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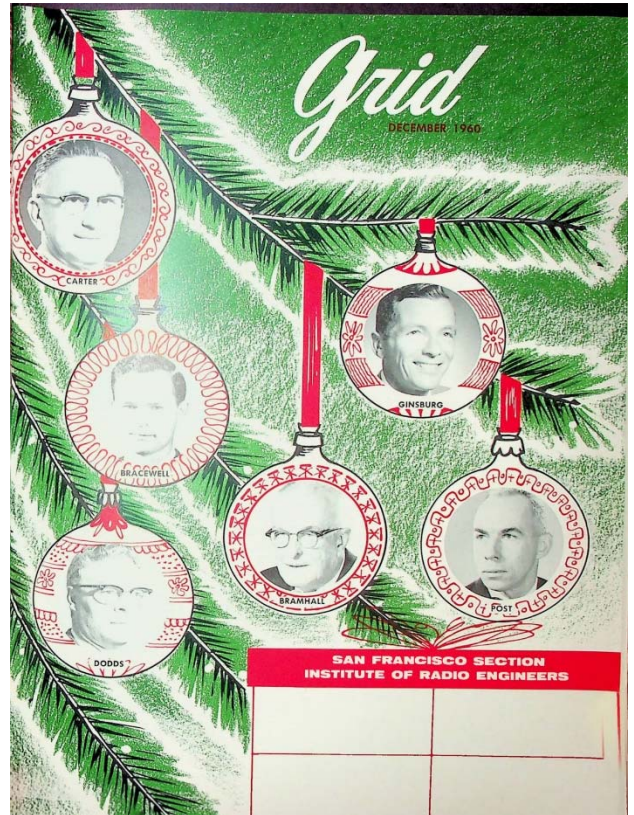
with Paul Wesling, SF Bay Area Council GRID editor (2004-2014)

DECEMBER, 1960:

Cover: photos: Prof. Ronald Bracewell of Stanford becomes a Fellow of the IRE for contributions to radio astronomy; his "dish" sits in the hills behind the Stanford campus. Charles Ginsburg was awarded the Vladimar Poulsen Gold Medal from the Danish Academy for developing the video tape recorder; it was Poulsen's Arc Transmitter, licensed to Stanford grad Cyril Elwell of Federal Telegraph in 1909, that kick-started what became Silicon Valley. (for more history, view my talk on YouTube: <https://goo.gl/cSdSUH>)

p. 6: The editorial by Charles Susskind covers part-time graduate work at the local universities (UC-B, Stanford, SJSU, Santa Clara U). Santa Clara University had its "early-bird" program of masters-level engineering classes that could be attended prior to going to work. Profiled is Stanford's Honors Co-op Program, which allowed working engineers to collect full salary at their company while taking one or two courses on the campus. This expanded (under Jim Gibbons) to the "tutored videotape instruction" program, where videotapes of lectures were delivered by courier to HP, Lockheed, and other companies, to play at lunchtime, and tests were sent out and returned. These off-campus students often did better than on-campus ones, since the proctor could stop the tape and discuss questions and clarify principles, as documented in several papers by Jim. This later grew into a microwave broadcast network covering the Bay Area; I used this TV broadcast system for IEEE evening multi-week classes (see profile in the *GRID* issue of December 1980, p. 4 ff). One such class (on Winchester Disk Drives) had over 700 local engineers attending – about 350 spread across the Terman and Skilling video-equipped lecture halls, and the rest in classrooms at companies around the Bay Area. I had a database of over 3,000 past attendees on my Apple II+, and composed the mailed flyer (which Gerry Helmke ran off at the IEEE office at 701 Welch Rd); my wife and boys attached the mailing labels and bundled by postal code on our dining room table, to get the 3rd-Class non-profit rate (using our IEEE bulk-mail permit at the Palo Alto Post Office). My sister-in-law and her husband prepared snacks for the class break.

Shown: panel from a flyer for a 1994 5-day class that I organized for the (now) Technology and Engineering Management and the (now) Electronics Packaging Society chapters. This long series of classes grew out of the courses I ran on Stanford's network. For details, see the December 1993 *GRID* Magazine.



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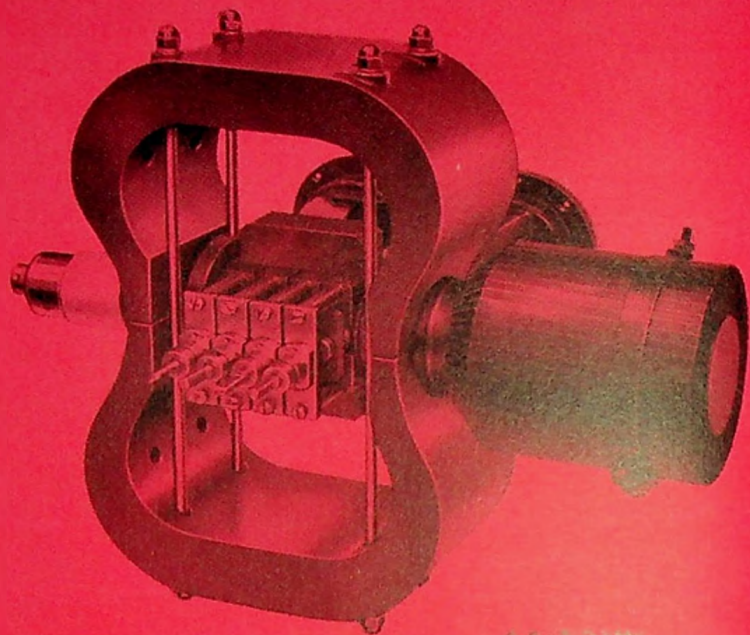
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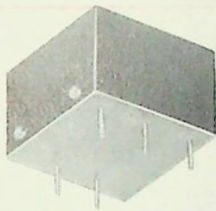


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about the cover

Current decorations for the San Francisco Section's figurative Christmas tree include several members to whom special honors have befallen, both within and without the Institute itself. Dr. E. Finley Carter, president of SRI, has been elected a director at large, 1961-1963. Fellow citations have been received by R. N. Bracewell, professor, Stanford University, for contributions to radio astronomy; F. B. Bramhall, Lenkurt Electric Co., for contributions to the theory and practice of electrical communica-

tions; Wellesley J. Dodds, Varian Associates (now vice president Bomac Labs), for technical contributions and leadership in the development of microwave tubes; and E. A. Post, Stanford Research Institute, for contributions to aeronautical electronics. Charles P. Ginsburg of Ampex Corp. has become the first native-born American to receive the Valdemar Poulsen Gold Medal awarded by the Danish Academy of Technical Sciences. Valdemar Poulsen was the discoverer of magnetic recording; Ginsburg, developer of the Videotape recorder.

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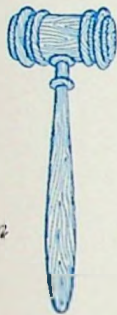
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Several opportunities to continue his professional education are available to the Bay Area electronics engineer, both on the undergraduate and on the graduate level.

The electrical-engineering undergraduate curricula of four local institutions are accredited by the Engineers' Council for Professional Development: San Jose State College, Stanford University, the University of California, and the University of Santa Clara. In principle, a student can pursue a full-time under-



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from the chairs

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graduate program leading to the BS degree at any one of the four while he is employed at a rate that is nominally reckoned as being anywhere from half to full time.

Whether the job has anything to do with his future career is another matter. "Working his way through college" is the time-honored right of any red-blooded American boy, much celebrated in fiction. One of the protagonists of Eugene Burdick's novel, "The Ninth Wave," comes to mind: you will recall that Hank Moore makes it through Stanford (after his winnings from a monumental poker game are gone) by working in a bakery from eight to twelve every night.

But would not employment in a student's future specialty represent a solution nearer the optimum? Many Bay Area electronics firms have seen the light and make every effort to encourage their employees to continue their education. However, this policy is not as widespread as it might be. IRE members employed by less enlightened (or unaware) firms will do the profession a service by calling the several programs to the attention of their companies.

On the undergraduate level, perhaps the most elaborate formal scheme is the University of California's Cooperative Work-Study Program in Engineering, under which the students combine periods of regular employment in industry with alternate periods of study.

The scheme is similar to one that originated in Britain (where it is designated by the gastronomically ominous name of Sandwich Plan) and has caught on at a number of U.S. colleges. At U.C. the plan ordinarily takes five years: one year at the University, six half-year periods alternating between study and work, and then the uninterrupted senior year at Berkeley.

Students are paired off and alternate, so that one is on the job and the other in college at all times. The employer pays no salary during the study periods (although some have made private arrangements)—all he needs to do is to guarantee the student a job on his return. Over fifty firms are on the growing list of participants. Further information may be obtained from the Coordinator, Cooperative Work-Study Program, 308 Engineering Building, University of California, Berkeley 4, Calif.

On the graduate level, San Jose State College has a flourishing program of graduate classes going on at Terman Junior High School in Palo Alto, with laboratory sessions held at San Jose. Graduate courses, most of them acceptable for credit toward the MS degree, are scheduled for the early morning hours (7:30 a.m.) and the late afternoon and evening (4:30-10:00 p.m.), so that a man can hold a full-time job in industry and still pursue a graduate education. During the current semester, for instance, 170 people from industry are enrolled at San Jose State, largely in electrical engineering, mathematics, and physics; over 75 are programmed toward meeting MS degree requirements. Further information may be obtained from the Coordinator of Engineering Extension, San Jose State College, San Jose 14, Calif.

Part-time attendance at Stanford University is possible on the graduate level only under the Honors Cooperative Program, a special scheme in which more than thirty companies have contracted to participate; almost all give the men time off from work without salary deductions. A student normally attends two courses (6 units) each quarter, so that he can complete the requirements for the MS degree in 24 months. The student pays tuition on a per-unit basis, and the company makes a matching payment directly to the student's department. (Since tuition is considered to pay for less than half of the total cost of the student's education, the matching payment is needed to pay for the other half.)

Students attend regular daytime classes, and quotas are set up for each participating company to prevent the industrial students from dominating the classroom: of the 372 graduate students in electrical engineering currently en-

rolled at Stanford, only 158 are on the Honors Cooperative Program. Further information is available from the School of Engineering, Stanford, Calif.

University of California offers many electrical-engineering courses in its large Engineering and Sciences Extension, with evening classes given (some for undergraduate credit) in Berkeley, Mountain View, Redwood City, San Francisco, and Walnut Creek by highly qualified lecturers drawn from industry. To obtain an advanced degree, a student must actually enroll at Berkeley, which he may do on a part-time basis (for as little as 4 units a semester), with only an incidental fee and no tuition if he is a resident of California; however, he must attend regularly scheduled classes.

Several firms make it possible for an employee to attend graduate classes in Berkeley by reducing (or shifting) his work load, without salary deductions. Graduate studies under a scheme similar to the undergraduate cooperative program can also be carried on, as noted above. A program under which approximately half the requirements toward the MS degree can be satisfied by courses taken in evening classes is conducted at Livermore: during the current semester, 12 of the 237 graduate students enrolled in electrical engineering at Berkeley actually attend classes at the U.C. Lawrence Radiation Laboratory in Livermore.

(A similar program on the Peninsula, introduced last year on the basis of interest expressed by a large number of potential students, was abandoned when the ratio of potential students to students who actually enrolled proved to be too overwhelming to make the scheme feasible.)

Information on evening classes is available from the U.C. Engineering and Sciences Extension, 2451 Bancroft Way, Berkeley 4, California; and on graduate enrollment, from the Department of Electrical Engineering, University of California, Berkeley 4, Calif.

The University of Santa Clara has a graduate program specially tailored to benefit industrial students: courses leading to the MS degree are held between 7 and 9 a.m. Additional information may be obtained from the University of Santa Clara, Santa Clara, Calif.

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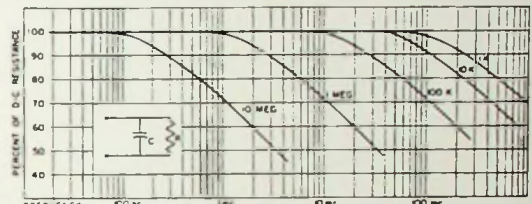
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8:00 P.M. • Wednesday, Jan. 11

"Some Recent Antenna Innovations"

Speaker: J. William Carr, research specialist, electromagnetic division, Lockheed MSD

Place: Room 101, Physics Lecture Hall, Stanford University

Dinner: 6:30 P.M. (Happy Hour 6:00 P.M.), The Red Shack, 4085 El Camino Way, Palo Alto

Reservations: Odette Moore, DA 6-6200, Ext. 2414, by January 10

Engineering Management

• Wednesday, Jan. 11

Details to be announced

Instrumentation

8:00 P.M. • Thursday, Jan. 12

"Instrumentation Workshop I, State of the Art: Kilomegacycle Oscilloscopes"

Speakers: Representatives from Hewlett-Packard and Textronix

Place: Room 320, Geology Building, Stanford University

Dinner: 6:00 P.M., L'Omelette Restaurant, 4170 El Camino Real, Palo Alto

Reservations: Nicholas Pappas, DAVenport 3-1411

meeting ahead

ANTENNA INNOVATIONS

In January, PGAP will present J. William Carr of Lockheed talking about recent antenna innovations. See the Calendar, page 8, for detailed information.

The author will give a brief discussion of several antennas on which he has conducted experimental research during the past year. Two novel antenna types plus some basic modifications in log-periodic structures will be discussed.

meeting review

DOWNRANGE DATA

For its meeting on the first of November, the Professional Group Chapter on Instrumentation presented the story of special missile-range instrumentation as it exists at the Eglin Bay, Florida, facility.

Since the speaker was Alan Smolen, director of ITT special range laboratories, Nutley, New Jersey, one of his Palo Alto colleagues, Robert Stack of

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SPACE PROBE

Note that the Palo Alto Office has moved from the second to the first floor, in order to gain a few more feet of needed space. The correct address is now Suite 110, 701 Welch Road, Palo Alto, instead of the former Suite 205.

ITT Laboratories, performed the introduction and gave some background in the corporation. A source of some confusion is the fact that ITT does not install and does not operate telephones in the United States, although it has about 40,000 employees in this country and 95,000 elsewhere—principally in Europe.

In Smolen's description, the test range is about 450 miles long and 150 miles wide, and facilities exist so that three missiles can be fired and tracked simultaneously. Equipment had to be designed from scratch to very great stability, for example, oscillators have a stability of one part in one million.

Radars feed data into an IBM 704 computer which keeps the control room fully informed of all stages of the flights. ITT designed and had equipment built and installed without a single redesign of units. Some wiring difficulties developed, but this was to be expected.

Communications equipment was furnished by Philco, who used a basic Lenkurt carrier system. All in all, the cost of the installation came to \$22 million.

Smolen showed slides of various installations both under construction and completed. The very intricate wiring was explained by means of a film which showed the overall operation. Some of the particular problems discussed were those involving friendly interference in the range of 10 kc to 15 kmc, and the

MEETING CALENDAR

Instrumentation

8:00 P.M. • Tuesday, Feb. 7

"State of the Art, More Precise Phase Measurements in Very Low to High Frequencies"

Speaker: Paul Yu, president and chief engineer, Ad Yu Electronics Labs, Passaic, New Jersey

Place: Cubberly Auditorium, Stanford University

Reliability & Quality Control

8:00 P.M. • Wednesday, Dec. 21

"Reliability Through Redundancy & Monitoring"

Speaker: Roger MacDonald, reliability section supervisor, Sylvania

Place: Room 101, Physics Lecture Hall, Stanford University

Dinner: 6:00 P.M. (Social Hour 5:30 P.M.), Chez Yvonne, 1854 El Camino Real, Mountain View

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December 21—Reliability & Quality Control

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January 12—Instrumentation

February 7—Instrumentation

presentation was concluded with the conventional question-and-answer period.

—LES BURLINGAME & GEORGE SPELVIN

meeting review

MAGNETIC TOURISM

The Professional Group on Product Engineering and Production held its November meeting at Palo Alto Engineering, a subsidiary of Hewlett-Packard Co. The topic was "Design and

Fabrication of Magnetic Components."

After the usual introduction by Messrs. Bud Eldon and Dale Fuller of PGPEP, L. Burkhart, chief design engineer of Paeco, informed the crowd of some 65 visitors about problems in designing magnetic components.

Burkhart received his BS degree at San Jose State in 1951. After some graduate work at UC, he went into the Navy and joined Paeco in 1953. He was the company's tenth employee and has progressed with the company

through many different departments including production, engineering, sales, and design.

The next speaker on the agenda was J. Biggerstaff, new product development engineer at Paeco. He received his BS degree at UCLA in 1957. Prior to joining Paeco, Biggerstaff had experience in semiconductor and magnetic circuitry with Lockheed, Palo Alto, in the telecommunications department. Prior to joining LMSD, he was assistant chief engineer of California Magnetic Corporation, Los Angeles.

After a general review of Paeco's birth and growth during the years, presented by J. Burkhart, general manager of Paeco, a plant tour followed.

At first glance, it would appear to be a simple matter to make transformers, as you merely wind a coil and add some insulation and put these on a piece of metal and there you are. The tour, through Paeco, under expert guide, reveals there are many variables in manufacturing that need close control for processing.

As a matter of fact, the entire transformer is quite a compromise. You would like it to run cool, but if you do then it becomes too big and bulky for most applications. You therefore decrease the size. But when you do, you take a chance of producing a transformer that may be driven too hard, therefore creating noise. You also want the unit to be attractive in appearance but if you go overboard in this respect, the cost becomes prohibitive. The tour through Paeco showed to participants that the company has reached a happy medium in many respects.

The production facilities display quite some ingenuity with regard to equipment, layout, and process flow. Much

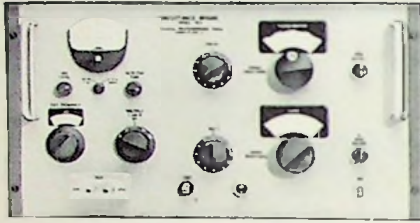
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Speakers for the November 22 PGPEP meeting and PGPEP officers: Lloyd Burkhart, Bud Eldon, Jack Beckett, Dale Fuller, and J. Biggerstaff
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of the equipment has been designed and built by the company itself. Semi-automatic testing is being used throughout the plant and it is heavily conveyorized.

The do-it-yourself philosophy is prevalent. Wherever you go, jigs and fixtures designed and made by the company are being used. Injection molding machines were purchased for the purpose of making bobbins but were found so useful, the company is now making cases for manufacturing.

After the tour, refreshments were served and during this time the guides were most cooperative in answering all questions that were asked by the tourists.

—OLOF LANDECK



Rolf Dyce, speaker at the November PGAP meeting

—SRI photo

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GAUSS-TRAPPED ELECTRONS

On November 9 Dr. Rolf Dyce of Stanford Research Institute spoke to the San Francisco Chapter of PGAP at Stanford University on "The Trapping of Electrons from a Nuclear Detonation in the Earth's Magnetic Field."

The earth's field can act as an efficient container of charged particles provided these particles do not enter regions where the atmospheric density is appreciable. When a fast-moving charged particle is injected into the earth's magnetic field by a high-altitude nuclear detonation the particle describes a corkscrew-shaped trajectory, the center line of which lies along a magnetic line of force. At the lower end of its trajectory, called the turning point, the particle goes into a flat spiral and then winds back along a similar path to the turning point in the other hemisphere, making the transit in a second or so. During this time its line of travel drifts eastward slowly around the earth.

The nuclear detonations discussed included the Argus, Teak, and Orange shots. Since the Explorer IV satellite was in orbit at the time of the explosions obtaining data on the Van Allen belts, its readings were also used to give a detailed picture of the position of the electron shell formed by the explosions and the intensity of the radiation. This was illustrated by slides showing the reduced data from the satellite's instruments. As a further verification of the trapping action, visual auroras caused by collisions with the atoms of atmospheric gases were observed in both the detonation and magnetic-conjugate areas.

Rolf B. Dyce was born on October 12, 1929, in Guelph, Ontario, Canada. He received an AB degree in physics from Cornell University in 1951. His graduate work was done in the school of electrical engineering at Cornell, where he was engaged in research on the reflex-

tion of vhf radio waves from the aurora borealis. Portions of 1953 and 1954 he spent in field research at the Geophysical Institute of the University of Alaska. In 1955, he received the PhD degree in electrical engineering.

From 1955 to 1957, Dr. Dyce served as Air Force officer in the propagation section of Rome Air Development Center, where his duties included the monitoring of research contracts and consultation on propagation problems.

In July 1957, he joined the staff of Stanford Research Institute's communication and propagation laboratory, where he is now assistant head of the propagation group. At SRI, he has been chiefly concerned with radar studies of auroral, meteor, lunar, and satellite echoes, high-altitude nuclear-weapon effects on the ionosphere, and electromagnetic effects of missile flight. He is the author or co-author of a number of papers on radio propagation effects associated with the aurora, moon reflections, and earth satellites.

Dyce is a member of PGAP, the American Geophysical Union, Sigma Xi, and Commission 3 of the U.S.A. National Committee of URSI.

—H. ROTHMAN

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One of the outstanding meetings of the year in PGEM was held November 17 at Stanford Research Institute. SRI was host to the group for the purpose of giving everybody an opportunity to run a do-it-yourself business. While the participation was limited because of the limits in SRI facilities, the interest was high and everybody hopes we will be able to impose upon SRI's good nature to repeat the game.

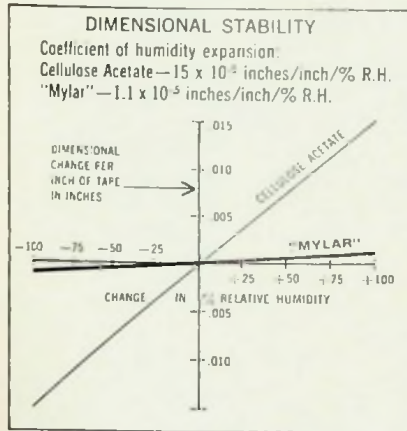
Ben Lefkowitz and Dr. Clay Perry were hosts for the game. The situation was competitive. Five teams: that is,

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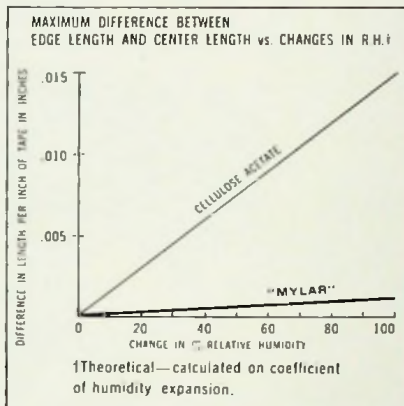


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Fewer garbled signals.

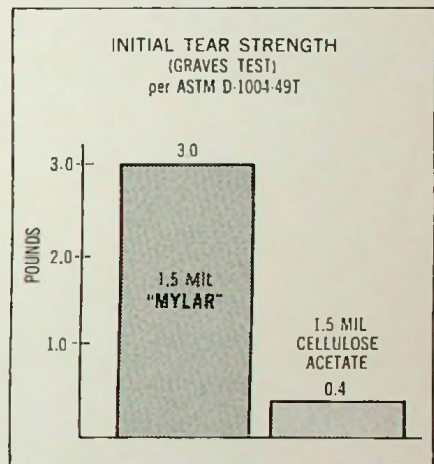
If magnetic tape picks up or loses moisture unequally across the tape width there will be a difference in length between the edges and center. Chart 2 compares this effect for "Mylar" and cellulose acetate tapes. Because "Mylar" is virtually non-hygroscopic there is no dimensional difference between edges and center to cause poor registration of timing across adjacent tracks on the tape.

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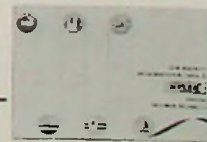


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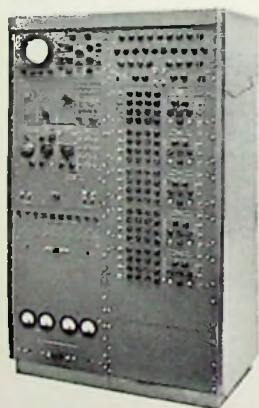
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Ben Lefkowitz, SRI operations analyst, addresses the PGEM group during the November executive decision game

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five companies, were competing in the transistor market. Each team picked its own objectives: for example, some oper-

wanted to stay small and solvent while waiting for Litton Industries to buy them out. At intervals of about ten minutes, each team was required to make a decision on its next fiscal quarter operation with respect to price, production, volume, advertising budget, research and development budget, and plant investment. The ground rules put forth by Ben Lefkowitz included the assumption that no dividends would be declared and that the company would not be one in which widows and orphans would be likely to invest.

The game was played on a Burroughs 220 Computer, programmed to take account of the effect each company's decisions would have on its competitors.

As soon as the computer had accepted the decisions, the price and total volume of sales were posted for each company. After this cycle, a new set of decisions was required from each company, pointing toward next quarter's operations. Each time the price structure was announced, the computer

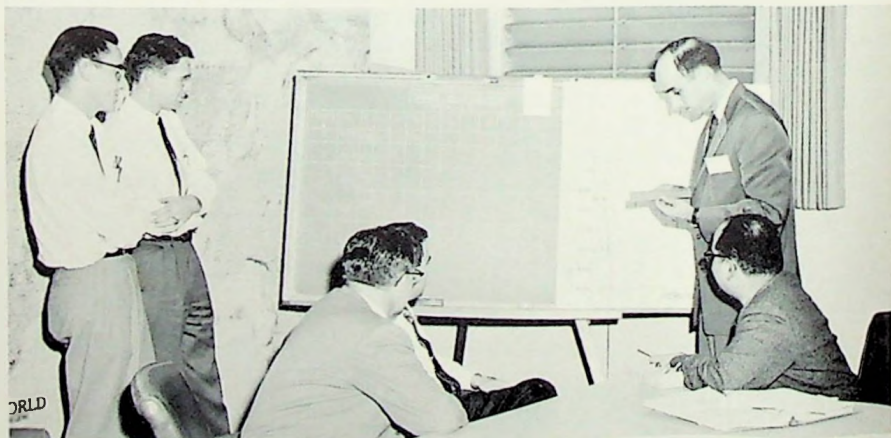
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One of the executive groups completes data being picked up by William D. McGuigan for the computer

—Joseph Del Gaizo photo

ators may have wanted to cut prices, corner the market, and make a clean-up in a short time. Others may have



Dr. Clay Perry, SRI manager of mathematical sciences, charts the computer read-out into some pretty dismal-looking sales curves

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Prof. Anthony E. Siegman, speaker at the November PGED/PGMTT meeting and Perry H. Vartanian Jr., vice chairman PGMTT

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printed out an operating statement for each competing company. The National Economic Index was also a factor cranked into the computer.

At the end of the four-hour session, everyone was exhausted and some were sadder and we hope wiser. This reporter was a member of the team making the poorest showing. He will hereafter stick to reporting.

—L. M. JEFFERS, JR.

meeting review

UNCERTAIN NOISE

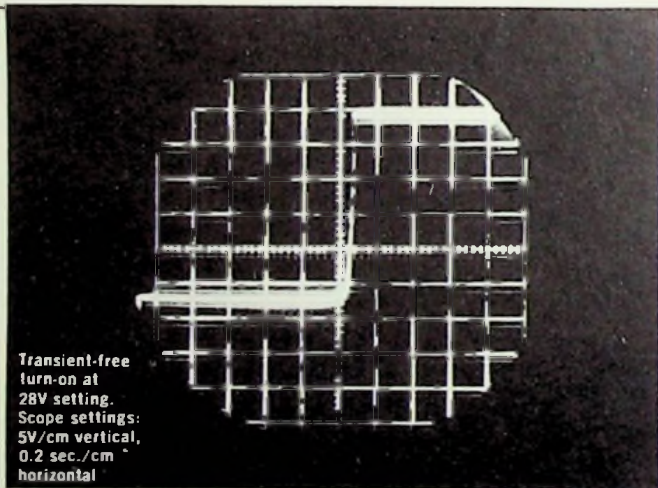
The lowest noise figure that can be obtained, using perfect components, was the subject considered by Professor Tony Siegman at the second of three current PGED-PGMTT meetings relating to noise in amplifiers. The sixty-two members and guests gathered at the Stanford Physics Lecture Hall were presented with a very clear and informa-

tive discussion by Dr. Siegman of some of his recent thoughts on the topic "Getting Close to the Ultimate Noise Limit."

In largely classical terms, the limitations imposed by quantum phenomena on low-noise amplification were given under the following subtopics: (1) The noise limit from the uncertainty principle, (2) The maser, as an example which will just reach this limit, (3) The same limit obtained from consideration of zero point energy, (4) "Noiseless amplifiers," and (5) The effects on channel capacity and information rate. Before considering these topics further they may be summarized by giving the primary result; namely that the minimum amplifier noise temperature is given by the product of the signal frequency and Planck's constant divided by Boltzman's constant. At 10 kilomegacycles this is one half degree Kelvin, a figure which masers are currently approaching. In the visible light or laser frequency region the figure reaches the rather high value of 25,000 degrees K.

The discussion based on the Heisenberg uncertainty principle proceeded as follows. An equivalent form of the uncertainty principle for the amplitude (or number of quanta) and phase

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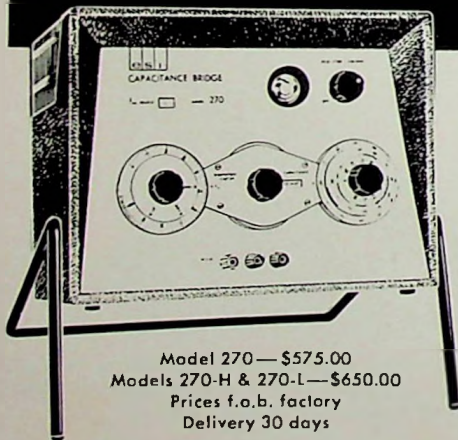
of a signal was determined. This is $\Delta n \Delta \phi \geq 1/2$, where Δn is the uncertainty in amplitude and $\Delta \phi$ the uncertainty in phase. It can then be shown that under optimum conditions the rms values are given by $\Delta n^2 \Delta \phi^2 = \Delta v^2 / (hfB)^2$ where Δv is the uncertainty in signal amplitude and B is the receiver bandwidth.

Applying the uncertainty relation we find $\Delta v^2 \geq hfB/2$ which is equivalent to a noise power of $P_n = hfB$. The temperature corresponding to this noise is $T_n = P_n/kB$ or as stated earlier $T_n \geq hf/k$. The question arose at this point whether this could properly be called the noise temperature of an amplifier since it seems to be a function only of the signal. It appears this is largely a matter of interpretation, i.e., the fluctuations can be considered as properties of the amplifier. Furthermore, consideration of a high gain maser amplifier leads to the same result.

The noise figure of a two-level cavity maser was next determined. The noise introduced by the amplifier is that expressed by the familiar Johnson noise law which gives a positive noise voltage whether the equivalent circuit resistance is positive or negative (the latter being required for maser action). The noise output from the maser is found to be $N_0 = (G-1) hfB/1 - \exp. (-hf/kT_m)$, where G is the power gain of the maser and T_m is its temperature. This noise power may be said to result from spontaneous decays from the higher to lower energy level in the maser. For $T_m \gg hf/k$ this gives $T_m = P_n / (G-1) kB$. Now as T_m is allowed to approach zero we obtain $P_n = (G-1) kB (hf/k)$. Thus the limiting value for the noise at zero temperature is equivalent to a temperature of hf/k , the result obtained previously.

Siegman next considered the application of zero point energy concepts to the problem. These require an input to the amplifier of $hfB/2$. The resulting output power, N_0 , for high gain is the same as that given in the previous paragraph. A possible interpretation here is that the amplifier does not introduce noise but does amplify the zero point energy.

There followed an interesting consideration of so-called quantum counters as noiseless amplifiers. An example here is the phototube operated at zero temperature and thus with zero dark current. This device counts incoming quanta perfectly. However, while there is no ambiguity in the amplitude of the signal, all phase information is lost and we appear to be satisfying an uncertainty principle. If one attempts to incorporate a separate phase detector the principle is still not violated be-

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
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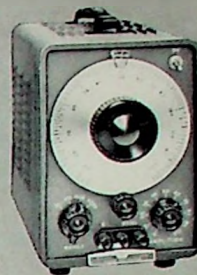
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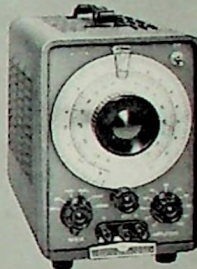
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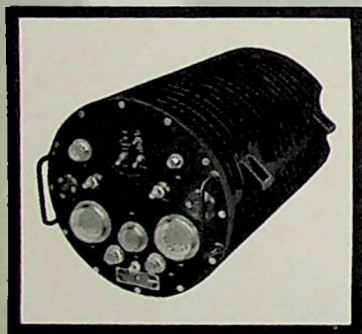
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—RICHARD P. BORGHI

meeting review

THE 17-YEAR ITCH

The content and organizational requirements of patents were reviewed by John F. Lawler, patent attorney for Sylvania's Mountain View operations, at the November meeting of the Professional Group on Engineering Writing & Speech. The meeting was held at a conference room of Hewlett-Packard Company in Palo Alto and was conducted by Chairman Arthur Walters.

Lawler, introduced by Vice Chairman James Weldon, holds a BS degree in mechanical engineering from Case Institute of Technology and earned his LLB at Western Reserve University. He entered the electronics field from service as a radar officer in the Army during World War II.

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The first portion of the text material in the patent is the specifications, in effect a complete description of the invention. Here are presented statements of the purpose of the invention, the problem area, the object of the invention in detail, and a summary of the invention. These statements are followed by an identification and descrip-

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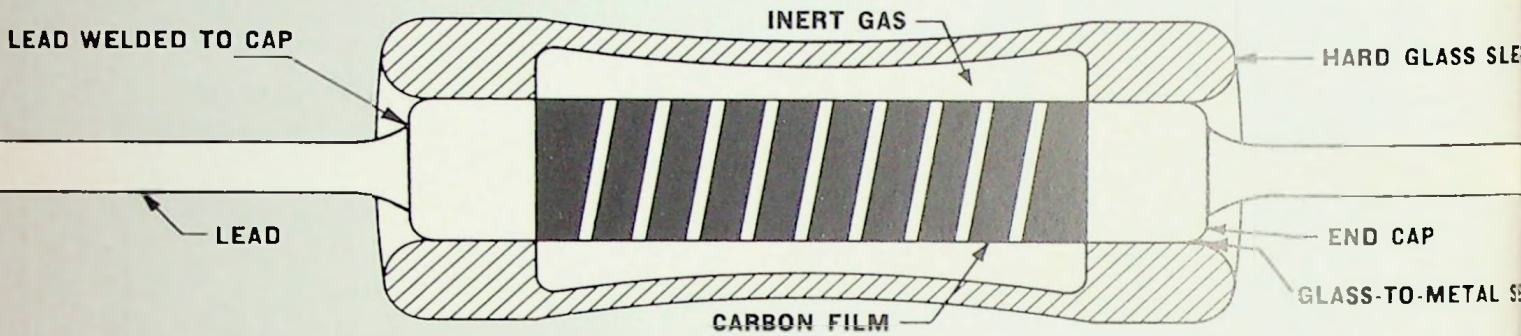


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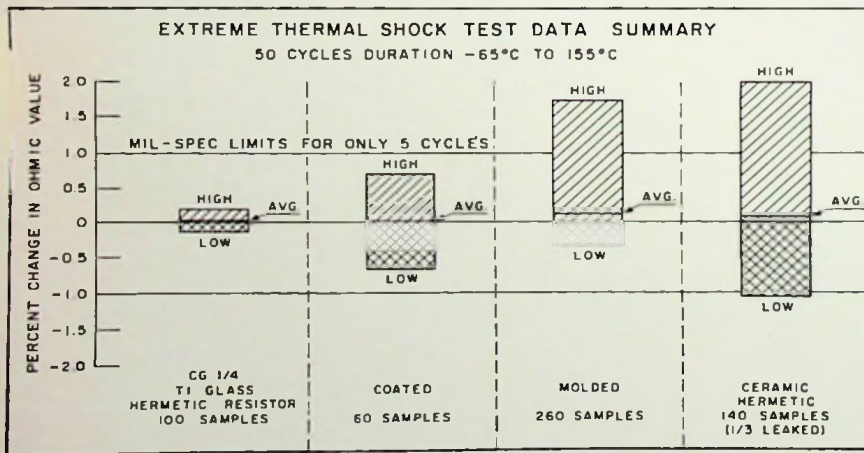


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


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To illustrate his presentation, Lawler distributed amongst the members several patents illustrative of the points covered.

—DOUGLAS W.M. DUPEN

meeting review

PIDGIN MACHINE

In November, the Professional Group on Electronic Computers met at the SRI Auditorium to listen to John Griffith of IBM speak on "Table Look-Up and Language Translation."

Griffith introduced the topic of table look-up by discussing the classic paper on the Turing Machine. Turing described his machine in the form of tables as opposed to the flow charts ordinarily used today. The structure of this machine is almost entirely contained in the memory. Turing's requirement of "scratch paper" is still a requirement of machines today in the use of temporary storage, index counter, etc. Most machines today use extrinsic addressing instead of intrinsic as used in the Turing Machine. Extrinsic addressing is the usual type where items are in a definite order and their address is either known by the item or can be computed. Intrinsic addressing is without order and an item is found by searching.

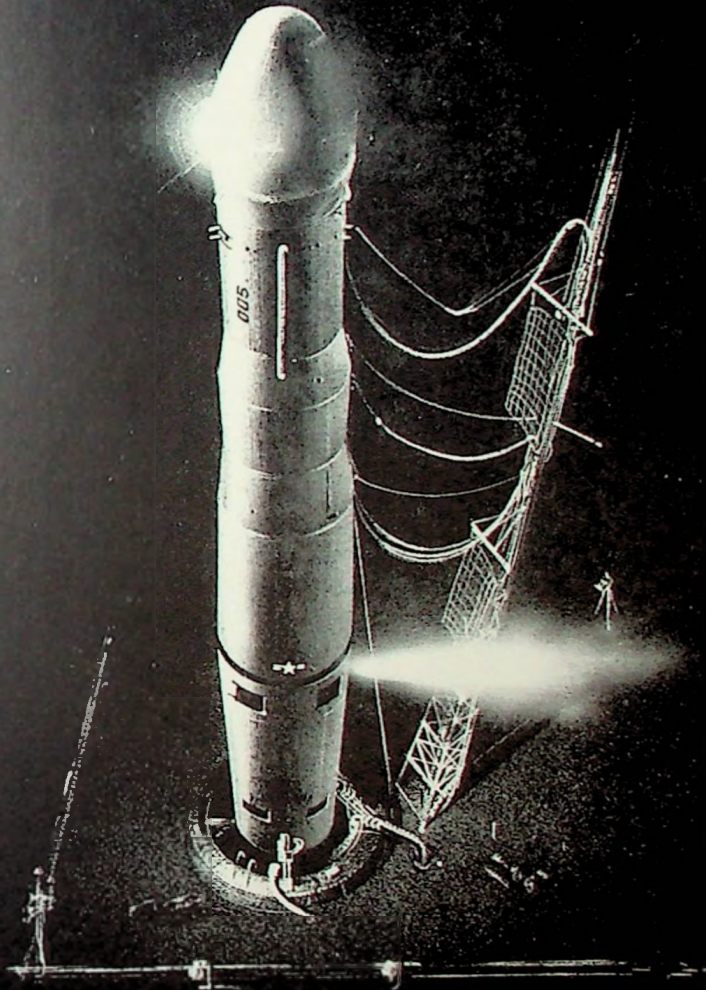
Earlier this year IBM announced a language translation machine built under contract for the Air Force. This machine, named Mark II, has some of the features of the Turing Machine—intrinsic addressing, very large memory, table look-up, etc. The use for which this machine was built was to translate Russian into English. It could also be used to translate other foreign languages and unnatural languages such as Braille, stenotype, character codes, etc. Although there is no arithmetic hardware within the machine, arithmetic operations could be performed by the proper use of tables in the memory.

Some of the features of the machine mentioned by Griffith were a 10-inch-

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Morris

Dr. Elliott C. Levinthal, chairman of the board of directors of Levinthal Electronic Products, Inc., a subsidiary of Radiation Incorporated, and formerly president and general manager, has announced the election of Albert J. Morris as president and general manager. Morris has been serving as senior vice president for engineering. Levinthal, in addition to serving as a member of the Board of Directors of Radiation, Incorporated, will serve as a staff vice president of Radiation Incorporated.

Harry Heard, formerly chief engineer, is elected to the position of vice president and chief engineer of the r-f systems division; Meryl Burns, formerly chief engineer of Radiation's space communications division in Mountain View, is elected to vice president and chief engineer of the space communications division, and Eldon Anderson is elected to vice president and production manager of Levinthal Electronic Products, Inc.

Building expansions are currently being announced, or completed and dedicated, by the following: Beckman/Spinco has a 43,000-sq-ft addition under construction in Palo Alto; Lockheed missiles and space division plans a four-million-dollar expansion consisting of a 172,800-sq-ft engineering and laboratory building in Sunnyvale, to begin January, for occupancy by June; Philco Corporation, whose president, James M. Skinner, Jr., appeared in Menlo Park for the formal dedication of a Sierra Electronic Corp. division expansion of 50,000 sq ft to their basic 35,000 sq ft, also announced a five million dollar building program to add 250,000 sq ft to the western development laboratories in Palo Alto; Shell Development Company, has completed a multi-million dollar expansion program at its

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diameter photo-store of 30 megabits. A high resolution Eastman film was used here. The bit rate of the machine was one megacycle and an average access time from memory was 10-20 milliseconds.

Emeryville research center through conversion of a 5-story warehouse adjacent to the existing research facility; and Western Scientific Instrument Co., Inc. announced the start of construction on a new building on Warrington Street near Bay Road in Redwood City—the completed facility to include the first commercial primary-standards laboratory in Northern California.

Arthur H. Hausman has been appointed vice president and director of research at Ampex Corporation, succeeding Walter T. Selsted, who was recently appointed vice president, engineering, for the Corporation.

For the past 12 years, Hausman has been with the U.S. Government in research and development. His most recent position was in the Department of Defense, Washington.



Hausman



Myers

William D. Myers, who has been with Hewlett-Packard Co. for 16 years, has been named manager of a new precision components division. Myers was formerly manager of the electrical engineering section of the company's manufacturing engineering department.

International Business Machines Corp., San Jose, has made the following personnel changes: A. G. Anderson, manager physics department, research laboratory; Don V. Couden, manager of reliability and serviceability program in the general products division development laboratory; W. A. Gross, manager, applied mechanics department, research laboratory; Henry A. Head, manager of market planning in the advanced systems development division

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Griffith had some examples of the Mark II translation of the Russian newspaper Pravda. Although the translation was in pidgin English because of the word-for-word translation, the text was still readable and very interesting.

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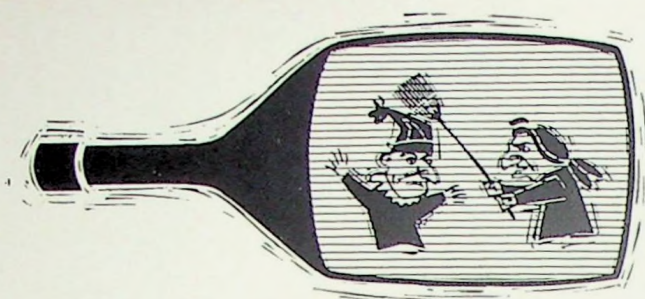
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commercial group; **A. S. Hoagland**, manager, special studies department, research laboratory; **Otto Kornei**, manager of magnetics in the advanced technology group of the general products divisions development laboratory; **J. D. Michaelsen**, manager, photo-chemistry department, research laboratory; **R. M. Walker**, manager, magnetic recording department, research laboratory; **E. Rae Wooding**, manager, special systems engineering, general products division development laboratory. Dr. **Gardiner L. Tucker**, manager of the research laboratory, will function as interim manager of a systems-science department under the new organization.



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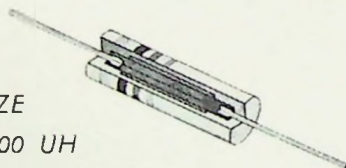
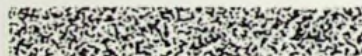
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of Naval Research, promoted Leonard M. Jeffers from EDL customer relations to supervisor of technical publications; and appointed Paul E. Jensen to head the EDL engineering writing section, from his previous activities in liaison and publications.



Jensen



Moore

Kendric A. Moore has joined Granger Associates as manager of aviation products. Moore has been based in New York as manager of communications for Pan American World Airways' overseas division. From 1945 to 1959 he was superintendent of radio engineering for the Pacific-Alaska Division of PAA. Moore has been active in ARINC, AEEC, and airline-industry committees in promoting airline communications improvement and reliability programs.

Barco, Inc., of Milwaukee has appointed A & P Electronic Sales, San Francisco, as sales representatives for its line of electrolytic capacitors.

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At this time we have a request for back issues of the IRE Proceedings from William Haney, a technical missionary with Centro Audio Visual Evangelico in Brazil. Other requests like this have depleted our source of supply. It occurred to me that perhaps Grid would run a short item directing those who have back issues to donate to this purpose to send word of their availability to William Hoff at Data, 3201 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, Calif.

Yours very truly,
Paul W. Crapuchettes

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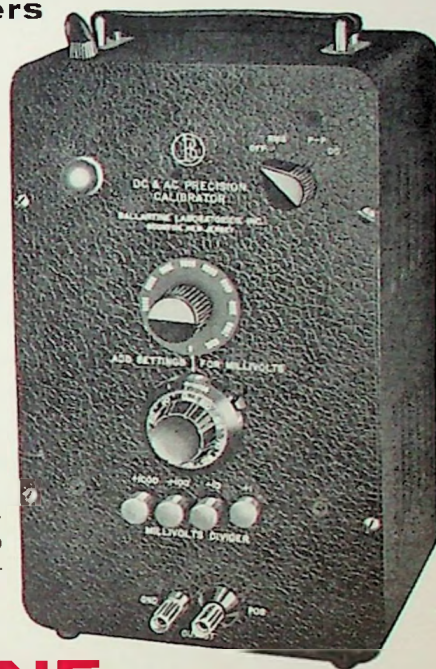
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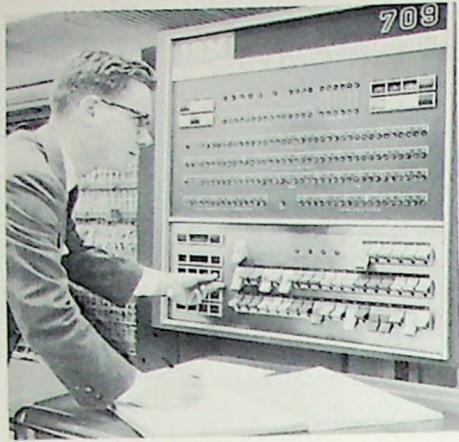
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
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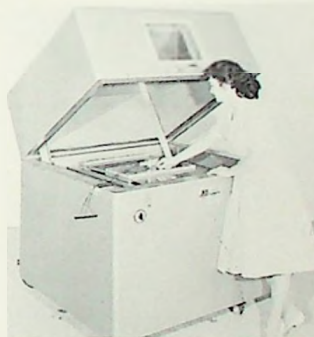
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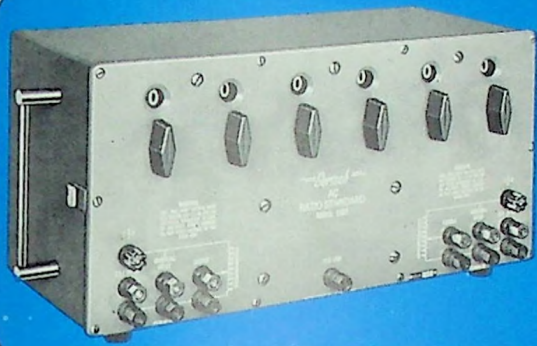
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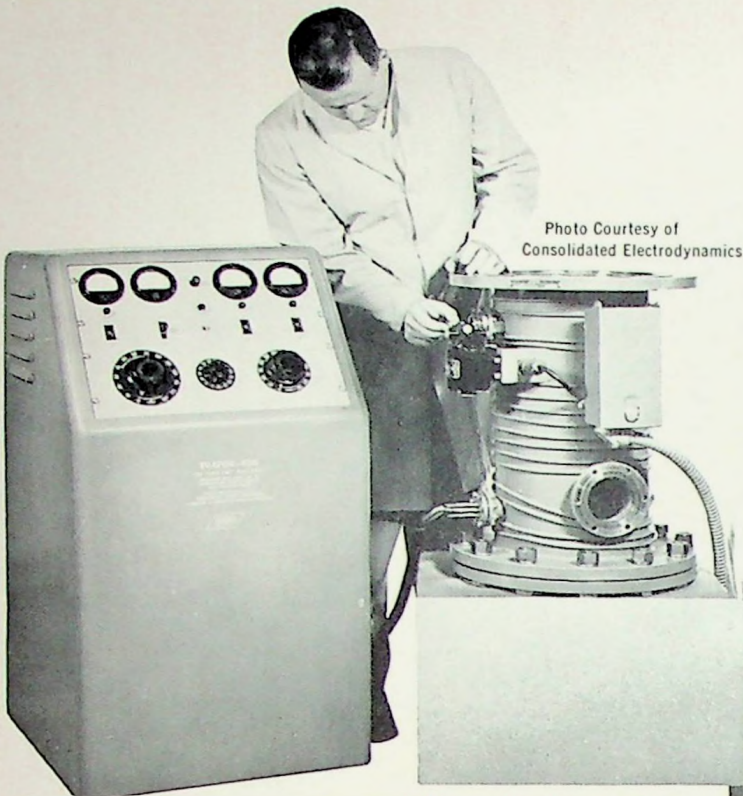


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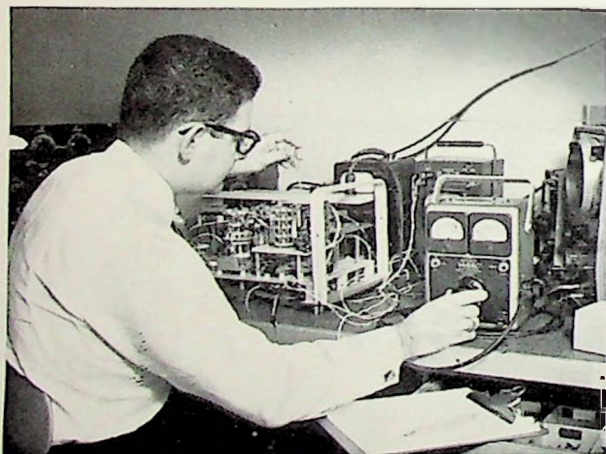
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