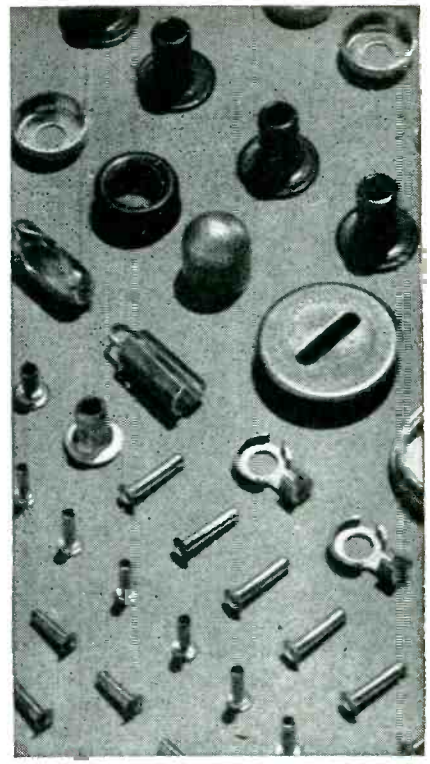



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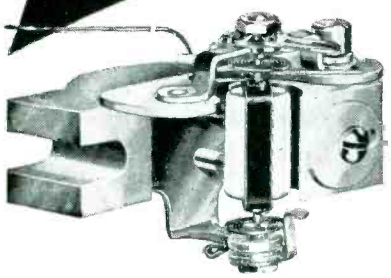
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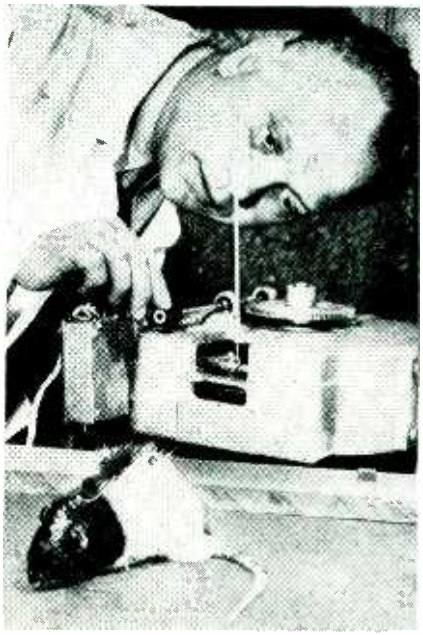
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LABORATORY RATS carrying miniature radio receivers are being used at the University of California, Los Angeles, by Dr. J. A. Gengerelli. The object is to study learning and retention traits of the rats. The rats are enclosed in mazes through which they can run freely. By means of a radio transmitter tuned to the frequencies of the rats' receivers, electrical impulses can be



**Dr. Gengerelli adjusts transmitter that sends impulses to tiny crystal rectifier placed under skin covering rat's skull. Note antenna wire projecting above rat**

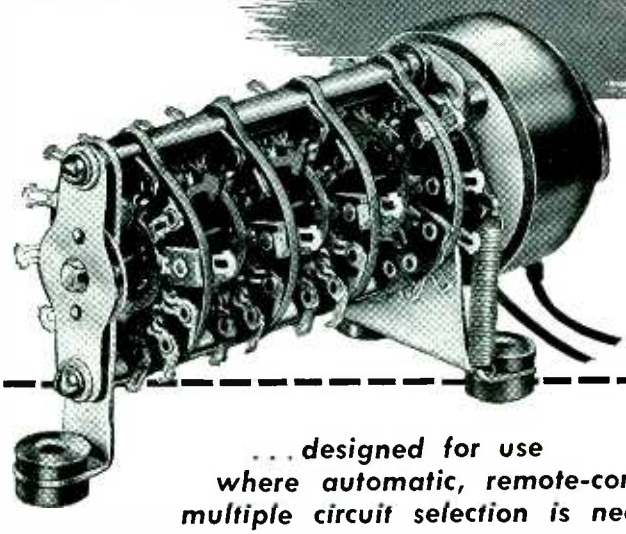
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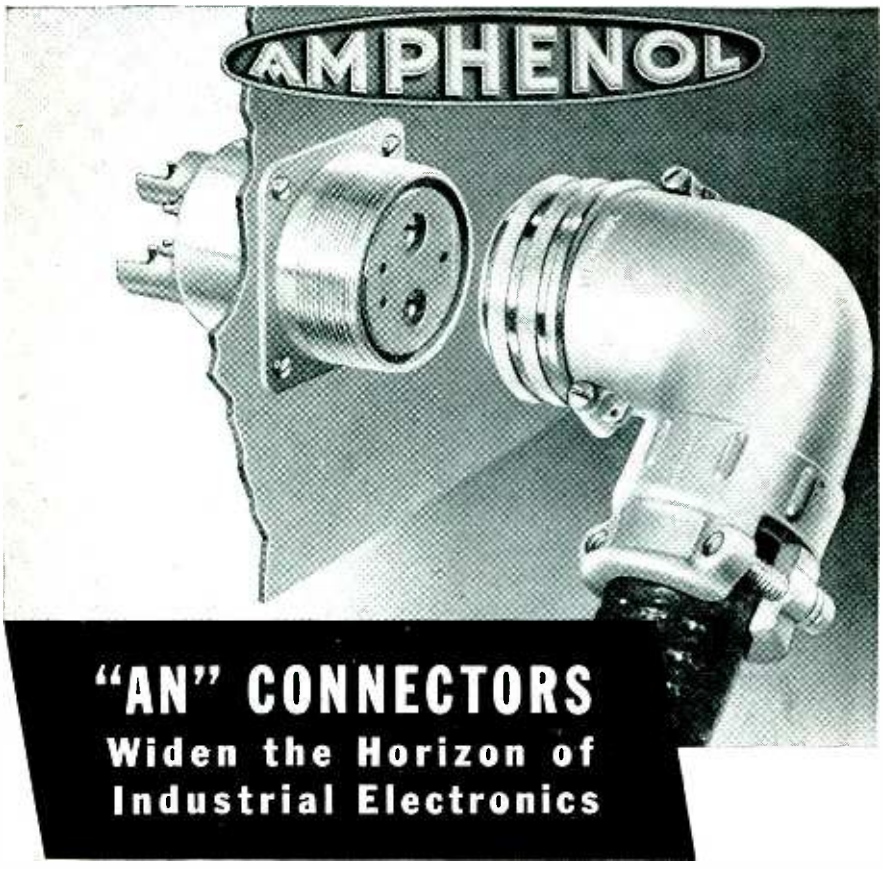
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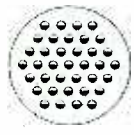
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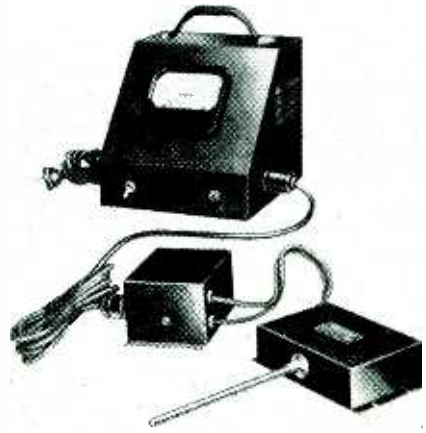
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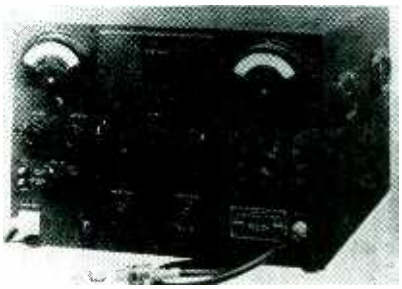


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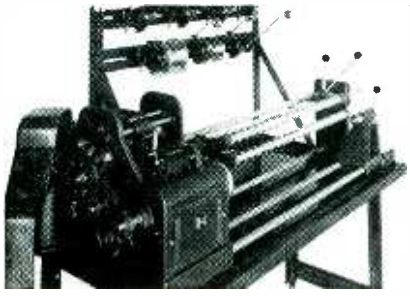
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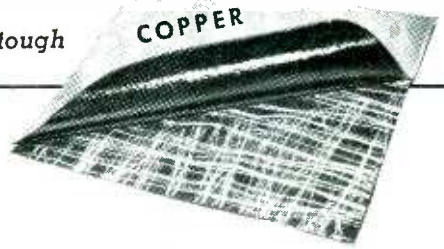
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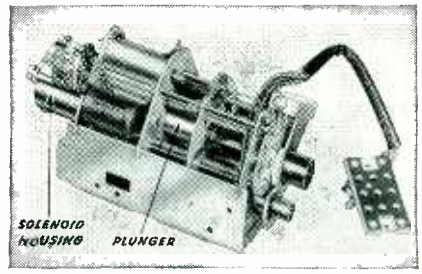



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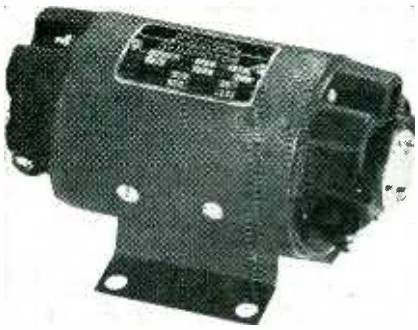
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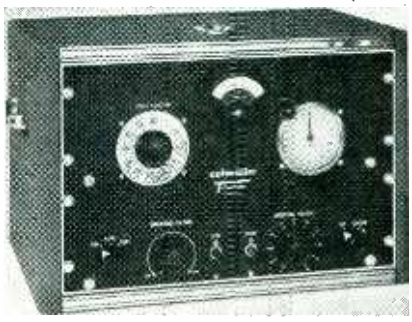

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many marine and aircraft applications. It is available in a range of capacities, with power output ranging up to 80 watts continuous and 150 watts intermittent duty. The unit weighs 8¼ pounds.

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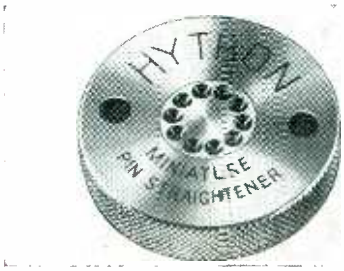
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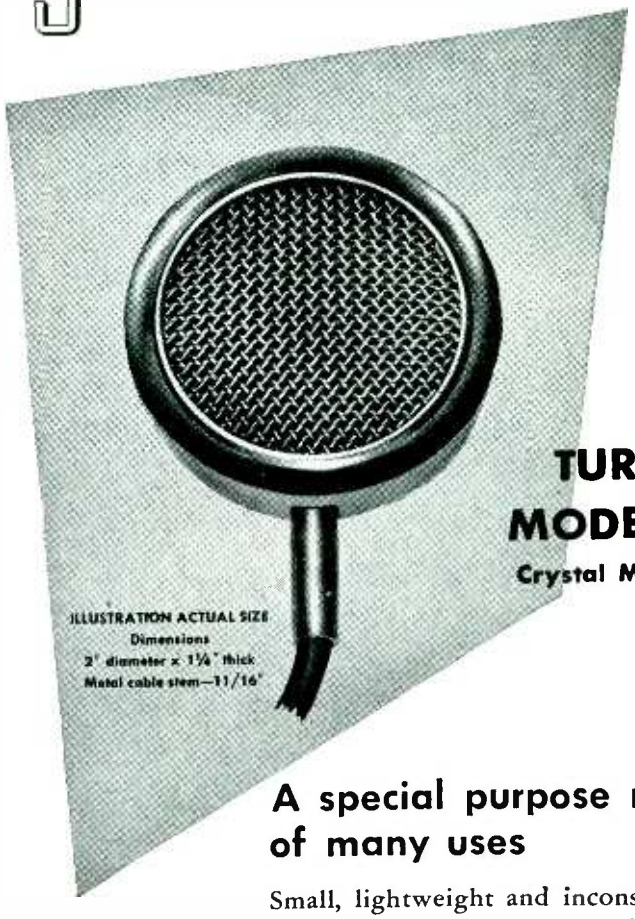
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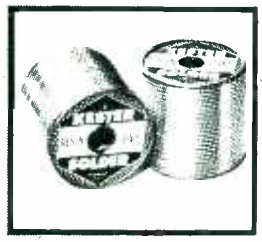
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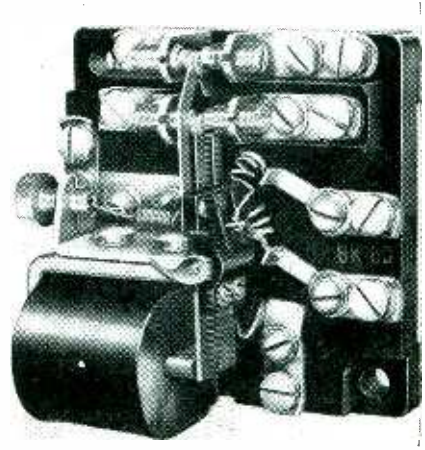
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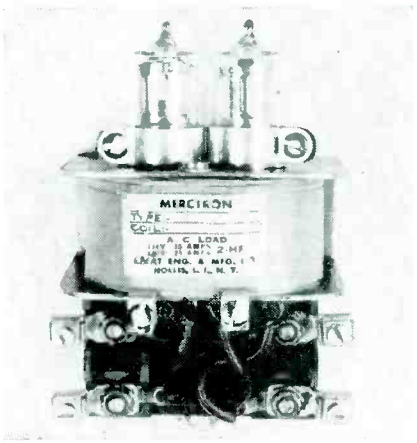


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at 0.240 volt-ampere. Contact rating is 1 amp at 48 v d-c. It is supplied in single or double pole, normally open or normally closed contact arrangements, also double throw.

## Two-Pole Relay

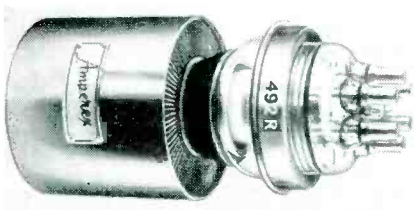
EBERT ENGINEERING AND MFG. CO., 185–09 Jamaica Ave., Hollis 7, L. I., N. Y., announces a 2-pole normally-open or normally-closed mercury relay for loads up to 25 amps breaking both sides of the line, also




motor loads up to 3 h-p at 230 volts a-c. Overall dimensions are 5 in. long, 3 in. wide and 2 in. high.

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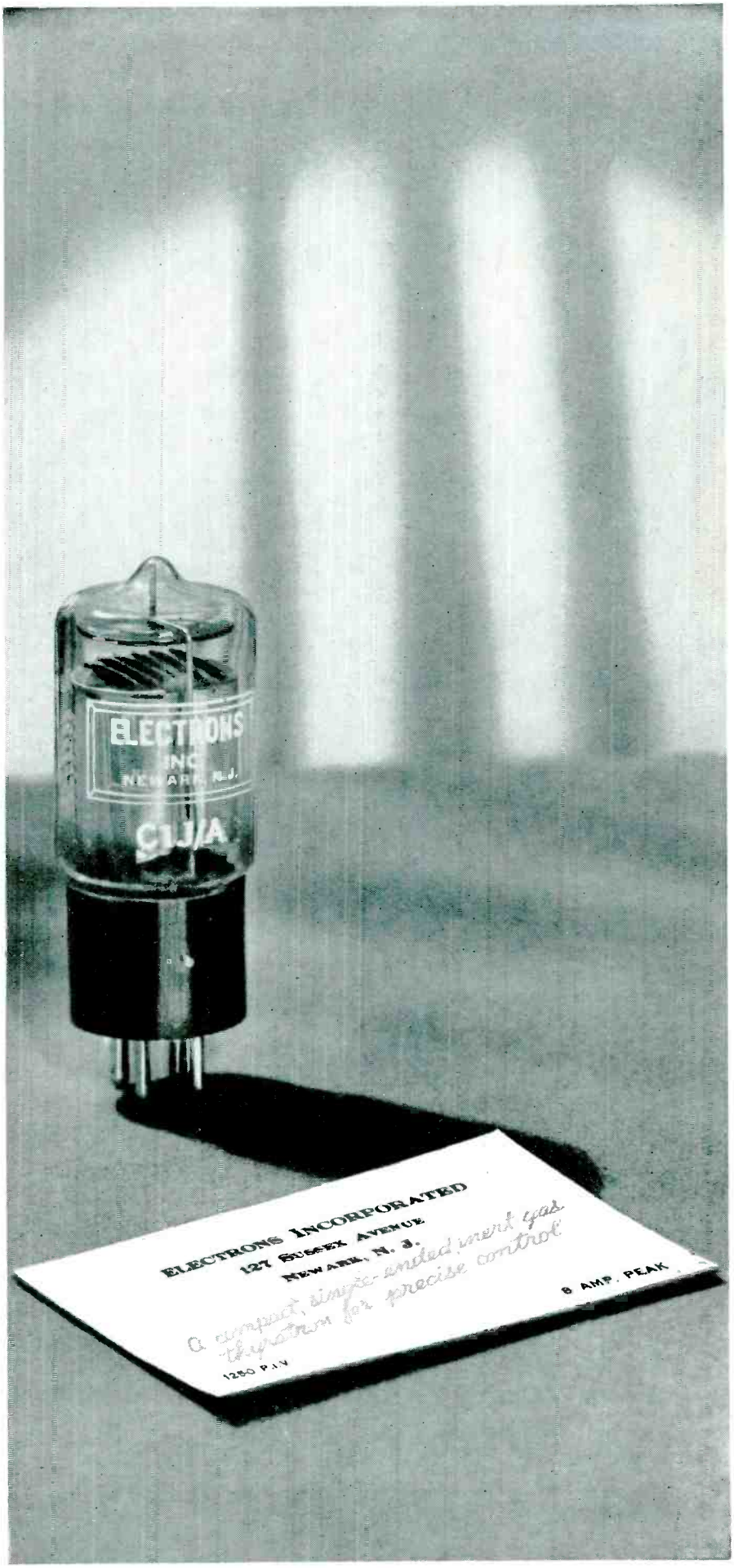
AMPEREX ELECTRONIC CORP., 79 Washington St., Brooklyn, N. Y., announce the 492 and 492-R h-f water-cooled and air-cooled triode amplifier and oscillator tubes having a 5-kw plate dissipation. The grid of each is mounted to a ring seal by an unperforated section of




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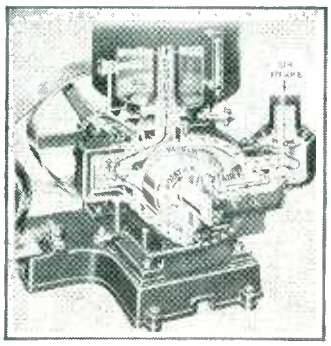
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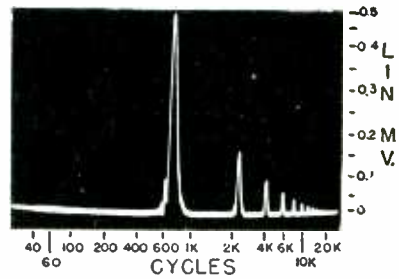
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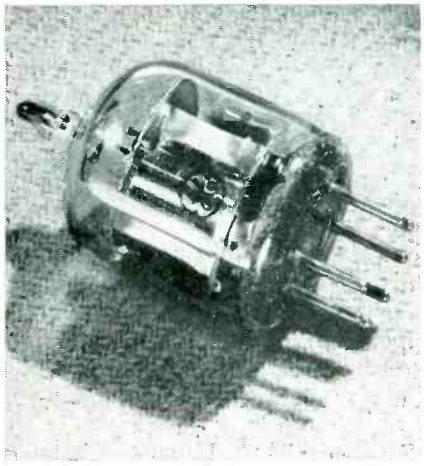
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### Midget Thyratron

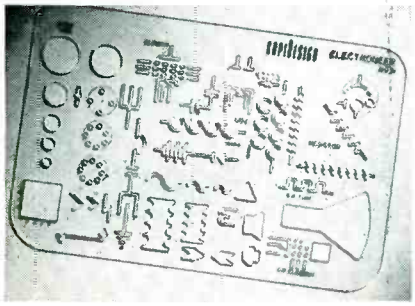
GENERAL ELECTRIC Co., Schenectady, N. Y. Type GL-5663 midget thyratron designed to maintain low



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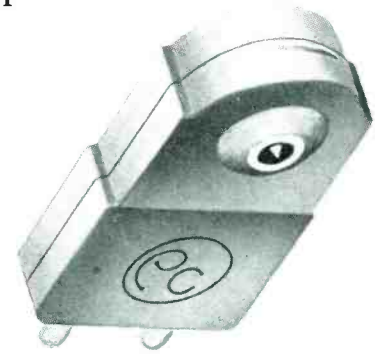
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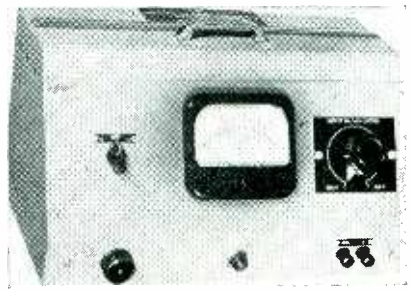
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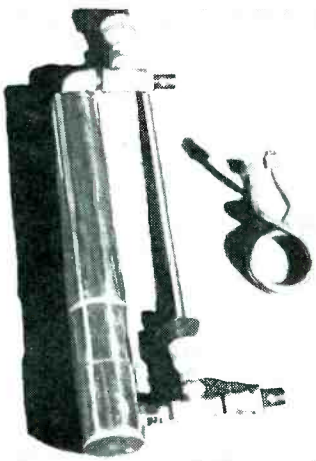


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respect to ground; and it will change less than 0.5 percent at any setting for line voltage variations from 95 to 135 volts.

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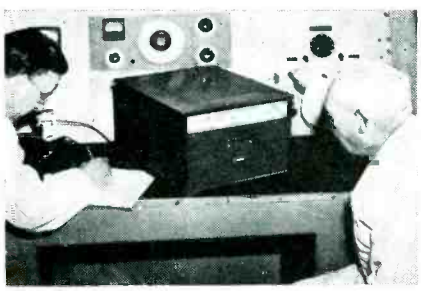
R. A. WHITEMAN, 630 N. Wisner Ave., Park Ridge, Ill. The types IHC-20 (illustrated) and IHC-50 calorimeters measure and check the power output of induction heating units. They permit measurements



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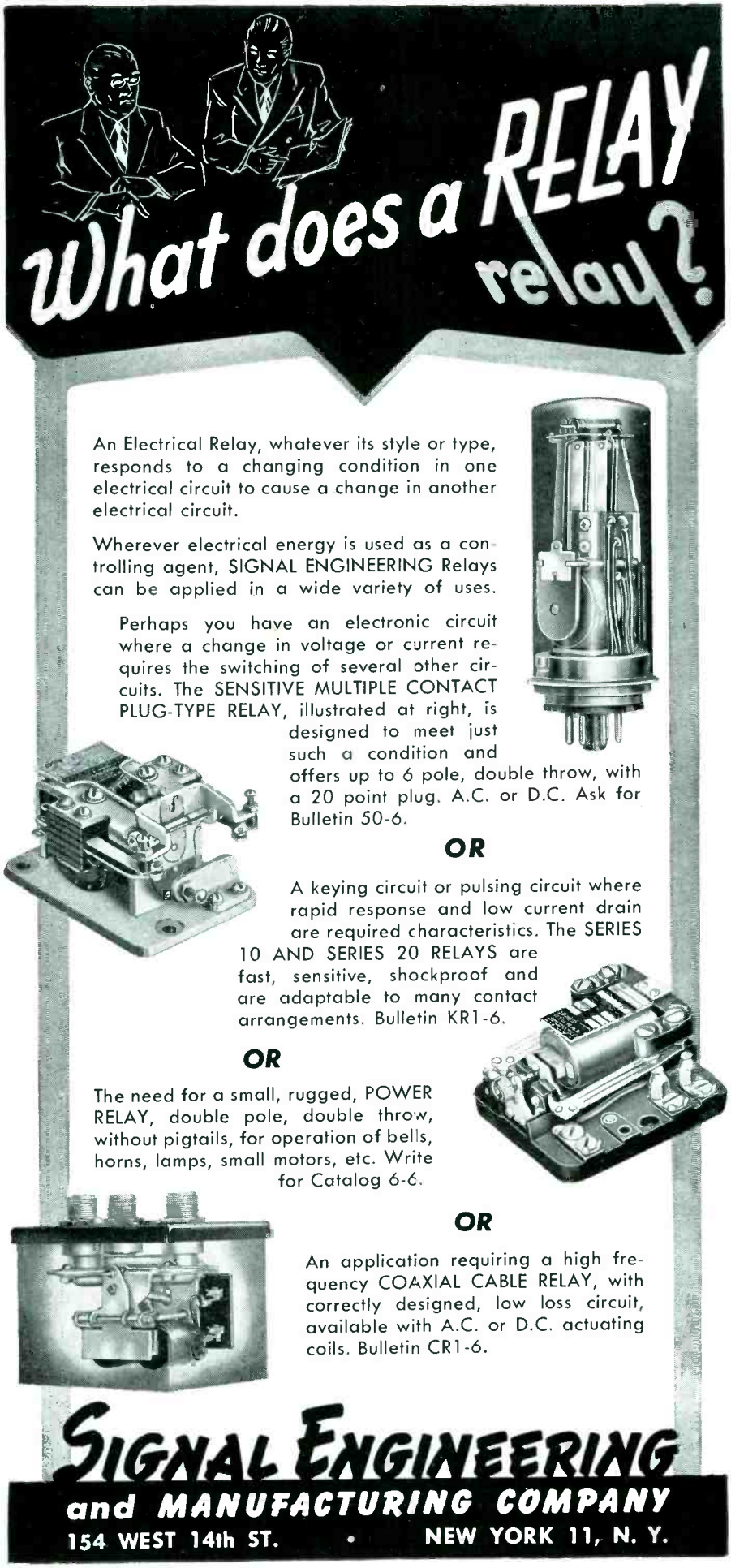
GENERAL ELECTRIC CO., Schenectady 5, N. Y., has developed a new portable light-beam wattmeter giving readings in the low wattage, low power factor ranges for frequencies



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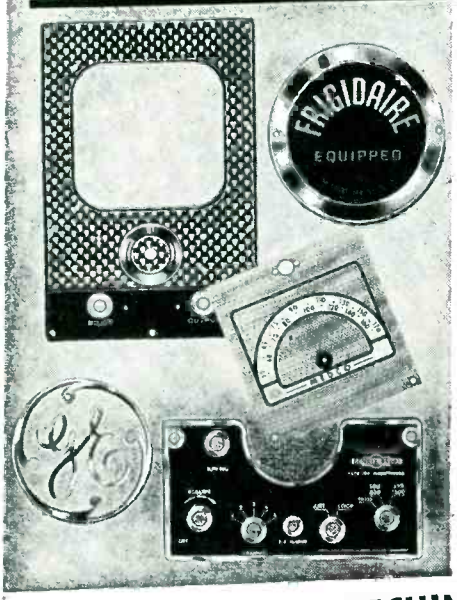







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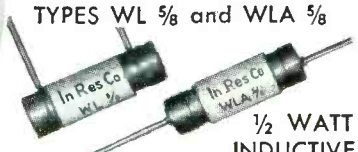
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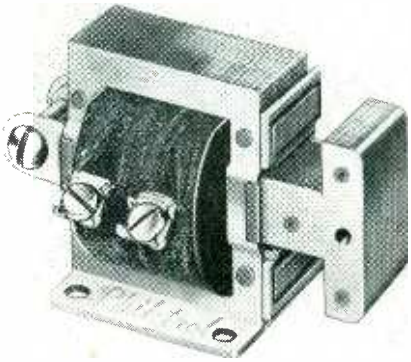
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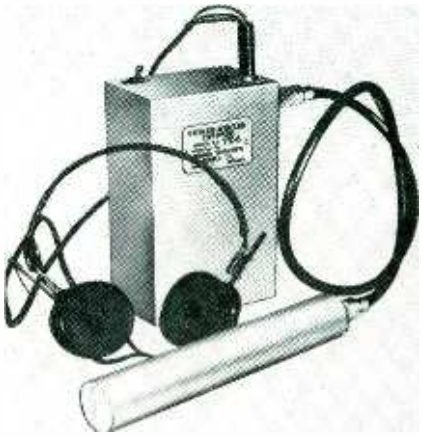

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bonded silicon steel laminations and a T-shaped laminated plunger adaptable for both push and pull operations. It is available for continuous duty on 115 volts, 60 cycles, with a maximum stroke of one inch. Approximate pull is 2 pounds at ¾ inch, 4.2 pounds at ¼-inch stroke.

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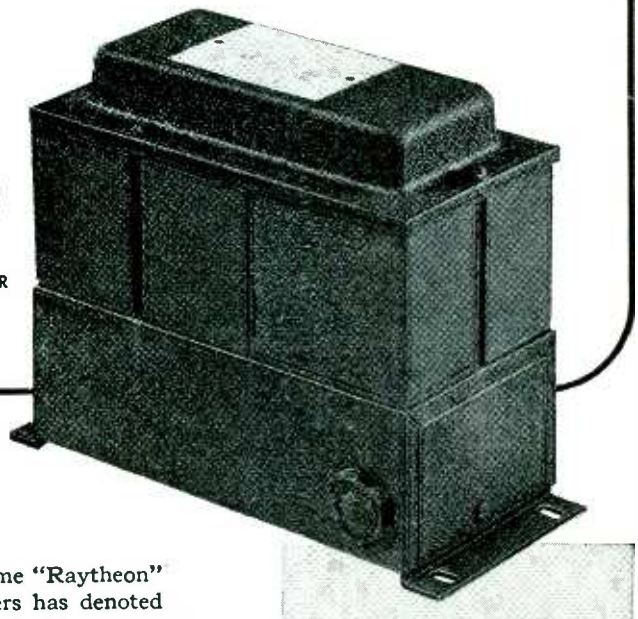
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PHOTOBELL CO., 116 Nassau St., New York 7, N. Y. Type ES-1 electric eye relay operates from 115 volts 60 cycles, and comprises a photoelectric tube, amplifier, relay and sensitivity adjustment all mounted on a 2½ x 5-inch steel chassis. Type ES-2 is similar but includes a light projector built into


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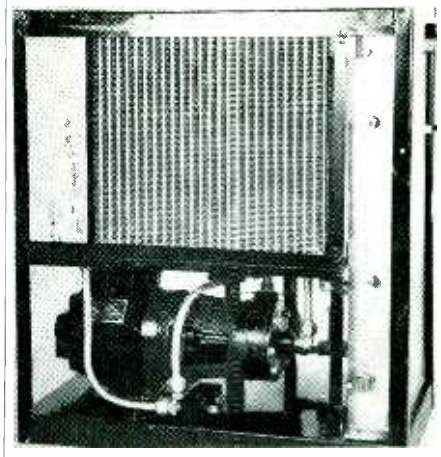





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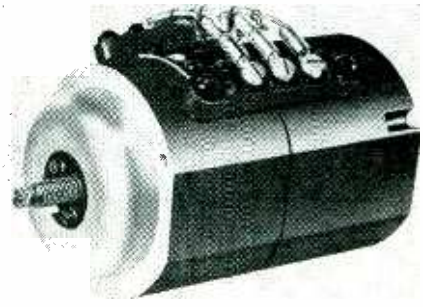
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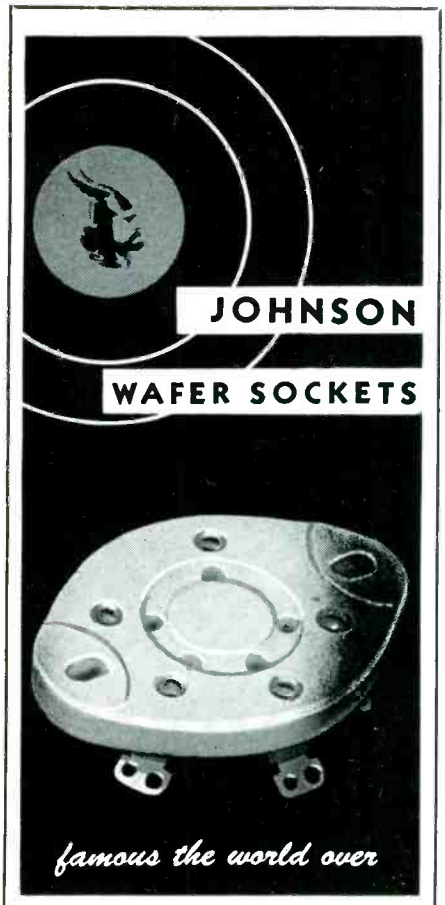
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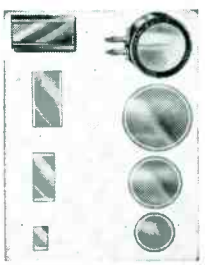
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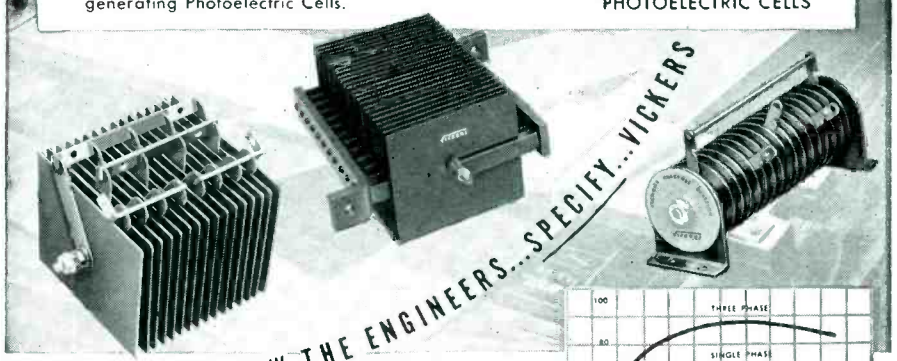
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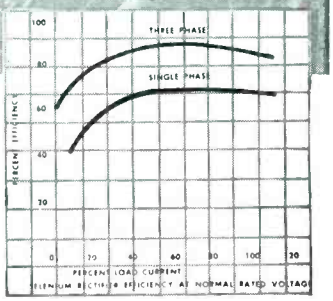
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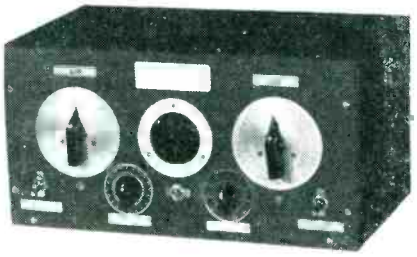
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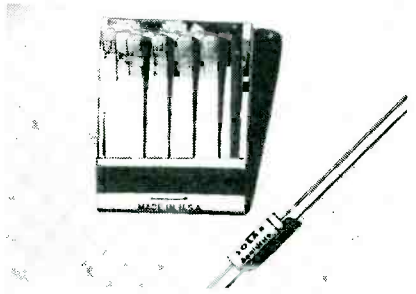
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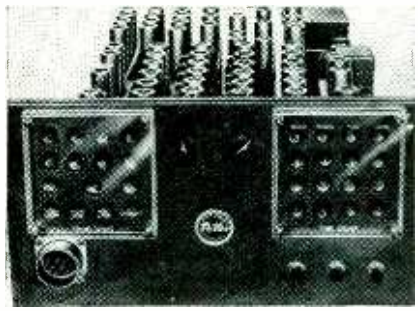
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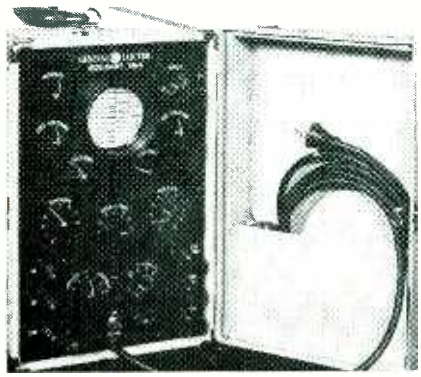

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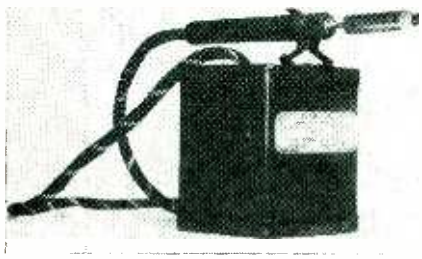
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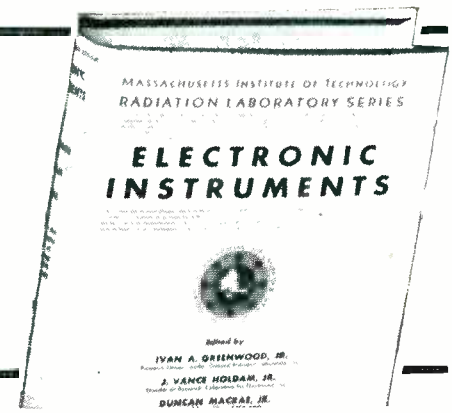
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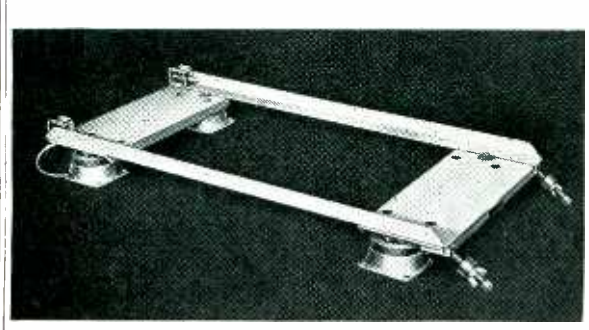
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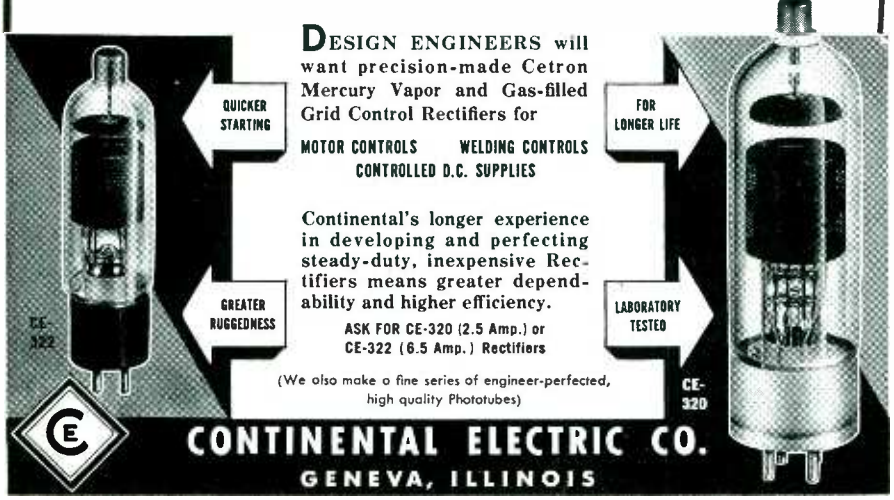
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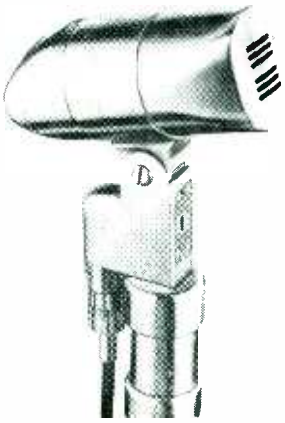
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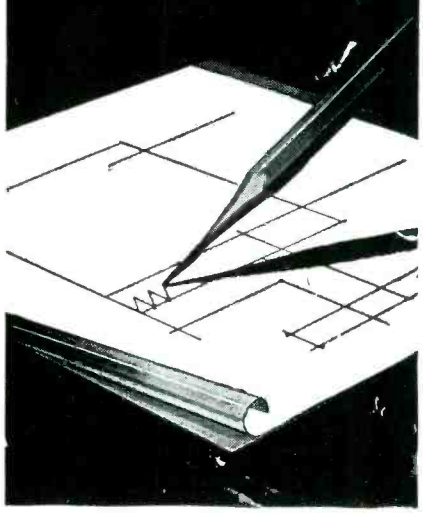
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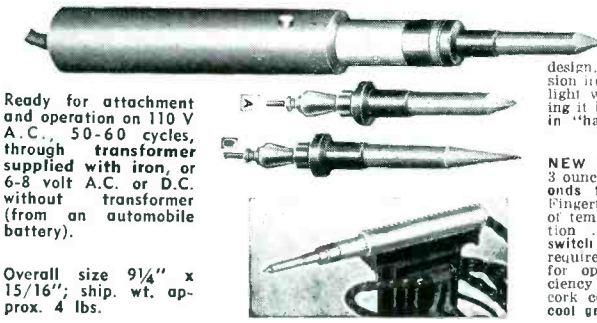
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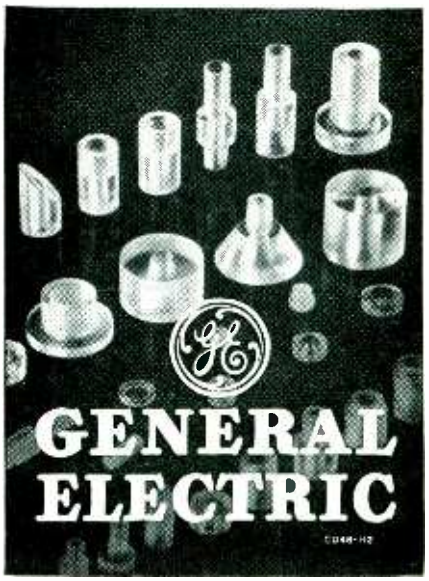
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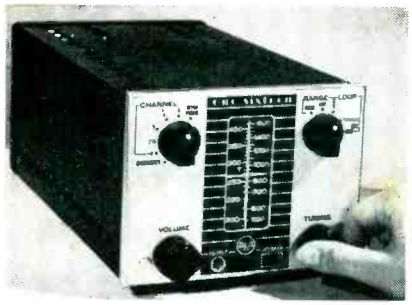
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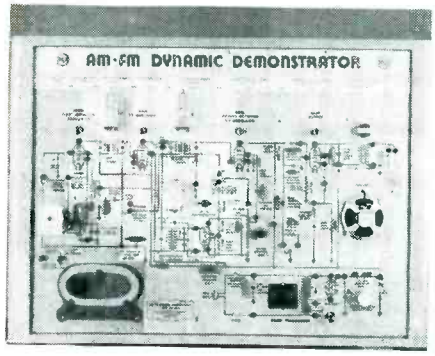
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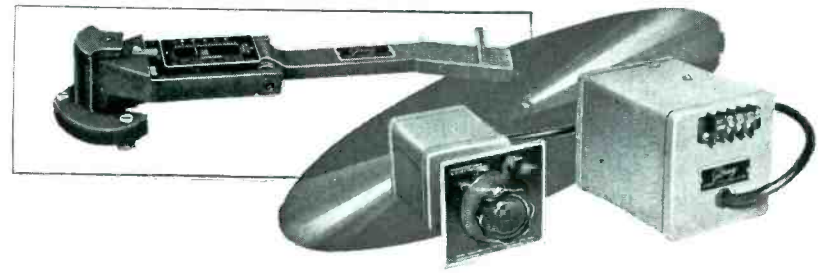
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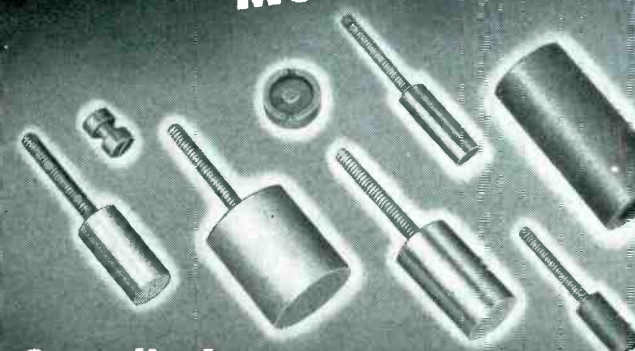
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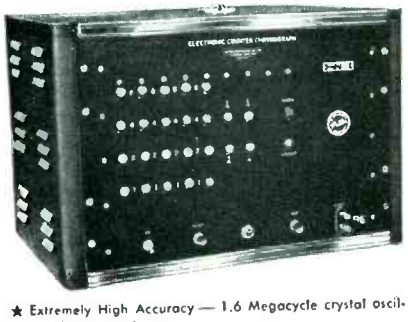


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**Connector Catalog.** Cannon Electric Development Co., Humboldt St. and Ave. 33, Los Angeles 31, Calif. The C-47 edition of Cannon Plugs contains 32 pages in 3 colors, covering the thirteen major type series of multi-contact electric connectors. Prices are given on all except the AN, K, and DPD series.

**Motor Catalogs.** Gleason-Avery Inc., Auburn, N. Y. Two new catalog sheets have been recently released. The first deals with both synchronous and nonsynchronous instrument and timing motors. The second covers the series 500 gear motors. Both are well illustrated and give complete specifications.

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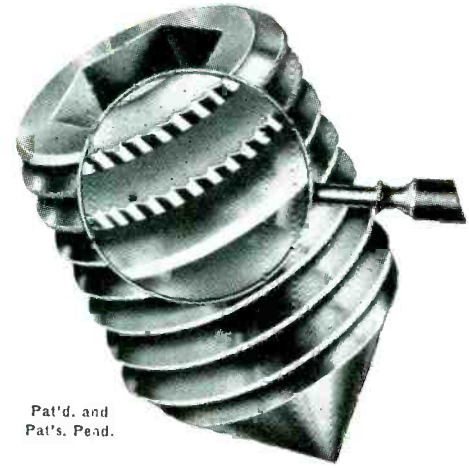
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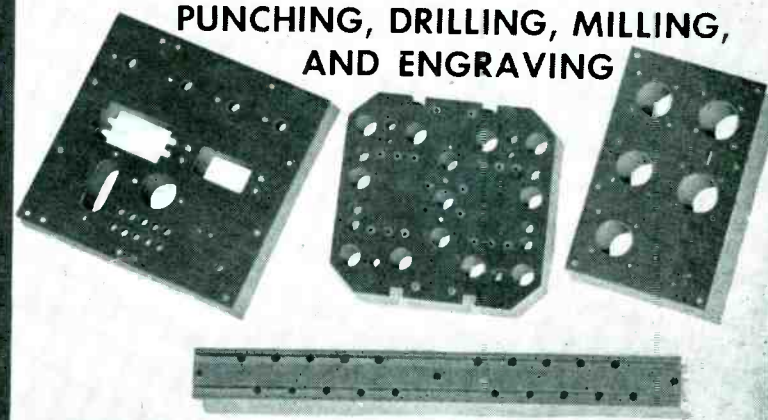
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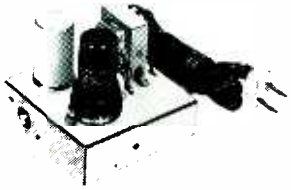
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**All-Channel Antenna.** The Workshop Associates, Inc., 66 Needham St., Newton Highlands 61, Mass. A catalog sheet and assembly instructions are available for the new indoor television and f-m antenna that is constructed of corrugated board covered with aluminum foil. The antenna is designed to be mounted in an attic.

**Transmitting Tubes.** Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., Emporium, Pa. Characteristics on more than a score of types with rated plate dissipation ranging from 20 to 175 watts are given in a six-page bulletin.

**Motor Control.** J. B. Lewis & Co., 3324 Main St., Hartford 5, Conn. Bulletin 105 points out the features of a new wide range, adjustable speed, motor control employing two electronic tubes.

**A-M and F-M Tuner.** Browning Laboratories, Inc., Winchester, Mass., has issued catalog sheet 8415 describing the characteristics of an a-m and f-m tuning unit with f-m sensitivity of 10 microvolts for 30 db noise reduction. Curves of its performance are also available.

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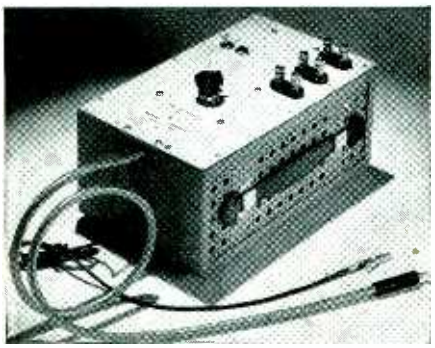
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**Electronic Glassware.** T. C. Wheaton Co., Millville, N. J. A complete line of electronic glassware, particularly glass-to-steel hermetic terminals in various shapes and sizes, is covered in a recent bulletin.

**Industrial and Laboratory Devices.** Airmec Laboratories Ltd., 19 Charterhouse St., London, E. C. 1, England. Descriptive leaflets are available on the d-c ionization voltage tester type 732, the d-c oscilloscope type 723, and the electromechanical counter type 737.

**Oscillography Equipment.** Allen B. DuMont Laboratories, Inc., 1000 Main Ave., Clifton, N. J., has issued an informative pamphlet covering c-r tubes, oscillographs, allied equipment, and accessories. It may be obtained by request on business letterhead.

**Laboratory Catalog.** Fisher Scientific Co., 717 Forbes St., Pittsburgh, Pa. and Eimer & Amend, 635 Greenwich St., New York 14, N. Y. A 40-page profusely illustrated book pictures 268 laboratory innovations and describes more than 300 equipment items that have been developed to aid laboratory work.

**Chemical Products.** General Electric Co., 1 Plastics Ave., Pittsfield, Mass. An 18-page illustrated booklet CDP-576 describes briefly a wide range of chemical products such as plastics, resins and insulating materials, metallurgical products and compounds. A technical bulletin is available on each product described.

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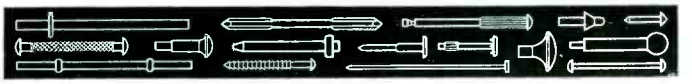
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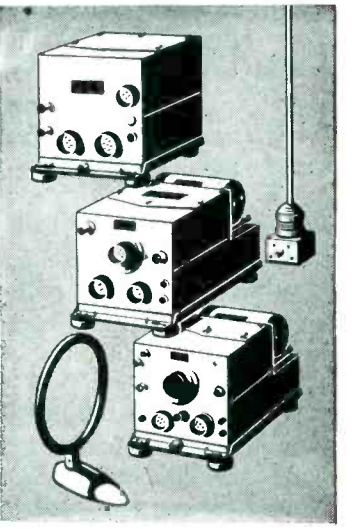
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**Motors Guide.** Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co., Milwaukee 1, Wis. A 12-page loose-leaf perforated booklet offers a quick reference to data on a variety of general purpose motors. It is well illustrated and gives specifications and applications.

**Snap Switches.** The Acro Electric Co., 1305 Superior Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio. A recent catalog describes, complete with mechanical drawings and operating characteristics, many types of snap-action switches with the patented rolling spring construction.

**Silicone Products.** General Electric Co., Pittsfield, Mass. A 30-page illustrated bulletin CDR-57 describes in detail the new silicone resins, oils, greases, water repellents, and rubber together with their many industrial uses. Charts and tables are included for handy reference.

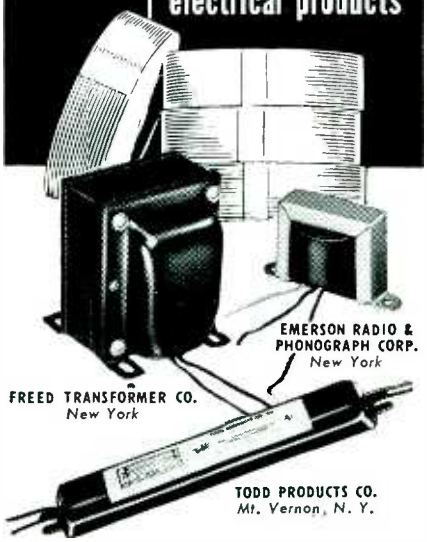
**Isotope Apparatus.** Tracerlab Inc., 55 Oliver St., Boston 10, Mass. A 40-page booklet shows a variety of scalers, counters, timers, sample changers, and radiation survey meters. Chief features, uses, and specifications for each are given. Also included are descriptions of radioassay accessories.

**Annual NBS Report.** Department of Commerce, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. The 1947 report of the National Bureau of Standards involves five types of activities: research and development; test, calibration and standard samples; commodity standards and codes and specifications; advisory services; and cooperative activities. A complete table of contents is given.

**Resistance Measurement.** James G. Biddle Co., 1316 Arch St., Philadelphia 7, Pa. The 12-page bulletin 24–25 contains photographs, wiring diagrams and charts showing various aspects of low-resistance testing and its application. It features the Ducter ohmmeter which measures resistance down to 0.000001 ohm.

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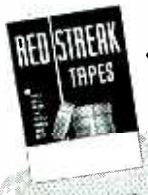



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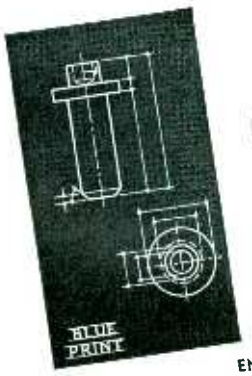
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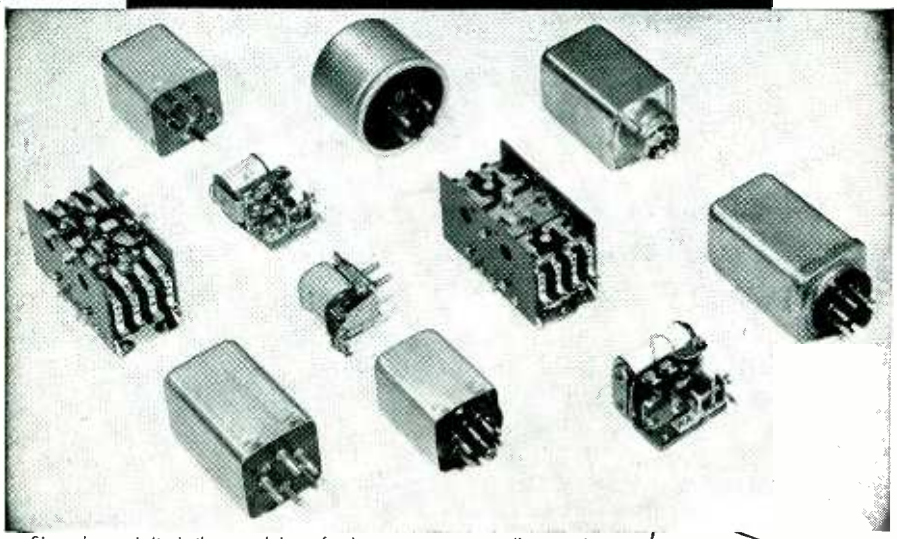
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**Paper Tubulars.** Cornell-Dubilier Electric Corp., South Plainfield, N. J. Descriptive bulletin NB116 covers the Grey Tiger paper tubulars which are Vikane impregnated and feature outstanding performance over a temperature range of −55 C to +100 C. These capacitors are primarily designed for use in automobile radios and other high-temperature applications.

**Recording Catalog.** Gorrell & Gorrell, Haworth, N. J. Bulletin G-100 is a condensed catalog briefly outlining features, functions and general construction of several types of instruments for timing, control, and graphic recording. Complete details and typical applications are given in individual bulletins.

**Microphones.** Electro-Voice, Inc., Buchanan, Mich. Bulletin 103 illustrates and describes in four pages many models of microphones, stands and accessories now available.

**Internal Defect Locator.** Sperry Products, Inc., 1505 Willow Ave., Hoboken, N. J. Operation and application of the new portable, lightweight type SR05 supersonic reflectoscope is described in bulletin 3001. This nondestructive testing instrument is used for locating internal defects in metals and other materials.

**Precision Equipment.** R.T.S. Electronics Ltd., King St., Exeter, England. The model EA11 single-channel cro, model EA20 resistance-capacitance bridge and EA36 signal tracer are fully treated in a 12-page, board-covered booklet.

**Fractional H-P Motors.** Alliance Mfg. Co., Alliance, Ohio. Various types and sizes of electric motors rated from less than 1/400th h-p to 1/20th h-p are described and illustrated in a four-page folder. Applications are given.



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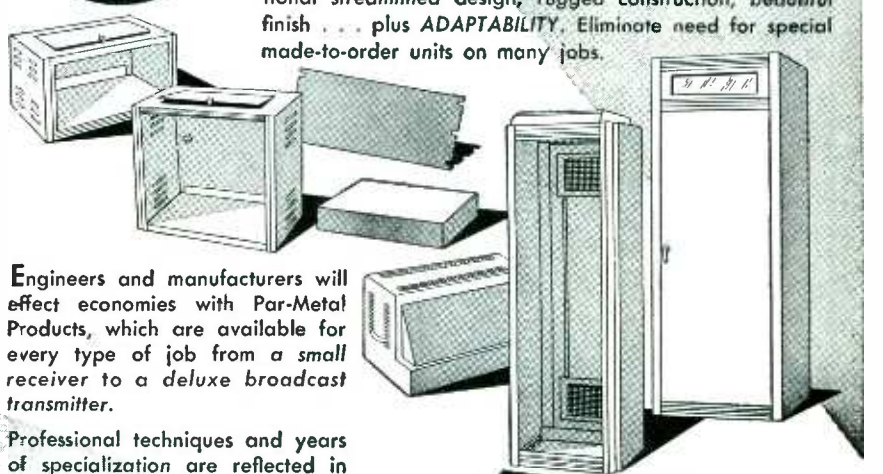
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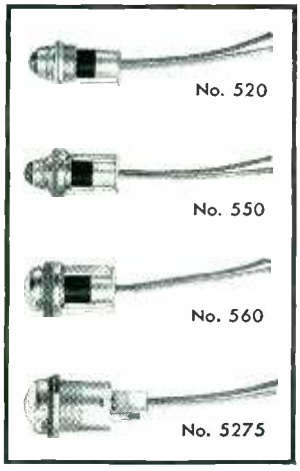
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programs are currently being broadcast in Leningrad twice a week, and are expected to be increased to four times a week soon. The Leningrad center also plans to have in operation by autumn a portable television transmitter.

During the past two years The Moscow Radio Club organized two cycles of 15 lectures each dealing with the principles of television and how to build a television receiver. Under the aegis of the club's television section 400 amateurs made their own television receivers and are now viewing regular programs broadcast by the Moscow Tele-Center.

## Rural Industrial Radio

A SPECIAL INDUSTRIAL radio service was recently proposed by the FCC to make radio-communication available to persons engaged in commercial or industrial operations which are predominantly rural in nature. Under this category would be included farming, ranching, irrigation, mining and construction activities.

Also covered by the proposed special service would be those engaged in commercial and industrial operations involving hazard to life and property where use of radio would decrease such hazards, those engaged in operations reacting directly upon public welfare or safety, and maintenance and repair services directly involving public health or well-being.

## URSI-IRE Meeting

A SECOND joint meeting of the American Section, International Scientific Radio Union, and the Institute of Radio Engineers will be held in Washington on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, October 7, 8, and 9, 1948.

The program will, as usual, be devoted to the more fundamental and scientific aspects of radio and electronics. The program of titles and abstracts will be available in booklet form for distribution before the meeting. Anyone wishing to submit papers for presentation at this meeting should send in title and a 100-word abstract before

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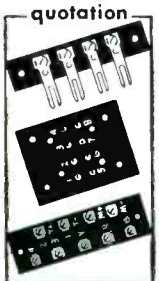
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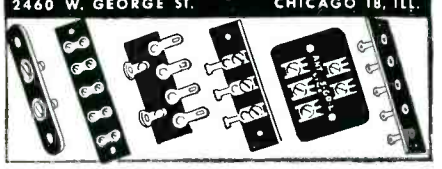
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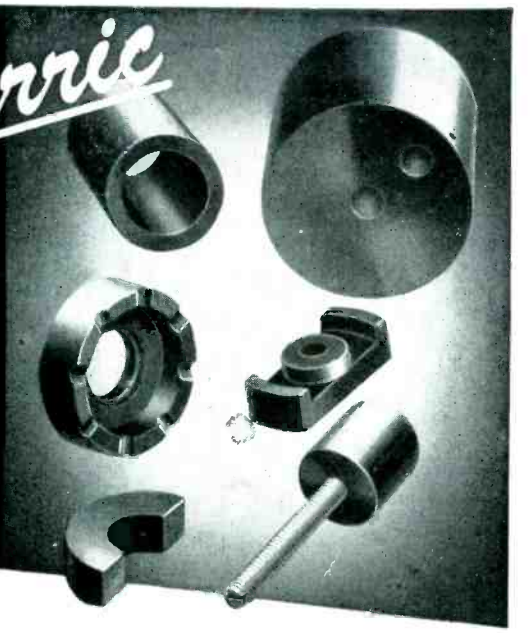
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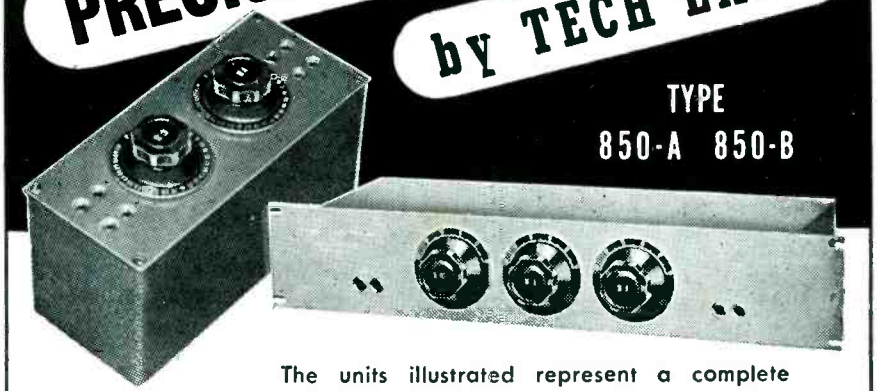
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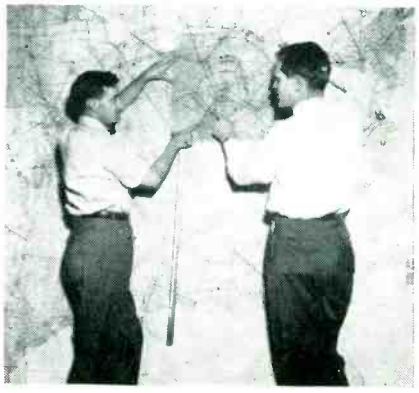
August 20 to Dr. Newbern Smith, Secretary, American Section, URSI, National Bureau of Standards, Washington 25, D. C.

## San Francisco Audio Society

ON JUNE 22 in San Francisco's NBC Building the first organizing meeting for formation of a San Francisco Section of the Audio Engineering Society was held. About thirty audio specialists attended and established by acclamation a temporary chairman, I. R. Ganic of Audiophone, Oakland, Calif. There was also a talk and demonstration of the Ampex tape recorder by Myron Stolaroff.

## Television Reallocation

HEARINGS WERE HELD in Washington, D. C. recently at which the FCC proposed a nation-wide reallocation of the twelve television channels. A 10 x 16ft. map of the U. S., on which interference conditions are graphically portrayed, was prepared by Allen B. DuMont Laboratories, Inc., for the occasion.



Dr. Thomas T. Goldsmith (right), head of DuMont research division and an assistant, Robert Wakeman, with map of U. S. showing FCC's proposed allocation

The DuMont proposal includes first the correcting of some serious spacings in the proposed FCC allocation plan and secondly the addition of a few further channels beyond the present twelve.

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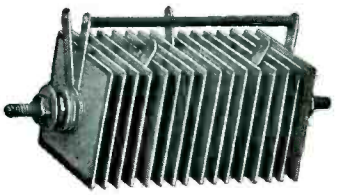
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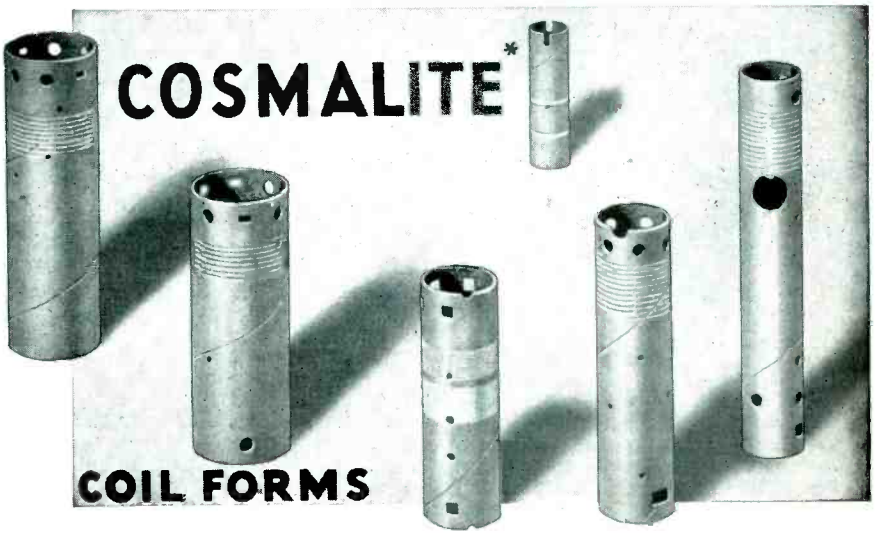
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## Army Tests Transistors

A RECENT Bell Laboratories development, the transistor (see p 68, this issue), gives promise of having great military value for communications equipment. Exhaustive tests are being undertaken by the Signal Corps to gather complete data on the device's characteristics and its reaction to shock, vibration and extremes of climate.

The transistor, a new crystal triode, is important to the army because, having no filament, it requires no heating current to amplify voltages. In portable communications equipment, such as the walkie-talkie and the handy-talkie, a large part of the weight and bulk consists of batteries for heating tube filaments. Transistors would greatly reduce the ground soldier's load.

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## Utilities Radio Committee

AT A RECENT meeting attended by twenty-two power utilities representatives from all over the country, the National Committee for Utilities Radio was organized in Chicago. It will be a successor committee to the group formerly known as Committee 4 of Panel 13, RTPB.

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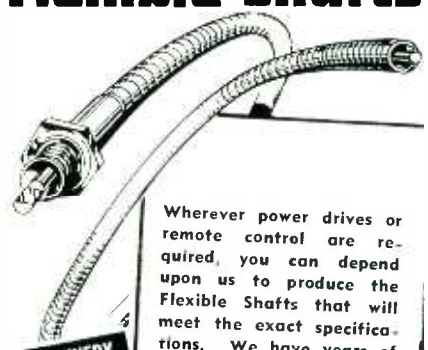
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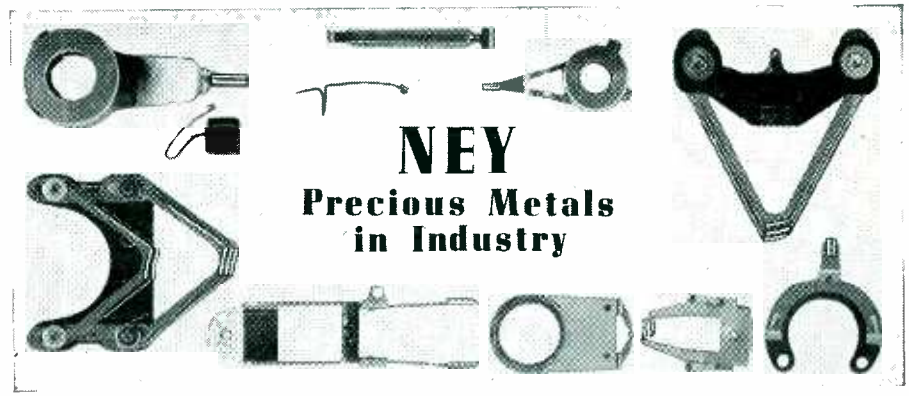
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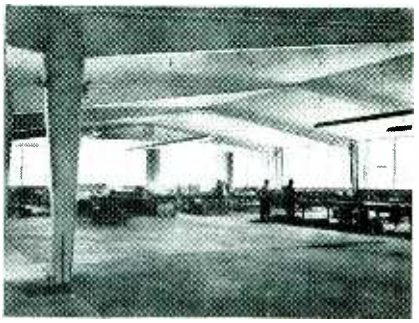
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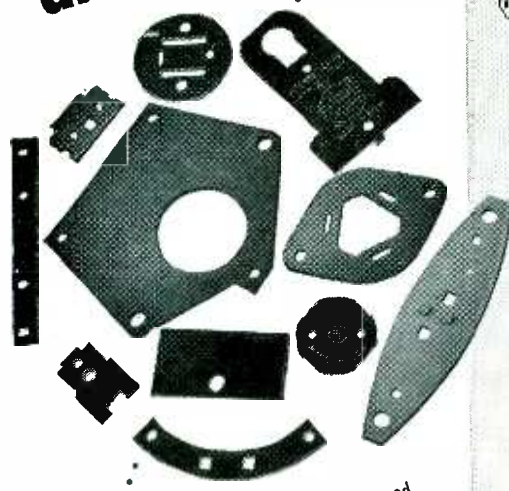
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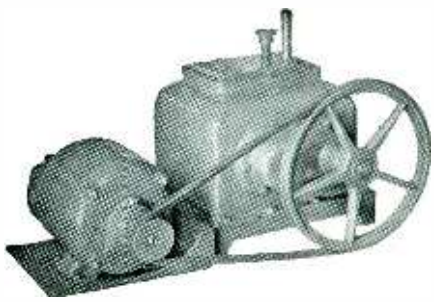
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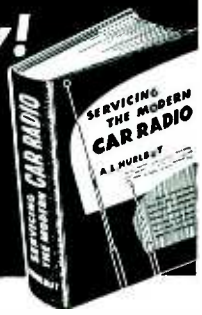
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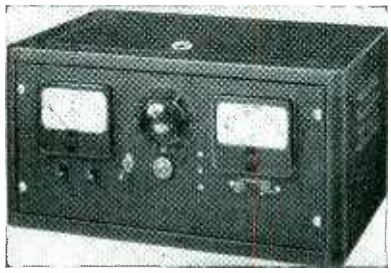



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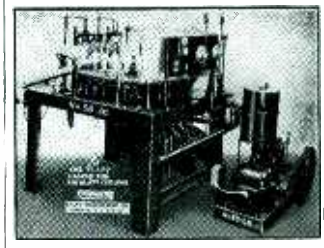
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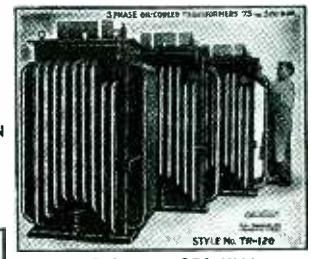
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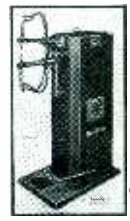
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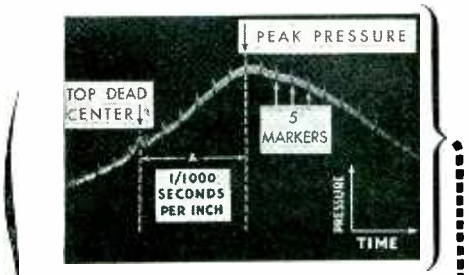
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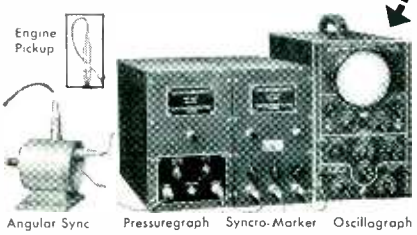
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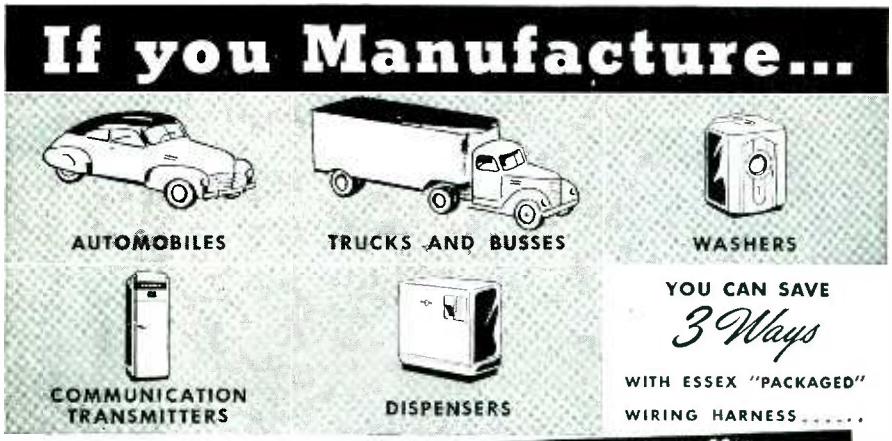
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DAVID B. PARKINSON was co-recipient with Dr. C. A. Lovell of the 1948 Potts Medal of the Franklin Institute.

JAN A. RAJCHMAN, with RCA since 1936 and chiefly responsible for the development of the electron multiplier, recently received the 1948 Levy Medal of The Franklin Institute in recognition of a paper entitled "The Electron Mechanics of Induction Acceleration", jointly authored with W. H. Cherry.



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WILLIAM H. CHERRY, co-author of the above-mentioned paper, was the co-recipient of the Levy Medal. He has been engaged in research for RCA since 1941 and is at present working in the RCA television group.

WILLIAM BALDERSTON, formerly executive vice-president, has been elected president of Philco Corporation. Between 1944 and 1946 he directed the company's reconversion to civilian production.

PAUL H. WENDEL, formerly associate editor of *Radio News* and business manager of *Radio Maintenance*, has joined the Photofact staff of Howard W. Sams & Co., Inc., Indianapolis, Ind.

DAN DROMMERHAUSEN, senior engineer with Hoffman Radio Corp., Los Angeles, has become manager of the service department.

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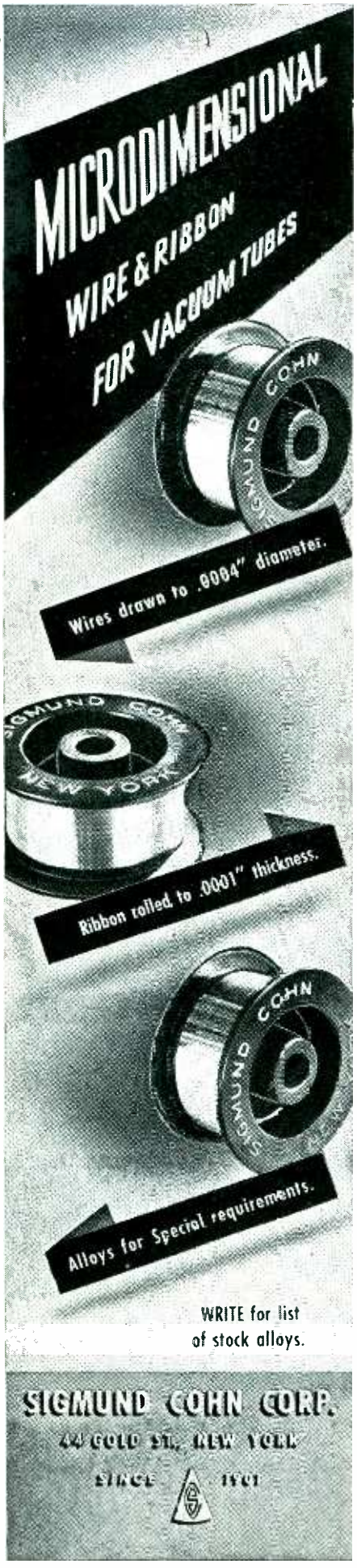
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EVERETT S. LEE, chief engineer of G-E's General Engineering and Consulting Laboratory at Schenectady, has been elected president of the AIEE for 1948-49.

ALBERT J. FRIEDMAN, formerly associated with the Federal Telephone and Radio Corp. of Nutley, N. J. and the Island Electronics Co. of Freeport, N. Y., has been appointed chief antenna development engineer at J. F. D. Mfg. Co., Inc., Brooklyn, N. Y.

PAUL THOMPSON has been named chief electronic engineer of the Turner Company, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, manufacturers of microphones and electronic equipment.



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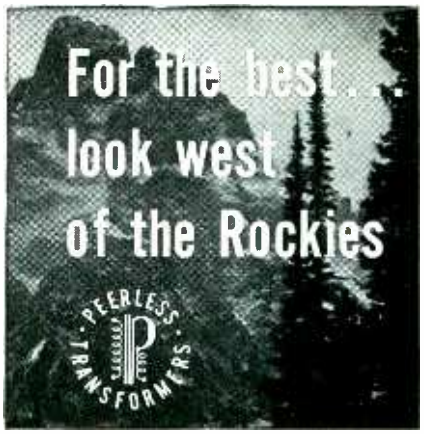


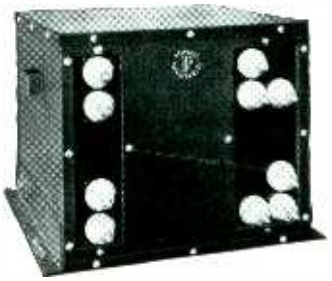
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LEO L. HELTERLINE, JR. has been promoted from chief engineer to general manager of Sorensen and Co., Inc., Stamford, Conn. He was formerly associated with General Motors and Sylvania Electric Products Co.

WILLIAM A. BROWNE, former engineering buyer for radar development at Sylvania's Electronics Division, was recently appointed merchandising supervisor for the Radio Division of Sylvania Electric Products, Inc.

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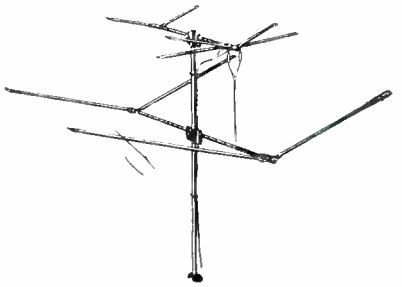
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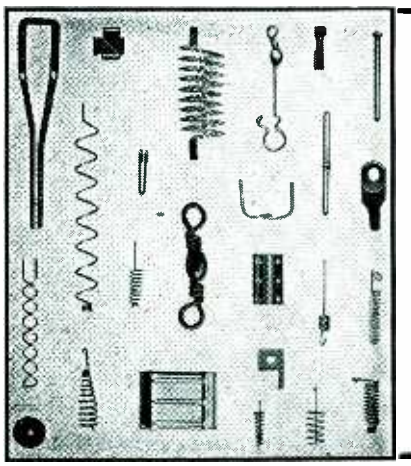
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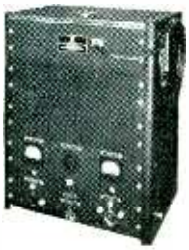
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This is a revision of the original book brought out in 1936. The author has continued the objective of the first edition, namely, a thorough treatment of the theory of vibration and sound for students in physics and communication engineering. In attaining these aims the author has provided an adequate and complete treatment of the mathematical foundations of conventional sound theory which forms the basis for the solution of the specific problems. Accordingly, the first part of the book is concerned with a complete mathematical treatment, with most of the detailed steps included. In the latter portion of the book, the treatment is not as complete and therefore, requires some effort to fill in the intermediate steps.

The subject matter is confined for the most part to types of vibrations that can be handled mathematically. It is not, however, a book on mathematics with sound as an excuse. Mathematics is used as a tool. Sufficient explanation is given for the most part to keep the physical concepts and significance of the formulas clear.

The use of diagrams to illustrate modes of vibrations of strings, bars, membranes, and plates is one of the outstanding and useful features of the book. In the case of membranes and plates, the figures are presented in perspective to show the shapes for the lower modes of vibration. Illustrations of this kind are useful because they give at a glance information which cannot be readily gleaned from the mathematics.

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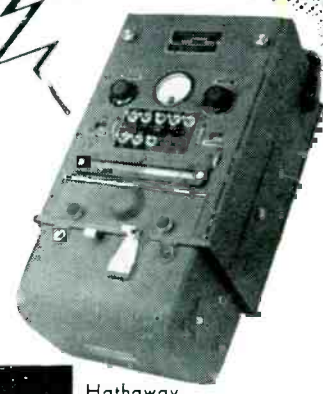
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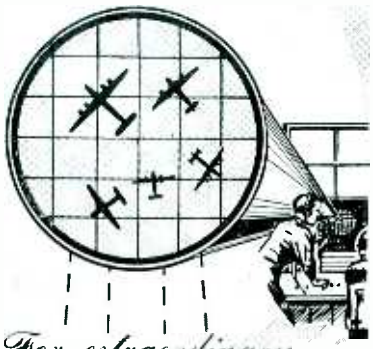
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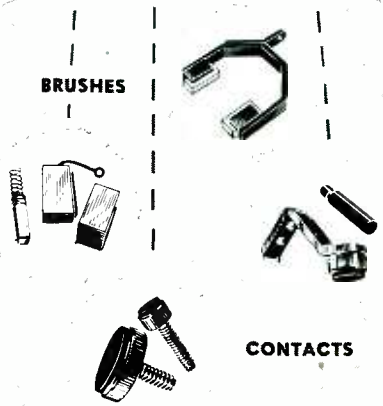
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The book includes a useful set of tables of trigonometric, hyperbolic, Bessel and Legendre functions and absorption coefficients, and plates or graphs of hyperbolic tangent transformation, standing-wave-ratio vs acoustic impedance, and absorption coefficient vs acoustic impedance. The glossary of symbols used in the book is very useful.

The bibliography on contemporary books is not complete or up to date. For example, there are at least six new and pertinent books which have been published since the old edition was issued which are not listed.

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*Volume 6 of the MIT Radiation Laboratory Series,* EDITED BY GEORGE B. COLLINS. *McGraw-Hill Book Company, New York,* 1947, 769 *pages,* $9.00.

THE BOOK opens with an introduction which is evidently intended, in a concise manner, to acquaint the reader with the fundamentals of the field of microwave magnetrons. This takes the reader through subject matter which is in the main repeated in greater detail in the five main parts of the book. Though the introduction is well written, the extent to which it touches upon material to follow renders its value in the book somewhat questionable. Beyond the introduction the de-


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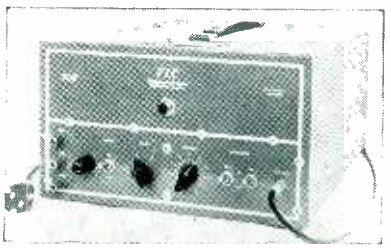
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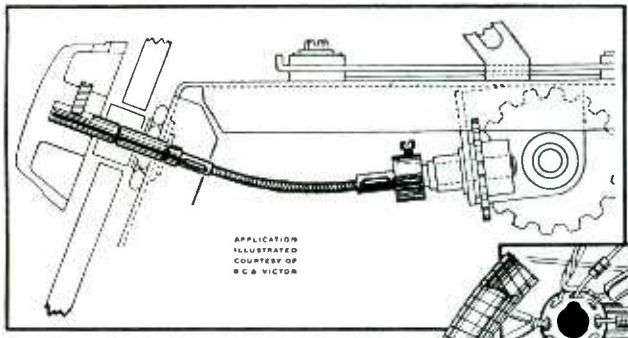
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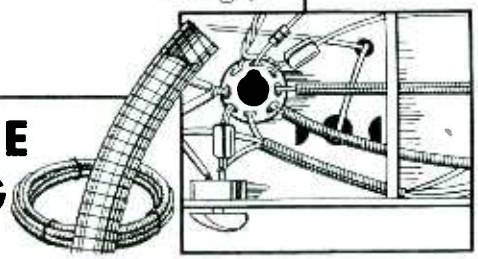
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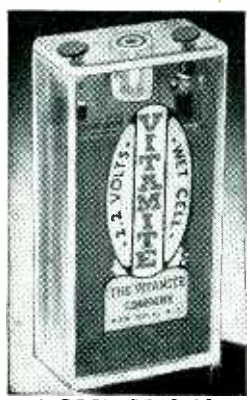
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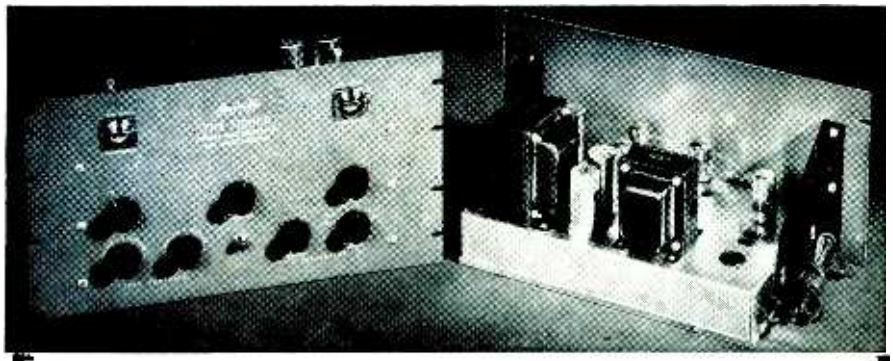
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## More Hartley Law

DEAR SIRS:

IN REPLY to the letter of Mr. L. A. Zadeh in your May issue, it is, of course, true that Hartley, in his original paper, fully realized that the capacity of a channel to carry information per unit time was proportional to the product of the bandwidth of the channel and the logarithm of the number of quantum levels. It is also true, as Hartley pointed out, that the capacity of the system is limited by the distortion (random and nonrandom) introduced by the transmission circuit. It is not, however true, in the absence of distortion of the random variety, that the capacity of a channel to carry information per unit time is limited, as was shown in the original Hartley article. It is in the recognition of this last point, which eluded Hartley in his otherwise striking analysis, that the new theories represent a revision of the Hartley law.

In his 1928 paper Hartley showed that the capacity of a channel to transmit information was limited by a quantity which he called intersymbol interference; namely, interference produced by the fact that any filter with finite cut-off frequency contains energy storage elements. Energy stored in these elements results in the appearance of signals at the output of the filter long after the input signal has become zero. The spurious output signals, according to Hartley, become mixed with subsequent signals. According to this viewpoint, one must wait until the intersymbol interference has decayed to a suitable value before measuring the amplitude of any new incoming signals.

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Mr. Zadeh's letter, that this intersymbol interference need not exist. In other words, in the absence of random noise or harmonic distortion, and, in fact, sometimes even in the presence of the latter, information may be transmitted at an arbitrarily high rate over a system of any bandwidth desired. Systems have been constructed, on paper at least, capable of performing this operation. The statements, to the effect that the "new" law, indicated the possibility of transmitting speech on a bandwith of only a few hundred cycles, are therefore completely correct and do not involve a method of frequency compression similar to that described by D. Gabor in the November issue of the *Journal of IEE* (London). These schemes having to do with the "new" law concern themselves purely with the elimination of the intersymbol interference found by Hartley to be the major factor limiting the rate of transmission of information in communication systems as we know them today.

Since this intersymbol interference may readily be eliminated from any communication system, it is necessary to probe further into the problems of the transmission of information to discover what does limit the rate at which information may be transmitted. We must then go to the terms which from Hartley's viewpoint were second order, namely noise and distortion. It is in this recognition of the nonexistence of the Hartley limit and the probing into the second order effects that the revised theories hold their utility. It is perfectly correct that the equations involved in the "new" law can readily be obtained directly from Hartley's law by a process such as that given by Mr. Zadeh in his letter after one recognizes the unessential nature of the Hartley limit. This process, however, glosses over certain of the effects of wide-band modulation which should be included in any derivation of an adequate law for the rate of transmission of information and have been so included by all of the later workers in the field.

It should also be pointed out that in the derivation of the "new" law, no tacit assumption that the bandwidth of the transmission channel is at least as large as that of the



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message need be made, and, in fact no such tacit assumption has been made by those whose theories have received recent attention. Such a restriction may be placed, if desired, and if this is done, a special form of the law will be obtained. This restriction is neither desired nor necessary in any general statement of theory. It is to be hoped that a complete statement of the derivation of the revised Hartley law may be published within a reasonable time so that this whole matter may be cleared up.

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## Acronyms

DEAR SIRS:

WE READ the article "Surveying with Pulsed-Light Radar" in the July issue with a great deal of interest.

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*Engineering Dept.*
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*New York, N. Y.*

## Radiosonde Measurements

DEAR SIRS:

IN CONNECTION with my article "Radiosonde Potential Gradient Measurements" (p 184 Jan. 1948) I wish to point out that the article is based on a portion of my M.SC. Honours thesis. The work described was done at the Physics Department, Aukland University College, New Zealand, under the supervision and following the suggestions of Dr. K. Kreielsheimer and Prof. P. W. Burbidge. Doubtless as a consequence of the (present) address from which I corresponded with your staff, the published affiliation is misleading.

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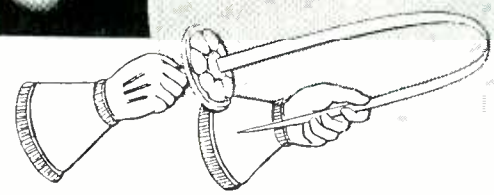
NOTE: On April 8, 1948, Mr. Belin wrote pointing out the misleading impression created by the affiliation published under his byline. Publication of the above letter has been delayed during correspondence with Mr. Belin and Dr. Kreielsheimer. Public announcement of radiosonde potential gradient measurements was first made jointly by Dr. Kreielsheimer and Mr. Belin (*Nature*, p

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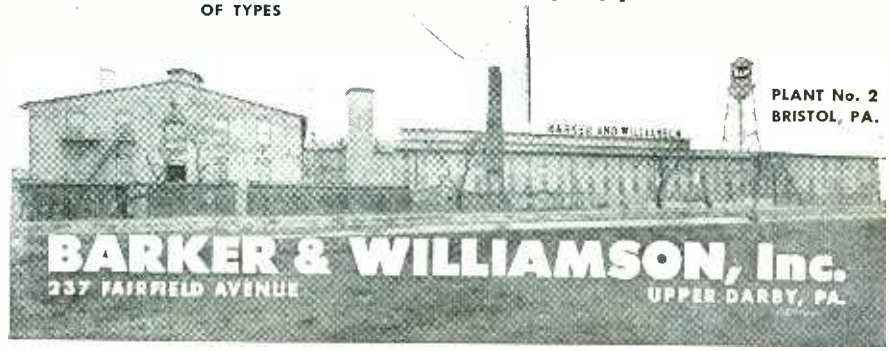
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227 Feb. 23, 1946). Dr. Kreielsheimer who appears to be the originator of the modifications to the original Bureau of Standards radio meteorograph has previously described the methods before the Science Congress (Wellington, N. Z., 22 May 1947, in a paper to be published in the *Trans. Royal Soc. N.Z.*).—THE EDITORS.

## Light Meter

DEAR SIRS:

IN THE article, Light Meter for Electric Flash Lamps, that appeared in the June 1948 issue, there is an error in the drawing on page 78. The negative lead of the 45-volt battery should connect to the lower side of capacitor C instead of one side of the filament.

HAROLD E. EDGERTON
*Massachusetts Institute of Technology*
*Cambridge, Massachusetts*

## Square-Wave Response

DEAR SIRS:

IN THE reference sheet "Square-Wave Response" (ELECTRONICS, p 130, Aug. 1947) a waveform is shown identifying the voltages used in the equations on which the nomograph is based. The formula seems to apply to a pulse, but could be made applicable to a square wave if voltages were measured with reference to a mean-value axis.

W. F. THOMSON
*Wembley, England*

DEAR MR. THOMSON:

I AM sorry that an errata has not been made stating that $E$ is the peak value at the beginning of the cycle (not the peak-to-peak value) and that $e$ is the peak value $t$ seconds later. With these definitions, the nomograph is applicable to rectangular waves of any duty cycle. The waveform certainly should have been more representative. You may also have noticed that $R$ in the circuit diagram should have been $R_G$ and that an additional defining relation: $R = R_G + R_L$ where $R_L$ is the load resistor of the first plate, should have been added.

I am grateful to you for bringing these errors to our attention. The printer was unable to send the nomograph with the waveform, circuit diagram, and equations to me for approval before publication.

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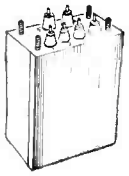
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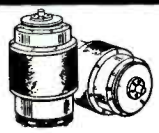
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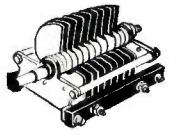
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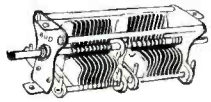
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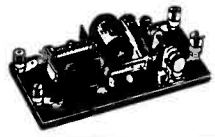
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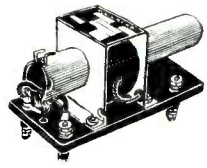
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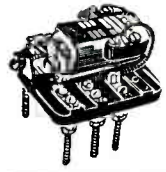


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|---|---|
| 20AP4 | 270.00 |
| 23D4 | .49 |
| 45 SPEC. | .49 |
| 75TL | 3.95 |
| 100TH | 12.95 |
| 100TS | 3.00 |
| 102F | 4.00 |
| 114A | .69 |
| 114B | 1.25 |
| 120 | 5.95 |
| 121A | 2.65 |
| 203B | 10.95 |
| 203R | 5.95 |
| 204A | 49.95 |
| 205B | 4.50 |
| 211 | .98 |
| 215A | 3.00 |
| 217C | 7.50 |
| 221A | 2.95 |
| 222A | 120.00 |
| 227A | 3.95 |
| 241B | 99.00 |
| 242C | 5.95 |
| 249C | 3.49 |
| 250R | 7.95 |
| 250TH | 19.50 |
| 250TL | 19.50 |
| 252A | 4.95 |
| 259A | 4.95 |
| 274A | 1.25 |
| 274B | 1.25 |
| 301A | 4.95 |
| 304TH | 7.95 |
| 304TL | 1.98 |
| 305A | 12.95 |
| 307A | 6.25 |
| 310 | 4.95 |
| 311A | 1.98 |
| 316A | .89 |
| 322A | 120.00 |
| 327A | 4.95 |
| 331A | 4.95 |
| 350/A/B | 2.95 |
| 353A | 4.95 |
| 368AS | 4.95 |
| 371A | 2.95 |
| 371B | 2.95 |
| 388A | 7.95 |
| 393A | 7.95 |
| 394A | 4.50 |
| 417A | 24.95 |
| 434A | 3.95 |
| 446A | 1.95 |
| 450TH | 24.95 |
| 503 | 195.00 |
| 527 | 12.95 |
| 531 | 49.50 |
| 575A | 14.95 |
| 632A | 9.95 |
| 701A | 4.95 |
| 702A | 3.95 |
| 703A | 4.95 |
| 704A | 1.98 |
| 705A | 2.95 |
| 706BY | 24.95 |
| 706CY | 24.95 |
| 707A/B | 24.95 |
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| 709A | 9.95 |
| 713A | 1.65 |
| 714AY | 14.95 |
| 715A/B | 19.95 |
| 715C | 24.95 |
| 717A | 1.65 |
| 720CY | 34.95 |
| 721A/B | 4.35 |
| 723AB | 5.95 |
| 724A/B | 4.95 |
| 725A | 24.95 |
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| 800 | 2.25 |
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| 803 | 8.95 |
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| 806 | 17.50 |
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| 810 | 7.95 |
| 811 | 2.25 |
| 812 | 2.95 |
| 812H | 6.90 |
| 813 | 7.95 |
| 814 | 4.95 |
| 815 | 2.50 |
| 816 | 1.19 |
| 822 | 11.95 |
| 826 | .79 |
| 827R | 99.50 |
| 828 | 6.95 |
| 829/A/B | 7.95 |
| 829B/3E29 | 4.95 |
| 830B | 5.25 |
| 832/A | 3.95 |
| 833A | 34.50 |
| 836 | 1.15 |
| 837 | 2.50 |
| 838 | 3.95 |
| 841 | .69 |
| 843 | .69 |
| 845 | 4.95 |

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| 851 | 98.00 |
| 852 | 14.95 |
| 860 | 3.00 |
| 861 | 49.95 |
| 864 | .69 |
| 865 | 2.98 |
| 866A | .89 |
| 868 | 1.95 |
| 869S | 75.00 |
| 872A | 2.50 |
| 874 | 2.49 |
| 876 | .98 |
| 878 | 2.49 |
| 879 | .89 |
| 884 | .98 |
| 885 | .98 |
| 891 | 110.00 |
| 902P1 | 7.95 |
| 905 | 11.95 |
| 920 | 2.95 |
| 923 | .98 |
| 931A | 4.95 |
| 950 | 1.06 |
| 953B | 4.95 |
| 954 | .75 |
| 955 | .75 |
| 956 | .75 |
| 957 | .75 |
| 958A | .75 |
| 959 | .75 |
| 991 | .69 |
| 1000 SPEC. | 24.95 |
| 1000T | 75.00 |
| 1611 | .99 |
| 1613 | .75 |
| 1614 | 1.75 |
| 1616 | 1.39 |
| 1619 | .75 |
| 1621 | 1.98 |
| 1622 | 1.75 |
| 1624 | 1.75 |
| 1625 | .49 |
| 1626 | .49 |
| 1627 | 7.95 |
| 1629 | .69 |
| 1630 | 7.50 |
| 1636 | 5.95 |
| 1638 | .98 |
| 1641 | .79 |
| 1642 | .98 |
| 1654 | 1.98 |
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| 1851 | 1.25 |
| 1852 | 1.06 |
| 1853 | 1.06 |
| 1963 | .95 |
| 2050 | .98 |
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| 2140 | 20.00 |
| 5514 | 4.95 |
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| 5562 | 10.00 |
| 7193 | .39 |
| 8005 | 4.95 |
| 8011 | 2.95 |
| 8012 | 4.95 |
| 8013 | 2.95 |
| 8016 | 1.89 |
| 8020 | 3.95 |
| 8027 | 7.95 |
| C5B | 1.95 |
| C6A | 9.95 |
| C6J | 12.95 |
| CEQ72 | 1.95 |
| CK1005 | .39 |
| CK1006 | .69 |
| EF50 | .79 |
| EL3C | 4.95 |
| EL225 | 1.95 |
| F123A | 12.95 |
| F127A | 22.50 |
| F660 | 150.00 |
| FG17 | 3.25 |
| FG81A | 6.95 |
| FG105 | 19.95 |
| FG172A | 32.50 |
| FG238B | 160.00 |
| GL146 | 11.00 |
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| HF100 | 3.95 |
| HF200 | 17.95 |
| HY24 | 1.50 |
| HY312 | 5.50 |
| HY69 | 2.49 |
| HY75 | 1.25 |
| HY114B | 1.25 |
| HY115 | 1.25 |
| HY615 | 1.25 |
| HYE1148 | .48 |
| HY1231Z | 5.50 |
| HY1269 | 5.50 |
| KC4 | 105.00 |
| KU676 | 22.00 |
| ML100 | 105.00 |
| ML101 | 150.00 |
| ML502 | 300.00 |
| MR4 | 90.00 |
| QK59 | 39.50 |
| QK60 | 39.50 |
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| QK62 | 39.50 |

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| REL21 | 4.25 |
| RK12 | 1.95 |
| RK21 | 3.95 |
| RK22 | 4.95 |
| RK25 | 2.95 |
| RK33 | .98 |
| RK34 | .59 |
| RK59 | 3.95 |
| RK65 | 24.95 |
| RK60 | .79 |
| RK69 | 49.50 |
| RK72 | 1.95 |
| RK73 | 3.95 |
| RK75 | 6.25 |
| RX120 | 10.00 |
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| UX6653 | 3.95 |
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| VR75 | .98 |
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| VR150 | .98 |
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| VU111 | 1.19 |
| WL460 | 14.95 |
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| Z225 | 1.95 |
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| 0A3/VR75 | .98 |
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| 0B2 | 2.05 |
| 0B3/VR90 | .75 |
| 0C3/VR105 | .75 |
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| 0Z4G | .88 |
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| 1A4P | 1.28 |
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| 1B3GT | 1.56 |
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| 1C6 | 1.06 |
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| 1C8 | .88 |
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| 1F6 | 1.28 |
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| 1G4GT | .88 |
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| 1H4G | .72 |
| 1H5GT | .60 |
| 1H6G | 1.06 |
| 1H6GT | 1.06 |
| 1J6GT | 1.06 |
| 1L4 | .72 |
| 1LA4 | 1.06 |
| 1LA6 | 1.06 |
| 1LB4 | 1.06 |
| 1LC5 | 1.06 |
| 1LC6 | 1.06 |
| 1LD5 | 1.06 |
| 1LE3 | 1.06 |
| 1LG5 | 1.06 |
| 1LH4 | 1.06 |
| 1LN5 | 1.06 |
| 1N5GT | .72 |
| 1P5GT | .88 |
| 1Q5GT | .88 |
| 1R4 | .88 |
| 1R5 | .72 |
| 1S4 | .88 |
| 1S5 | .66 |
| 1T4 | .72 |
| 1T5GT | .88 |
| 1U4 | .72 |
| 1U5 | .66 |
| 1V | .72 |
| 1V5 | .88 |
| 1W5 | .88 |
| 2A3 | 1.06 |
| 2A4G | 1.28 |
| 2A5 | .72 |
| 2A6 | .88 |
| 2A7 | 2.20 |
| 2B7 | .88 |
| 2E5 | .88 |
| 2V3G | 1.10 |
| 2X2A | .69 |
| 3A4 | .72 |
| 3A5 | 1.29 |

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| 3A8GT | 1.92 |
| 3B7 | 1.06 |
| 3C6/XXB | 1.28 |
| 3D6 | .89 |
| 3E6 | 1.06 |
| 3LF4 | 1.06 |
| 3Q4 | .72 |
| 3Q5GT | .88 |
| 3S4 | .72 |
| 3V4 | .72 |
| 5AZ4 | .42 |
| 5R4GY | 1.03 |
| 5T4 | 1.28 |
| 5U4G | .53 |
| 5V4G | .88 |
| 5W4 | .88 |
| 5W4GT | .60 |
| 5X4G | .60 |
| 5Y3G | .50 |
| 5Y3GT | .38 |
| 5Y4G | .50 |
| 5Z3 | .60 |
| 5Z4 | .88 |
| 6A3 | 1.06 |
| 6A6 | .88 |
| 6A7 | .72 |
| 6A8 | .72 |
| 6A8G | .72 |
| 6A8GT | .72 |
| 6AB5/6N5 | .88 |
| 6AB7/1853 | 1.06 |
| 6AC5GT | 1.06 |
| 6AC7/1852 | 1.06 |
| 6AD7G | 1.06 |
| 6AG5 | .96 |
| 6AG7 | 1.06 |
| 6AH6 | 1.42 |
| 6AJ5 | .99 |
| 6AK5 | .99 |
| 6AK6 | .88 |
| 6AL5 | .72 |
| 6AL7GT | 1.06 |
| 6AQ6 | .66 |
| 6AQ7GT | .88 |
| 6AR5 | .66 |
| 6AT6 | .54 |
| 6AU6 | .72 |
| 6AV6 | .54 |
| 6B4G | 1.06 |
| 6B5 | 1.56 |
| 6B6G | .72 |
| 6B7 | 1.06 |
| 6B8 | 1.06 |
| 6B8G | 1.06 |
| 6BA6 | .66 |
| 6BE6 | .66 |
| 6BG6G | 1.92 |
| 6BH6 | .93 |
| 6BJ6 | .72 |
| 6C4 | .60 |
| 6C5 | .60 |
| 6C5GT | .60 |
| 6C6 | .72 |
| 6C8G | 1.06 |
| 6D6 | .60 |
| 6D8G | 1.06 |
| 6E5 | .72 |
| 6F5 | .60 |
| 6F5GT | .60 |
| 6F6 | .72 |
| 6F6G | .60 |
| 6F6GT | .60 |
| 6F7 | 1.06 |
| 6F8G | 1.06 |
| 6G6G | .88 |
| 6H6 | .60 |
| 6H6GT | .60 |
| 6J5 | .54 |
| 6J5GT | .54 |
| 6J6 | 1.06 |
| 6J7 | .72 |
| 6J7G | .72 |
| 6J7GT | .72 |
| 6J8G | 1.06 |
| 6K5GT | .88 |
| 6K6GT | .54 |
| 6K7 | .60 |
| 6K7G | .60 |
| 6K7GT | .60 |
| 6K8 | .88 |
| 6K8G | 1.06 |
| 6K8GT | .88 |
| 6L5G | .88 |
| 6L6 | 1.28 |
| 6L6G | 1.06 |
| 6L6GA | 1.06 |
| 6L7 | .88 |
| 6L7G | 1.06 |
| 6N6G | 1.28 |
| 6N7 | .88 |
| 6N7GT | .88 |
| 6P5GT | .88 |
| 6Q6G/6T7G | 1.06 |
| 6Q7 | .72 |
| 6Q7G | .60 |
| 6Q7GT | .60 |
| 6R7 | .88 |
| 6R7GT | .88 |
| 6S7 | .88 |
| 6S7G | .88 |
| 6S8GT | .96 |
| 6SA7 | .60 |
| 6SA7GT | .60 |
| 6SB7Y | .88 |

| Type | Price |
|---|---|
| 6SC7 | .72 |
| 6SD7GT | .96 |
| 6SF5 | .60 |
| 6SF5GT | .72 |
| 6SF7 | .72 |
| 6SG7 | .72 |
| 6SH7 | .72 |
| 6SJ7 | .60 |
| 6SJ7GT | .60 |
| 6SK7 | .60 |
| 6SK7GT | .60 |
| 6SL7GT | .88 |
| 6SN7GT | .80 |
| 6SQ7 | .54 |
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| 6SR7 | .60 |
| 6SR7GT | .60 |
| 6SS7 | .66 |
| 6ST7 | .88 |
| 6SV7 | .88 |
| 6U5/6G5 | .72 |
| 6U6GT | .72 |
| 6U7G | .60 |
| 6V6 | 1.06 |
| 6V6GT | .72 |
| 6W7G | .88 |
| 6X4 | .54 |
| 6X5 | .88 |
| 6X5GT | .54 |
| 6Y6G | .88 |
| 6Z7G | 1.28 |
| 6ZY5G | .72 |
| 7A4/XXL | .72 |
| 7A5 | .72 |
| 7A6 | .72 |
| 7A7 | .72 |
| 7A8 | .72 |
| 7AD7 | 1.06 |
| 7AF7 | .72 |
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| 7E5/1201 | 1.06 |
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| 7E7 | .88 |
| 7F7 | .88 |
| 7F8 | 1.06 |
| 7G7/1232 | 1.06 |
| 7A7 | .80 |
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| 7L7 | .88 |
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| 7Q7 | .72 |
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| 7S7 | 1.06 |
| 7V7 | 1.06 |
| 7W7 | 1.06 |
| 7X7/XXFM | 1.06 |
| 7Y4 | .72 |
| 7Z4 | .72 |
| 10 | 1.56 |
| 12A6 | .89 |
| 12A6GT | 1.06 |
| 12A7 | 1.06 |
| 12A8GT | .72 |
| 12AH7GT | .88 |
| 12AL5 | .72 |
| 12AT6 | .54 |
| 12AT7 | 1.06 |
| 12AU6 | .72 |
| 12AU7 | .88 |
| 12AW6 | .96 |
| 12BA6 | .66 |
| 12BE6 | .66 |
| 12C8 | .89 |
| 12F5GT | .60 |
| 12H6 | .60 |
| 12J5GT | .54 |
| 12J7G | .72 |
| 12J7GT | .72 |
| 12K7G | .72 |
| 12K7GT | .60 |
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| 12K8GT | .88 |
| 12Q7GT | .60 |
| 12SA7 | .60 |
| 12SA7GT | .60 |
| 12SC7 | .72 |
| 12SF5 | .60 |
| 12SF5GT | .60 |
| 12SF7 | .72 |
| 12SF7GT | .88 |
| 12SG7 | .72 |
| 12SH7 | .72 |
| 12SJ7 | .60 |
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| 12SK7 | .60 |
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| 12SL7GT | .88 |
| 12SN7GT | .80 |
| 12SQ7 | .54 |
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| 12SR7 | .72 |
| 12SR7GT | .72 |
| 12X3 | .98 |

| Type | Price |
|---|---|
| 12Z3 | .88 |
| 14A4 | 1.06 |
| 14A5 | 1.56 |
| 14A7/12B7 | .88 |
| 14A7/XXD | .88 |
| 14B6 | .88 |
| 14B7 | .88 |
| 14B8 | .88 |
| 14C5 | .88 |
| 14C7 | .88 |
| 14E6 | .72 |
| 14E7 | .88 |
| 14F7 | .88 |
| 14F8 | 1.06 |
| 14H7 | .88 |
| 14J7 | 1.06 |
| 14N7 | 1.06 |
| 14Q7 | .88 |
| 14R7 | .88 |
| 14S7 | 1.06 |
| 14W7 | 1.06 |
| 14X7 | 1.06 |
| 14X4 | .88 |
| 19 | 1.06 |
| 19T8 | 1.06 |
| 20 | 1.56 |
| 22 | 1.28 |
| 24A | .72 |
| 25A6 | 1.06 |
| 25A6G | 1.06 |
| 25AC5GT | 1.06 |
| 25C6G | 1.06 |
| 25L6 | 1.06 |
| 25L6GT | .60 |
| 25Y5 | 1.06 |
| 25Z5 | .54 |
| 25Z6 | .72 |
| 25Z6GT | .54 |
| 26 | .60 |
| 27 | .54 |
| 28D7 | .98 |
| 30 | .72 |
| 31 | .88 |
| 32 | 1.06 |
| 32L7GT | 1.28 |
| 33 | 1.06 |
| 34 | 1.06 |
| 35/51 | .72 |
| 35A5 | .72 |
| 35B5 | .72 |
| 35L6GT | .60 |
| 35W4 | .46 |
| 35Y4 | .72 |
| 35Z3 | .72 |
| 35Z4GT | .50 |
| 35Z5GT | .46 |
| 35Z6G | .88 |
| 36 | .88 |
| 37 | .60 |
| 38 | .72 |
| 39/44 | .59 |
| 41 | .60 |
| 42 | .60 |
| 43 | .60 |
| 45 | .60 |
| 45Z5GT | .60 |
| 46 | .88 |
| 47 | .88 |
| 49 | .88 |
| 50 | 1.56 |
| 50A5 | .88 |
| 50B5 | .72 |
| 50C6G | 1.06 |
| 50L6GT | .60 |
| 50X6 | .88 |
| 50Y6GT | .60 |
| 53 | .88 |
| 55 | .72 |
| 56 | .60 |
| 57 | .72 |
| 58 | .72 |
| 59 | 1.06 |
| 70L7GT | 1.42 |
| 71A | .72 |
| 75 | .60 |
| 76 | .60 |
| 77 | .60 |
| 78 | .60 |
| 79 | .88 |
| 80 | .42 |
| 81 | 1.28 |
| 82 | .88 |
| 83 | .88 |
| 83V | 1.06 |
| 84/6Z4 | .60 |
| 85 | .72 |
| 89 | .72 |
| 99V | 1.28 |
| 99X | 1.28 |
| 117L7GT | 1.42 |
| 117M7GT | 1.42 |
| 117N7GT | 1.42 |
| 117P7GT | 1.42 |
| 117Z3 | .54 |
| 117Z4GT | 1.06 |
| 117Z6GT | .88 |
| FM-1000 | 1.28 |
| 1273 | .88 |
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| 9002 | .69 |
| 9003 | .49 |
| 9004 | .49 |
| 9005 | .98 |
| 9006 | .49 |

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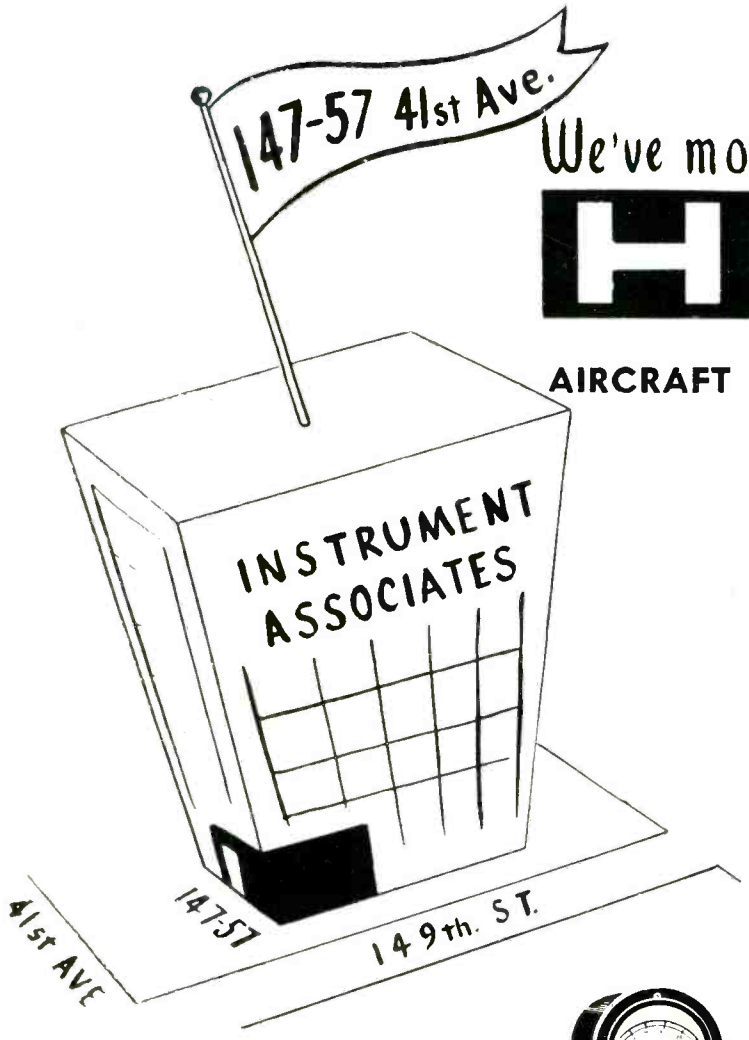
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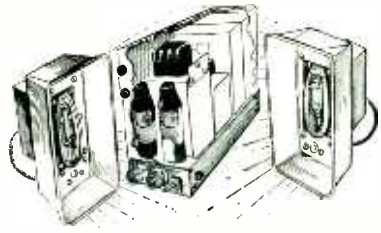
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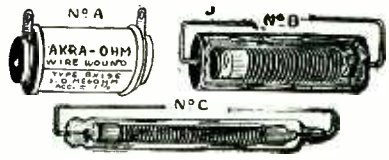


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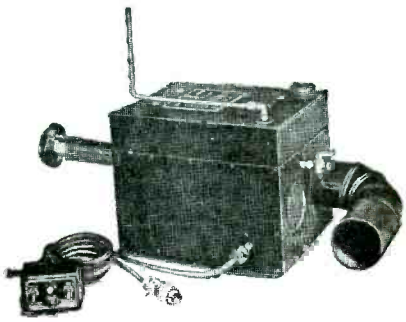
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RG 24/U, twin coax, 125 ohm imp. armored..**$ .50/ft.**
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RG 35/U, 70 ohm imp, armored.....**$ .50/ft.**

### Coax Connectors

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 831R | $.35 | UG 21/U | $.85 |
| 831SP | $.35 | UG 86/U | $.95 |
| 831AP | $.35 | UG 254/U | $.75 |
| 831HP | $.15 | UG 255/U | $.85 |

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| THERMISTORS ($.95 ea.) | VARISTORS $.95 ea. |
|---|---|
| D-167332 (Bead) | D-167176 |
| D-170396 (Bead) | D-170225 |
| D-168392 (Button) | D-168687 |
| D-166228 (Button) | D-171121 |
| D-167018 (Tube) | D-171631 |

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**RT39/APG-15.** Transmitter-receiver. 2200-2700 mc APX. Complete with 2C43 lighthouse plumbing. TR, 30 mc, I.F., all enclosed in compact pressurized housing. New, less tubes.....**$100.00**

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|---|---|---|---|
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| 2J26 | 2992-3019 mc. | 275 KW. | $15.00 |
| 2J27 | 2965-2992 mc. | 275 KW. | $15.00 |
| 2J32 | 2780-2820 mc. | 285 KW. | $25.00 |
| 2J38 Pkg. | 3249-3263 mc. | 5 KW. | $25.00 |
| 2J39 Pkg. | 3267-3333 mc. | 8.7 KW. | $25.00 |
| 2J55 Pkg. | 9345-9405 mc. | 50 KW. | $17.00 |
| 3J31 | 24,000 mc. | 50 KW. | $15.00 |
| 714AY | | | $50.00 |
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## MAGNETS

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## VACUUM TUBES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 01-A | $.45 | 532 | $2. |
| 1A3 | $.70 | 559 | $4. |
| 2C21 | $.69 | 562 | $90. |
| 2C22 | $.69 | 615 | $.89 |
| 2J21-A | $25. | 703-A | $7. |
| 2J22 | $15. | 704-A | $.75 |
| 2J26 | $15. | 705-A | 1$2.85 |
| 2J27 | $15. | 707-B | $20. |
| 2J31 | $25. | 714-AY | $15. |
| 2J32 | $15. | 715-B | $12. |
| 2J38 | $25. | 720CY | $25. |
| 2J39 | $25. | 721-A | $3.60 |
| 2J55 | $25. | 723-A/B | $7.75 |
| 3J31 | $25. | 724B | $1.75 |
| 2X2/879 | $.69 | 724-D | $2.50 |
| 3A4 | $.65 | 725-A | $25. |
| 3BP1 | $2.25 | 726-A | $9.50 |
| 3C24 | $.60 | 800 | $2.25 |
| 3C30 | $.70 | 801-A | $1.10 |
| 3D6 | $.79 | 804 | $9.95 |
| 3CP1 S1 | $3.50 | 811 | $1.95 |
| 3D21-A | $1.50 | 814 | $5.95 |
| 3DP1 | $2.25 | 815 | $2.50 |
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| 5CP1 | $3.75 | 876 | $4.95 |
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| 6AC7 | $1. | 1619 | $.21 |
| 6AK5 | $.69 | 1624 | $.85 |
| 6G | $2. | 1629 | $.35 |
| 6SC7 | $.70 | 8012 | $3.95 |
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| 12A6 | $.35 | F-127 | $20. |
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| 35/51 | $.72 | VR 91 | $1. |
| 227A | $4.95 | VR 130 | $1.25 |
| 225 | $8.80 | VR 135 | $1.25 |
| 250R | $7.95 | VR 137 | $1.25 |
| 268-A | $20. | VR 150-30 | $.75 |
| 355-A | $19.50 | VT 120 | $1. |
| 530 | $90. | VU 134 | $1. |
| 531 | $45. | WN 150 | $3. |
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## SPECIALS

**SEL. RECTIFIER:** Input: 115 vac. 60 cy. Out: 115 vdc, 1.66 amps. Full Wave Bridge, F. T. & R. #DE11 .....**$9.95**

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**POWER SWITCH.** 4 pos. 60 amps, 600 vac. Arrow H&H .....**$4.25**

**ROTARY SPARK GAP.** 24 vdc motor, 4 spark gap electrodes, p/o Xmtr BC 1031-TG.....**$5.50**

**PRECISION CONDENSER:** W.E. #D-166602, 16 mfd @ 400 vdc. temp comp 50 to 85 deg C .....**$7.50**

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**PRECISION RESISTOR:** W.E. D-171221, matched pair, 6,330 meg. .....**$2.50**

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## MICRO WAVE GENERATORS

**AN/APS-15A** "X" Band compl RF head and modulator, incl 725-A magnetron and magnet, two 723A/B klystrons (local osc & beacon), 1B24 TR, recr-ampl, duplexer, HV supply, blower, pulse xfmr. Peak Pwr Out: 45 KW apx. Input: 115, 400 cy. Modulator pulse duration .5 to 2 micro-sec. apx. 13 KV Pk Pulse. Compl with all tubes incl. 715-B, 829B, RKR 73, two 72's. Compl pkg, new.....**$210.00**

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### 10 CENTIMETER

**"S" BAND Mixer Assembly,** with crystal mount, pick-up loop, tunable output.....**$3.00**

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**RIGHT ANGLE BEND,** with flexible coax output pick-up loop .....**$8.00**

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**STUB-SUPPORTED RIGID COAX,** gold plated 5' lengths. Per length.....**$5.00**

**RT ANGLES** for above .....**$2.50**

**⅞" COAX. ROTARY JOINT**.....**$8.00**

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**⅞" RIGID COAX,** bead supported.....**$1.20/ft.**

**MAGNETRON COUPLING** to ⅞" rigid coax ⅜" IC line, less "M" nut, with TR pickup loop, gold plated .....**$7.50**

## 3 CM. PLUMBING

### (STD. 1" x ½" GUIDE UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED)

**WAVEGUIDE,** 1" x ½" I.D. per ft.....**$1.50**

**"X" BAND WAVEGUIDE,** 1¼" x ⅝" OD, 1/16" wall, aluminum .....per ft. **$ .75**

**TR CAVITY** for 724-A TR tube, transmission or absorption types .....**$3.50**

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**WAVEGUIDE SECTION,** CG 251/APS-15A, 26" long choke to cover, with 180 deg. bend of 2½" rad. at one end .....**$4.00**

**ROTARY JOINT** with slotted section and type "N" output pickup .....**$8.50**

**WAVEGUIDE SECTION,** 12" long choke to cover, 45 deg. twist & 2⅛" radius, 90 deg. bend.....**$4.50**

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**SLUG, TUNER/ATTENUATOR,** W.E. guide, gold plated .....**$3.75**

**TR/ATR DUPLEXER section with iris flange....$4.00**

**RIGHT ANGLE ELBOW,** 5½" choke to cover, 2⅛" radius E or H plane .....**$5.00**

**TWIST,** 5" 90 deg., choke to cover.....**$5.00**

**WAVEGUIDE SECTIONS** 2½" long, silver plated, with choke flange .....**$4.50**

**WAVEGUIDE,** 90 deg. bend E plane, 18" long....**$4.00**

**ROTARY JOINT,** choke to choke .....**$6.00**

**ROTARY JOINT,** choke to choke, with deeck mounting .....**$5.00**

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**DUPLEXER SECTION** for 1B24.....**$10.00**

**CIRCULAR CHOKE FLANGES,** solid brass.....**.55**

**"T" SECTION (TR-ATR)** choke to choke, supplied with circ. or sq. flanges .....**$3.50**

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**2K25/723AB,** X band local oscillator mount with (1) choke coupling to beacon reference cavity; (2) choke coupling to TR and receiver; (3) Iris coupling with AFC attenuator to antenna waveguide; (4) Radar AFC crystal mount; (5) Receiver crystal mount; (6) Attenuating slugs. Mfg. DeMornay. Budd .....**$22.50**
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| 1L4 | .65 | 860 | 2.75 |
| 1V | .65 | 864 | .65 |
| 2X2/879 | .65 | 866A | .75 |
| 3A4 | .45 | 872A | 1.65 |
| 5R4GY | .95 | 954 | .45 |
| 6AC7 | .95 | 957 | .45 |
| 6AG7 | .95 | 968 | .25 |
| 6C4 | .55 | 1613 | .85 |
| 6F8 | .95 | 1616 | .95 |
| 6G6G | .85 | 1625 | .45 |
| 6H6GT | .55 | 1626 | .45 |
| 6L6 | 1.10 | 1629 | .18 |
| 6SA7 | .65 | 1632 | .18 |
| 6SD7 | .45 | 1641/RK60 | .65 |
| 6SQ7 | .65 | 1644 | 1.25 |
| 6SJ7 | .65 | 1294/1R4 | .65 |
| 6Y6 | .75 | 3D6/1299 | .65 |
| 6X5 | .65 | 388A | 3.95 |
| 7B7 | .65 | 394A | 2.95 |
| 7C7 | .95 | 9002 | .35 |
| 7F8 | .95 | 9003 | .25 |
| 7N7 | .85 | 9006 | .35 |
| 7Y4 | .75 | 8013 | 2.95 |
| 12A6 | .18 | RK60/1641 | .65 |
| 12K8 | .95 | RK72 | .75 |
| 12Q7 | .55 | RK73 | .45 |
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| 12SN7 | .65 | 2C46 | 3.95 |
| 30 SPECIAL (VT67) | .45 | 3B25 | .75 |
| 32 | .65 | 3B27/836A | .95 |
| 25Y5 | .85 | 3C23 | 2.95 |
| 25Z6 | .75 | 4B27 | 2.95 |
| 35L6 | .65 | 4C33 | 2.95 |
| 38 | .65 | 4D32 | 9.50 |
| 45 SPECIAL (VT53) | .35 | 14E6 | .55 |
| 56 | .55 | 23D4 | .45 |
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| 801 | .95 | 2J1005 | .35 |
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**Types WW3, WW4, and WW5**

**Following sizes are in 1% and 2% tolerance Price $.35**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 meg | 66,000 | 1500 |
| .8 " | 54,500 | 1400 |
| .75 " | 46,000 | 1200 |
| .7 " | 40,000 | 1000 |
| .6 " | 33,000 | 750 |
| .268 " | 13,300 | 235 |
| .22 " | 12,000 | 130 |
| 125,000 | 11,000 | 125 |
| 120,000 | 7,500 | 110 |
| 109,000 | 4,500 | 55 |
| 100,000 | 4,300 | 22 |
| 95,000 | 4,000 | 20 |
| 92,000 | 2,500 | 14 |
| 84,000 | 2,230 | 12 |
| 82,000 | 2,200 | 10 |
| 80,000 | 1,700 | 6 |

**Following sizes are 5% or better tolerance, Price $.15**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 110,000 | 70 | 40 |
| 22,000 | 50 | 35 |
| | | 30 |

**The following sizes 1% or better. Price $.10**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 41,808 | 105.8 | 4.4 |
| 14,460 | 53.96 | 4.35 |
| 4,285 | 53.32 | 4.3 |
| 1,123 | 33.22 | 3.94 |
| 988 | 23.29 | 3.5 |
| 414.3 | 13.52 | 1.563 |
| 366.6 | 13.333 | .29 |
| 220.4 | 10.2 | .268 |
| 147.5 | 5.1 | .25 |

### COAXIAL CABLE

| TYPE | IMPEDANCE | PRICE |
|---|---|---|
| RG 6/U | 76 Ohms | $.07½/ft. |
| RG 38/U | 55 Ohms | .07½/ft. |
| RG 59/U | 73 Ohms | .05½/ft. |
| RG 62/U | 93 Ohms | .07½/ft. |
| RG 77/U | 48 Ohms | .07½/ft |

### RELAYS

**RCA Vacuum Relay**, Relay contacts will break 3000 volts and carry 10 amperes Solenoid resistance 200 ohms, 24 volts DC—Excellent as R.F. antenna relay ..... **Price $ .95**

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90 second delay ..... Price $..95

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Commutator ranges 75-120 Volts
Load—.72 KVA
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These units are designed for 5000 volts and 25 amperes per contact. Plugs are all furnished with removal caps.

| | Type |
|---|---|
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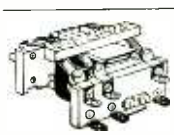
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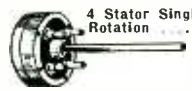
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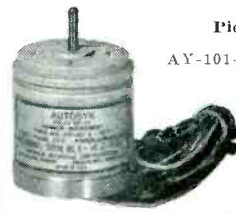
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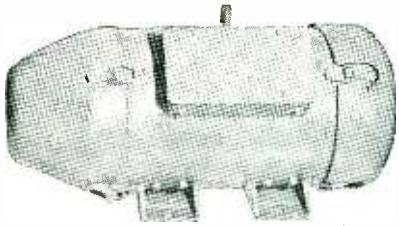
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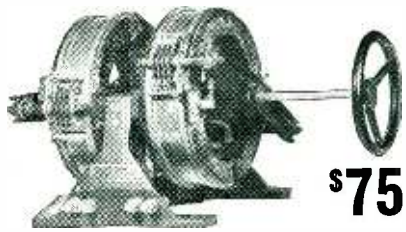
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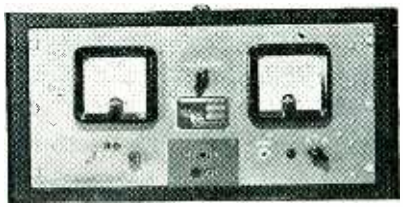


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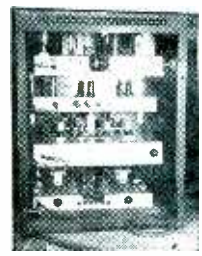
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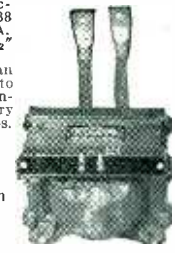


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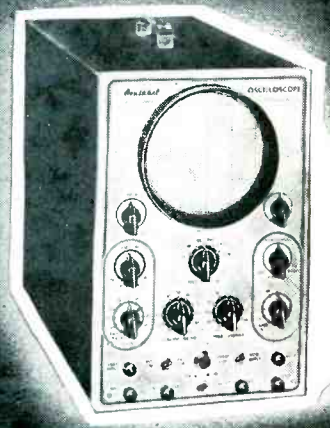


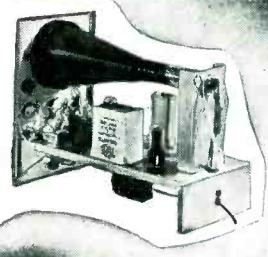
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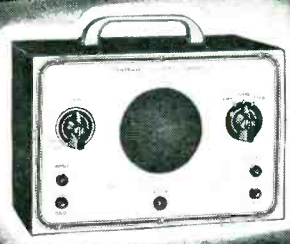
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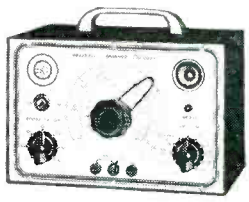
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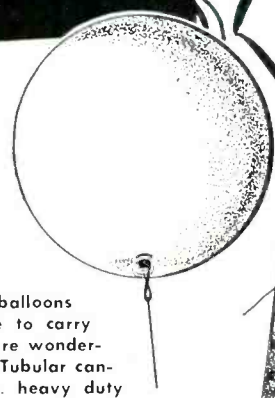
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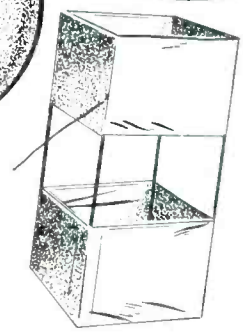
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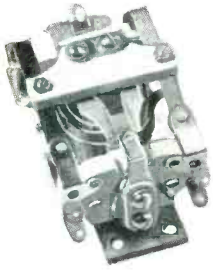
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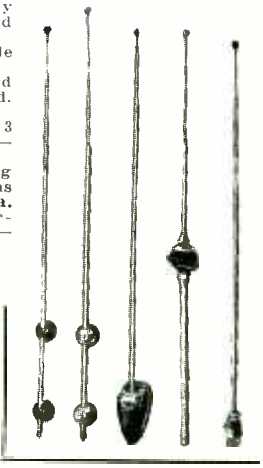
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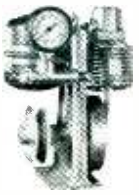
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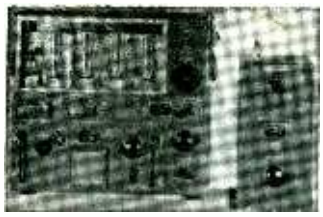
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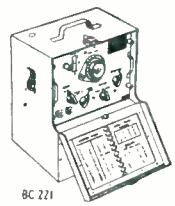
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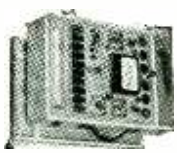
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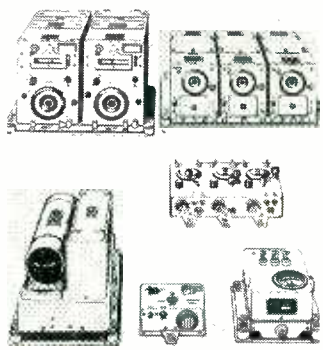
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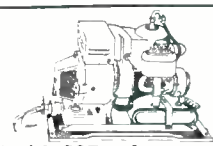
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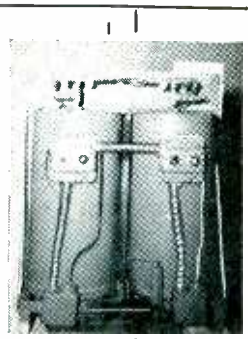
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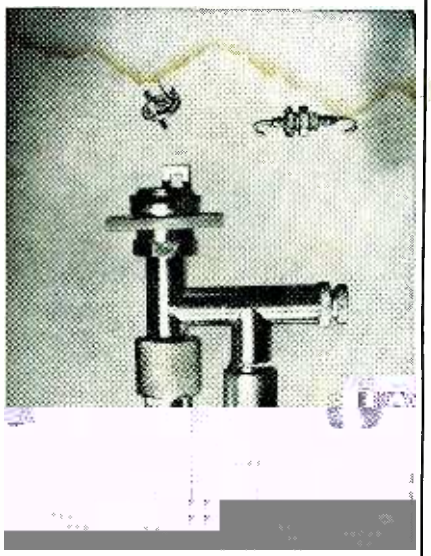
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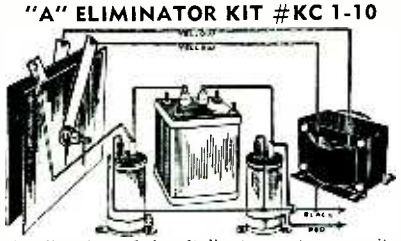
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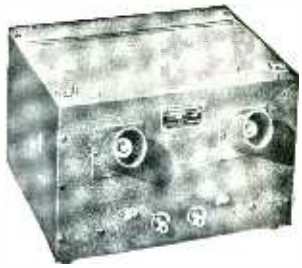
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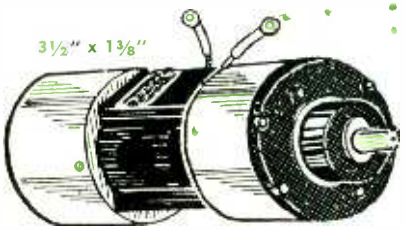


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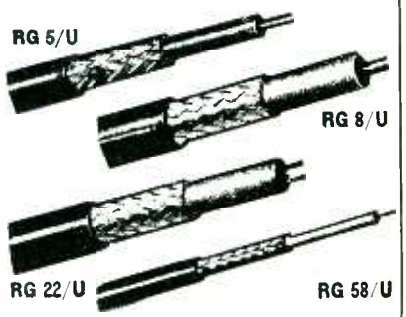



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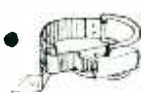
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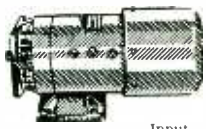


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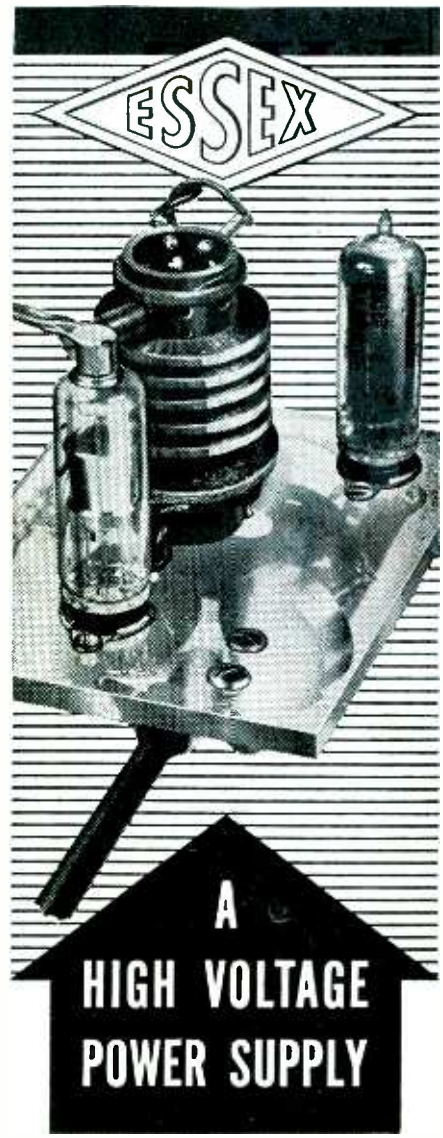


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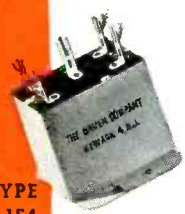


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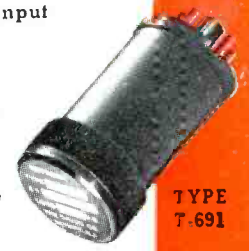
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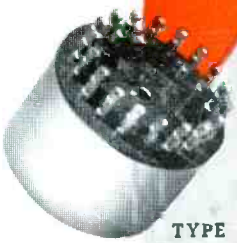
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| 2E26 | Beam | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 25 | — | — | — | — | watts |
| 832-A◇ | Beam | 36 | 36 | 36 | 36 | 36 | 36 | 36 | 36 | 36 | 32 | — | — | watts |
| 2E24 | Beam | 40‡ | 40‡ | 40‡ | 40‡ | 40‡ | 40‡ | 40‡ | 33‡ | — | — | — | — | watts |
| 807 | Beam | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 50 | 40 | — | — | — | — | — | watts |
| 815◇ | Beam | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 55 | 40 | — | — | — | watts |
| 8025-A | Triode | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | watts |
| 829-B◇ | Beam | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 105 | — | — | watts |
| 826 | Triode | 125 | 125 | 125 | 125 | 125 | 125 | 125 | 125 | 125 | 125 | 100 | — | watts |
| 812 | Triode | 155 | 155 | 155 | 155 | 155 | 125 | — | — | — | — | — | — | watts |
| 811 | Triode | 155 | 155 | 155 | 155 | 155 | 125 | — | — | — | — | — | — | watts |
| 828 | Pentode | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 160 | 130 | — | — | — | — | — | — | watts |
| 8005 | Triode | 240 | 240 | 240 | 240 | 195 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | watts |
| 5588 | Triode | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | watts |
| 813 | Beam | 360 | 360 | 360 | 360 | 300 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | watts |
| 8000 | Triode | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 | 400 | 300 | — | — | — | — | — | — | watts |
| 4-125A/4D21 | Tetrode | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 | 425 | 335 | — | — | watts |
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| 8D21◇ | Tetrode | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | — | kw |
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| 892 | Triode | 30 | 22.5 | 17 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | kw |
| 9C25 | Triode | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 25 | 25 | 25 | — | — | — | — | — | kw |
| 9C27 | Triode | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 25 | 25 | 25 | — | — | — | — | — | kw |
| 5592 | Triode | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 44 | 33 | — | — | — | — | — | kw |
| 9C22 | Triode | 100 | 91 | 80 | 70 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | kw |
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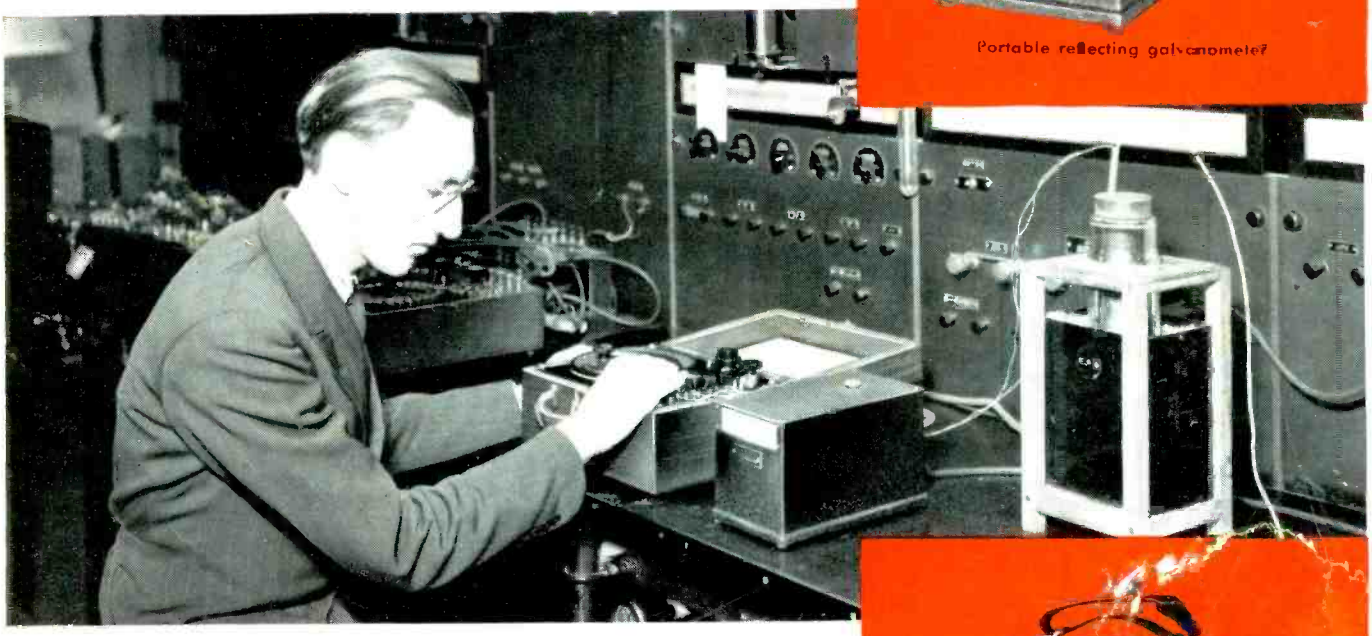
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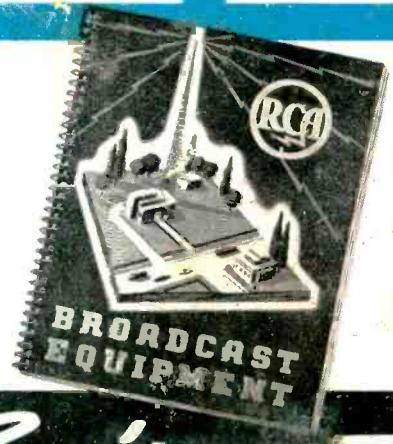


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