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

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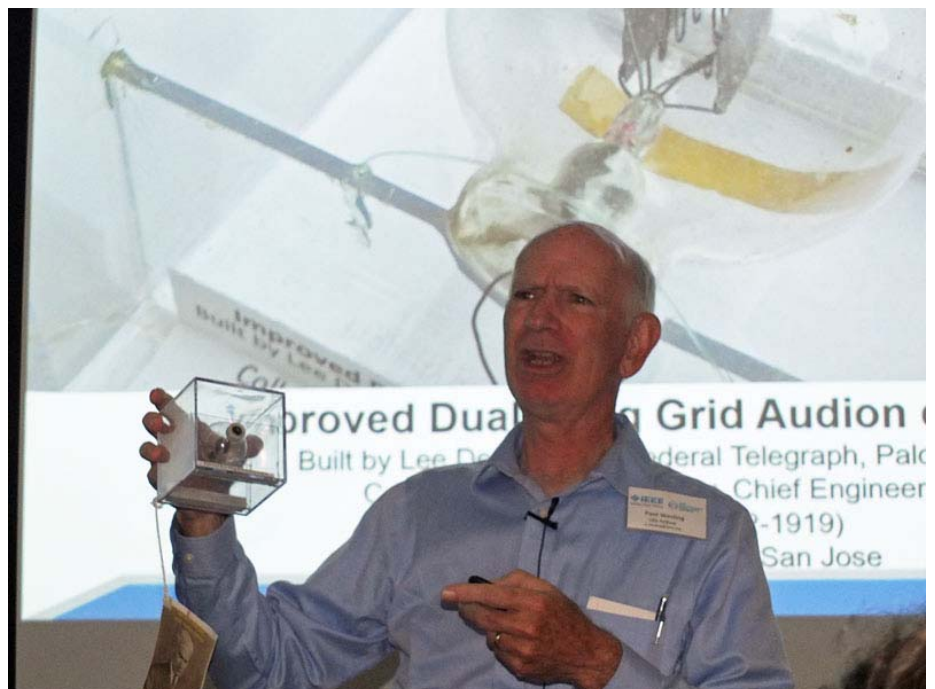
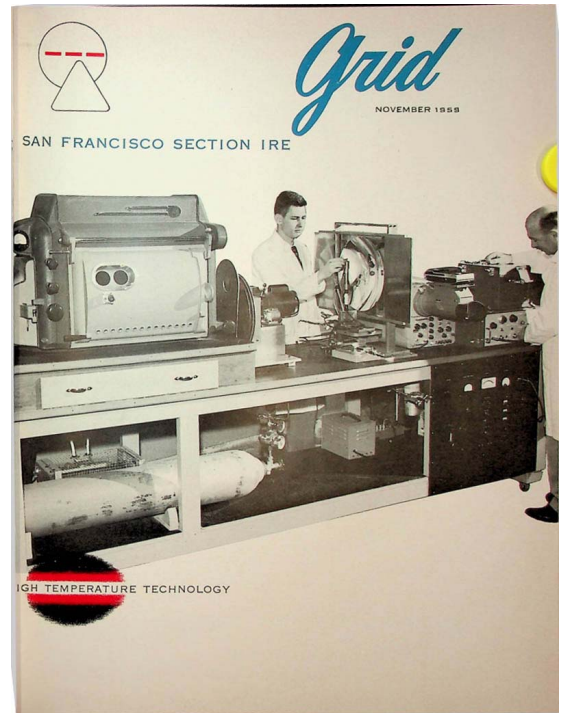
Cover: An image furnace at SRI is used to ignite solid propellants and measure the energy output (page 10).

Page 6: With membership at 3,600 and growing 10% each year, the Section needs to centralize services to the groups (chapters). A listing shows the tasks and services that might be provided by dedicated staffing and standardized processes.

Page 12: A photo shows Doug Perham showing an electron tube to a visitor to the New Almaden Museum. The article says he's starting a 10-lecture class on the "History of Electronics", of which he was a key player. Our first electronics company – Federal Telegraph – was located at his home and property in Palo Alto for a number of years, and Lee de Forest (inventor of the electronic vacuum tube, the oscillator circuit, and the amplifier circuit) used one of the buildings there for several years. At some point in the future, he'll start the Perham Foundation and the Foothill College Electronics Museum (which many of us visited). Unfortunately, Foothill decided not to continue housing the museum; many of its collections are now at the History San Jose site, where portions are occasionally put on display. I have access to an Audion tube (below) that were manufactured in about 1913, while Perham was Chief Engineer at Federal Telegraph.

Page 17: An artist's sketch shows a 142-foot radio-telescope that is going to be built on a hill behind the Stanford campus. Its million-watt transmitter will study the sun and planets by radar. We know it today as "The Dish".

Page 38: Bernard Widrow moves to a position at Stanford, and shows up in the listing of new-to-the-area IRE members. He goes on to become the director of SLAC. I met with Bernard a few years ago and he agreed to be on my panel on the klystron for the Section's Silicon Valley Technology History committee. Unfortunately, he was ill at the time of the panel, so wasn't able to participate. Lofti Zadeh moves into the area for a position at UC-Berkeley; his specialty was fuzzy sets and fuzzy theory, a generalization of classical and Boolean logic, and the Z-transform for signal processing.



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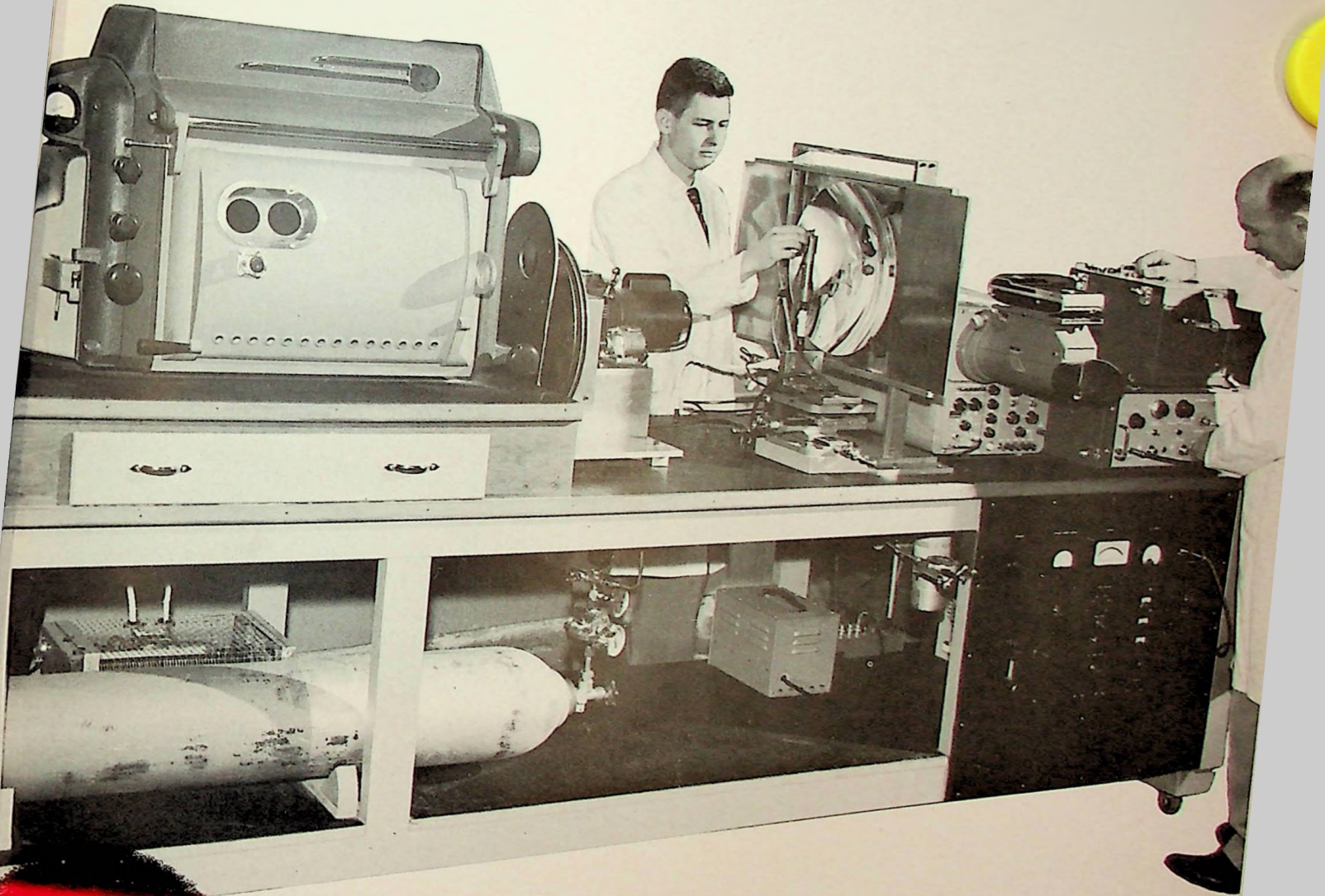
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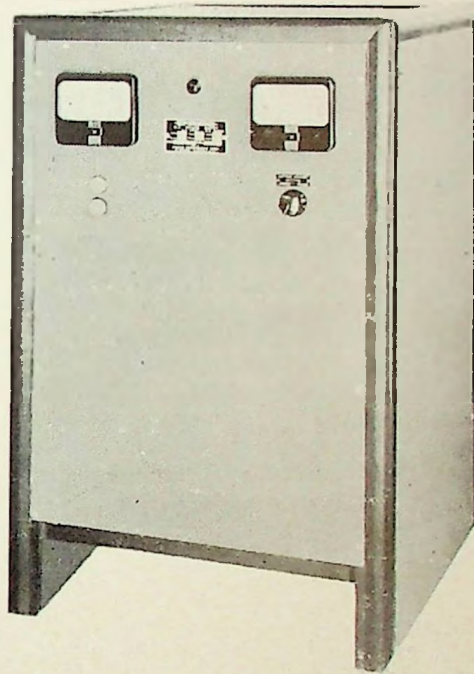
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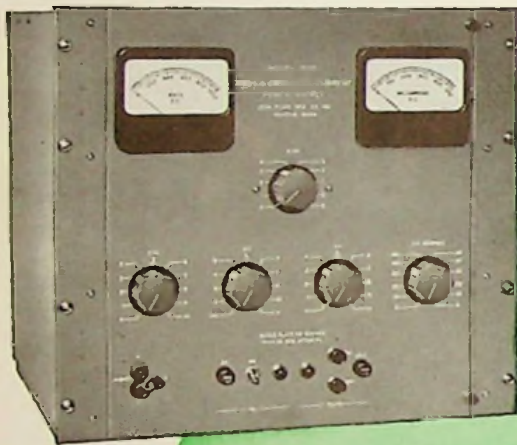


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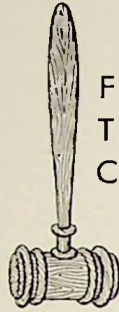
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## FROM THE CHAIRS



Stanley F. Kaisel

### Helping Hands

As the San Francisco Section of the IRE has grown in size, the mechanics of Section operation have correspondingly increased in magnitude and scope. Including the projected increase in membership for the year, the needs of over 3600 members must be served.

With over 100 meetings to arrange, schedule, and publicize; with the publication of a professional-level Section magazine; and with a turnover of funds of almost \$50,000 this year; Section activity is a big business. This scale of activity requires a focal point for the repetitive handling of the details of Section operation. At this level of activity it is apparent that economies can be achieved by centralizing the mechanics of Section operation. This focal point, of course, is the IRE Office in San Mateo.

The Section and professional group officers have a time-consuming job on their hands in managing the affairs of the Section. The facilities of the IRE office are being provided as a service

to these individuals in order to reduce the load on them and their individual organizations. However, direction of the activities of the IRE office must still come from the Section and professional group officers.

In order to acquaint the Section membership with the present and contemplated services available from the IRE Office, the accompanying list is presented.

The IRE Office should provide continuity required for Section operations on a year-to-year basis. Standardization of procedures can come from this source. The office, with the guidance of Section officers, will generate check lists, deadline dates, etc., for the guidance of future officers, thereby making the orderly transition of officers' jobs possible. With time we hope to develop a simple manual describing the duties, procedures, and timetable for the performance of each office.

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—S. F. Kaisel, secretary, SFS

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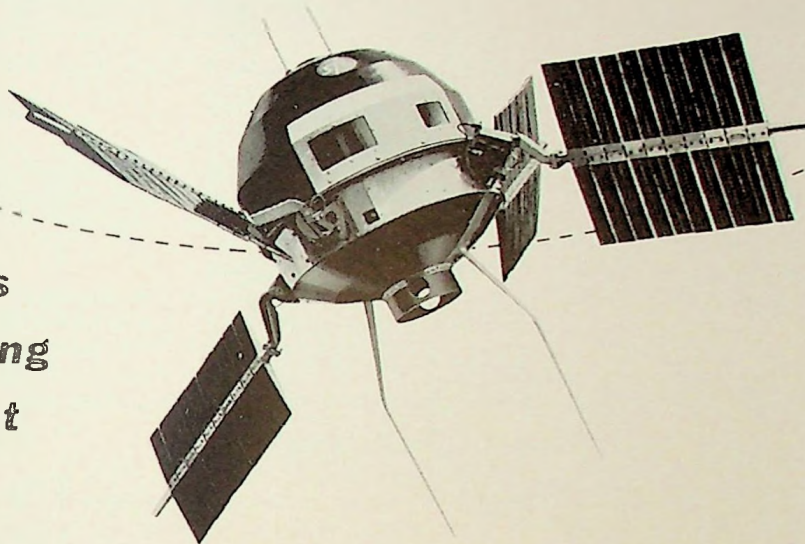
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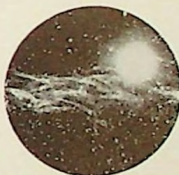
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### Broadcasting

8:00 P.M. • Tuesday, Dec. 8

(Joint meeting with SMPTE)

"Six Weeks in Russia with the VTR"

Speaker: Joe Roizen, manager, video products information, Ampex Corp.  
Place: KGO-TV Studios, 277 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco  
Dinner: 6:00 P.M., Rathskeller, Polk and Turk, San Francisco

### Electron Devices

7:30 P.M. • Monday, Nov. 16

"One Hundred Years of Progress in Parametric Devices"

Speaker: Glen Wade, associate professor, electrical engineering, Stanford  
Place: Room 100, Physics Lecture Hall, Stanford University

(Joint meeting with PGMTT—see below) 8:00 P.M. • Wednesday, Dec. 2

### Electronic Computers

8:00 P.M. • Tuesday, Nov. 24

"Computer Activities in Japan"

Speaker: Eiichi Goto, professor, University of Tokyo, Japan

Place: Auditorium, Lockheed Missiles and Space Division, Palo Alto  
Dinner: 6:00 P.M., Hal's Restaurant, 4085 El Camino Way, Palo Alto

### Engineering Management

8:00 P.M. • Tuesday, Dec. 8

"Management of Research & Development Enterprises"

Speaker: John Church, Booz Allen & Hamilton

Place: Hal's Restaurant, 4085 El Camino Way, Palo Alto

Dinner: 6:30 P.M. (Social hour 5:45), Hal's Restaurant

Reservations: Mrs. Marie Iavicoli, LYtel 1-8461, Ext. 461

### Medical Electronics

8:00 P.M. • Tuesday, Nov. 24

"The Nerve Cell and Memory Components"

Speakers: Albert S. Hoagland, manager of magnetic memory research, International Business Machines, San Jose; Keith Killam, associate professor of pharmacology, Stanford Medical School, Stanford; and Charles A. Rosen, head, applied physics, Stanford Research Institute  
Place: Room M-112, Medical School Building. (Room M-112 is in the courtyard of the wing nearest Hoover Tower. Approach from Palm Drive, the extension of University Avenue)

Dinner: 6:00 P.M., Red Cottage, 1706 El Camino Real, Menlo Park

Reservations: George Turner, Davenport 5-8332, 2950 Ross Rd., Palo Alto

### Microwave Theory & Techniques

8:00 P.M. • Wednesday, Dec. 2

(Joint meeting with PGED)

"Microwave Generation Using Ferrites"

Speaker: John Shaw, Stanford University

Place: Room 101, Physics Lecture Hall, Stanford University

### Military Electronics

8:00 P.M. • Tuesday, Dec. 1

"Current Techniques and Procedures for Electronic Reliability Assurance"

Speaker: Rudolph Cazanjan, reliability supervisor, Sylvania

Place: Auditorium, Lockheed Missiles and Space Division, Palo Alto

### Production Techniques

8:00 P.M. • Tuesday, Nov. 24

(Joint meeting with PGRQC)

"Maintenance of Electronic Instrumentation"—a plant tour

Place: Main entrance, United Airlines Maintenance Base, San Bruno Avenue and Airport Blvd., San Francisco International Airport

### Reliability & Quality Control

8:00 P.M. • Tuesday, Nov. 24

(Joint meeting with PGPT, see above)

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November 16—Electron Devices

November 24—Electronic Computers, Medical Electronics, Production Techniques/Reliability & Quality Control

December 1—Military Electronics

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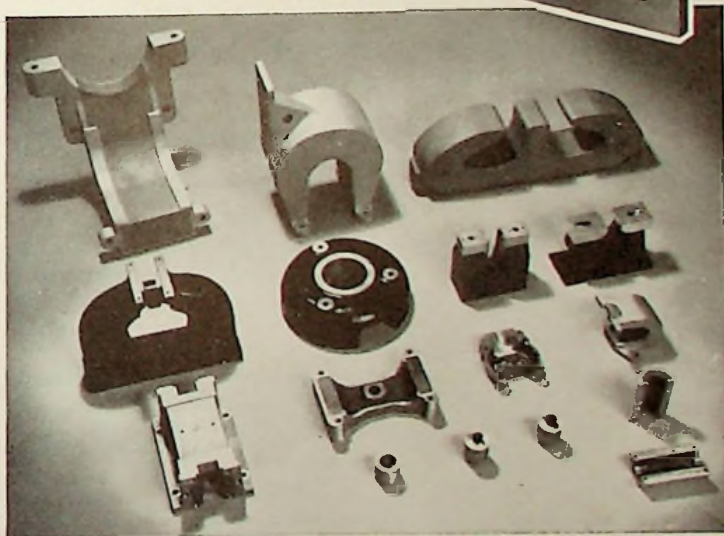
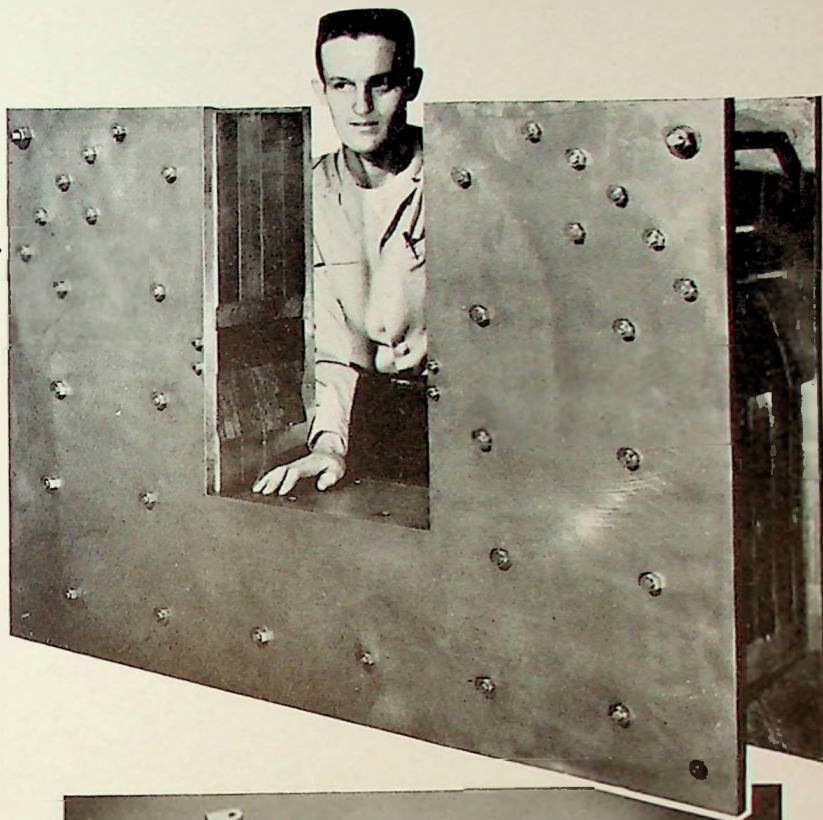
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### The Warm Peninsula

At Asilomar on the Monterey Peninsula some six hundred registrants gathered from October 6 to 9 to discuss the latest aspects of high-temperature technology. Although California accounted for about two hundred and fifty, a dozen or more came from abroad and other U. S. attendees from as far away as New Hampshire.

Arranged by Stanford Research Institute, the event was sponsored by the following: Air Force Office of Scientific Research, Air Research and Development Command; Army Research Office, Office of the Chief of Research and Development, Department of the Army; Atomic Energy Commission; National Aeronautics and Space Administration; National Science Foundation; Office of Naval Research; Aerojet-General Corporation; Corning Glass Works; Esso Research and Engineering Company; Gladding, McBean and Company; Fansteel Metallurgical Corporation; Food Machinery and Chemical Corporation; Hughes Aircraft Company; Radio Corporation of America; Stanford Research Institute; Union Carbide Corporation; and Westinghouse Electric Corporation.

Five sessions of twenty-three papers covered these topics: Techniques and Measurements, Materials, Processes, Behavior of Materials, and Research Abroad.

Two subjects offered particular electronic interest. These were Thermoelectric Power by C. M. Kelley, Stanford Research Institute; and Image-Furnace Research by C. P. Butler, Naval Radiological Defense Laboratory. Kelley described current investigative work at the Institute which seems likely to lead to the development of nuclear or chemical-heated power supplies suitable for portable electronic equipment.

Butler's paper provided material for the cover of this issue with assistance by SRI. The main illustration shows an image furnace at use in the Institute for research on the ignition of solid propellants. Instrumentation shown at right is used to measure the carefully metered amount of energy supplied to the propellant from the image furnace. Oscilloscope traces shown here indicate three levels of irradiance applied to a specimen of a solid propellant. When the irradiance is sufficiently high and near the threshold energy value for a specific propellant, there is a characteristic delay time between cessation of the exposure and ignition of the material.

Photograph (a) shows the situation with too little energy input. The hump at the end of the exposure is due to ignition of volatilized gases. Picture (b)



*Edward Teller, speaker at symposium on high-temperature technology*

shows ignition occurring almost at the end of the exposure, giving a so-called minimum delay time. Picture (c) shows the application of more energy than required, in which case ignition begins before the end of the exposure.

Several ladies' events were scheduled, including a special performance of "After Dark" in California's First Theatre, Monterey—a state historical monument. This performance was given in the spirit of the original plays presented in the theatre about 1850. During intermission one of the ladies was heard to say, "I never try to tell anyone what my husband does, because I don't even understand it."

The affair was wrapped up, after a final-day banquet, by Dr. Edward Teller, associate director of the University of California Lawrence Radiation Laboratory who spoke on the subject "Nuclear Technology and High Temperature." He described the production of high temperatures in the nuclear explosion 900 ft under a Nevada mesa two years ago



*Clinton M. Kelley*

and speculated on the possible production of materials ranging from fertilizer to diamonds by these means. He discussed the problems being encountered in controlled thermonuclear power production and summed up the situation by stating that the unknown factors today are about the same as those five years ago except that today they are unknown on the basis of much better evidence.

## MEETING AHEAD

### Century I in Parametric Devices

Glen Wade of Stanford will talk about "One Hundred Years of Progress in Parametric Devices" at the November 16 meeting of PGED. See the Calendar on page 8 for details.

Although this talk will treat briefly some experimental electron devices of the past, the main emphasis will be on recent developments. A summary will be given of the characteristics and attainments, particularly regarding low noise, of solid-state and electron-beam parametric amplifiers.

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Wade received the BS and MS degrees in electrical engineering from the University of Utah in 1948 and 1949, respectively. He did graduate study at Stanford University where he was first

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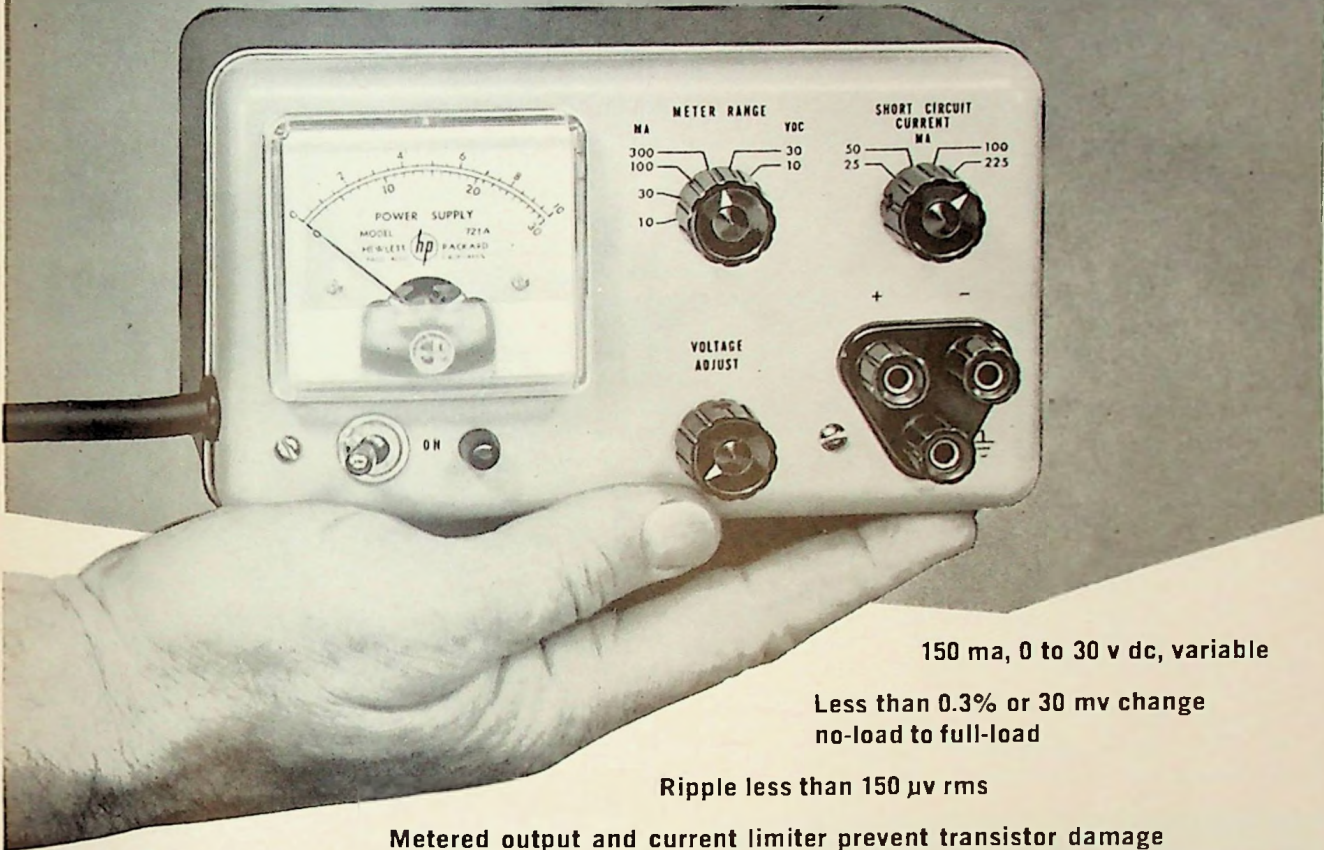


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## MORE PARAMETRIC DEVICES

a Sperry Fellow and then an RCA Fellow in Electronics, receiving the PhD degree in 1954. He had worked for a year at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D. C., and after receiving the PhD, was employed as a research associate by the General Electric Microwave Laboratory at Stanford. At present he is an associate professor of electrical engineering at Stanford and a senior staff member of the Stanford Electronics Laboratories.

Wade received an Eta Kappa Nu Award in the "Outstanding Young Electrical Engineer" competition in 1955. He is a member of IRE, the American Physical Society, Phi Kappa Phi, Tau Beta Pi, Eta Kappa Nu, and Sigma Xi.

## MEETING AHEAD

### Room-Temperature Masers?

Ferrites can store energy supplied by a pulsed d-c magnetic field and radiate this energy coherently at microwave frequencies. Generators of this type will be discussed by John Shaw at the December PGMTT/PGED meeting. See Meeting Calendar, page 8. An experimental model of a new device of this kind will be described which uses an r-f pumping signal at a lower frequency and provides output at a higher frequency. The possible application of this principle to millimeter-wave generation will be considered.

The relationship of these devices to pulsed masers will be considered, and

a possibility of making true masers with ferrimagnetic materials will be discussed. Such applications are of interest because these materials have higher spin density than paramagnetic maser crystals, and because they operate at room temperature.

—T. Moreno

## MEETING AHEAD

### Behind the Iron Curtain With Magnetic Tape

When Joe Roizen went to Russia as the chief project engineer in charge of installation, supervision, and maintenance of the famous Ampex recorder at the American National Exhibition, he found time to take a plethora of pictures, both 16-mm movies and 35-mm slides. He has made a tasteful selection of this photographic account, which he will present to the December 8 gathering of the Professional Group on Broadcasting and the SMPTE (see Meeting Calendar, page 8). PGB Chairman Harry Jacobs has observed that the ladies will find the program interesting, and they are therefore cordially invited.

Before his departure, Joe brushed up on his Russian, which he learned at home—in Canada. His parents were born in Kiev, and in 1923, while they were awaiting a Canadian visa, Joe was born in Romania. Subsequently, the family settled in Montreal, where he attended high school. He pursued his higher education at Sir George Williams University, McGill University, and UCLA.



Roizen, speaker for the December PGB/SMPTE meeting; Jack Miller, both of Ampex; and Chief Justice Earl Warren



Doug Perham in gateway at New Almaden Museum explains early electron tube to young visitor

## LECTURE SERIES

### Word From a Pioneer

Douglas Perham, pioneer and renowned personage in the field of electronics, will offer a course starting Tuesday, January 19, 1960, at Campbell Evening Adult School, 151 N. Winchester Road, Campbell, in the "History of Electronics," according to Edward Stanley, director of adult education, Campbell Union High School District.

During his busy career, Perham has been an associate of de Forest, Varian, Lawrence and many of the greats in electronics since 1910. He has had intimate acquaintanceship with prominent figures in the field of electronics and has made a multitude of original contributions to the new inventions.

The historical committee of the San Francisco Section, IRE, through Jerry Rosenberg, committee member, is assisting in this service to the combined fields of electronics, history, and science.

Classes will be limited to 20 persons, with 10 meetings per lecture series. The series will be continued so that interested persons will have an opportunity to participate in this lecture and discussion program.

Reservations for the class should be made by phoning FRanklin 8-3481, adult education office, Campbell, or writing to E. P. Stanley, 151 N. Winchester Road, Campbell. Registration may be completed any day or Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday evening at the above address.

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## What, Another Society?

Based on the assumption that engineers and laboratory personnel concerned primarily with electrical measurements and standards need to exchange techniques and methods with lab people from other companies, a new organization known as the American Society for Calibration and Standardization has sprung into existence here in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The new group has already held six informal meetings, has another one scheduled for November 23 when Robert Hammond, chief engineer of John Fluke Manufacturing Co., will speak on Kelvin Varley Bridges and a-c to d-c converters. Officers will also be elected at this meeting, a nominating committee being in existence.

A membership committee is also active and includes Robert DeLapp, LMSD, Sunnyvale; Robert Fosdick, IBM Corp.; Wallace Max, IBM Corp.; Richard Thompson, Dalmo Victor Co.; and James Williams, G.E. Microwave Lab. Further information on this new group can be obtained from Dale Kastle, McCarthy Associates, Davenport 6-7937.

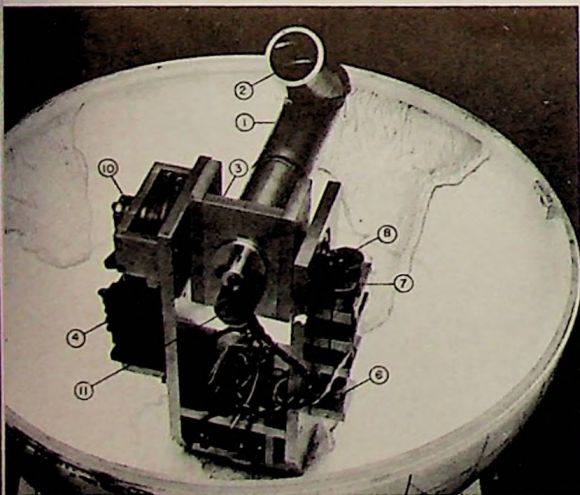
## MEETING REVIEW

### Computer Saver

The meeting of PGSET originally scheduled for September, was held on

*At right—overall view of Philco satellite-orbit simulator*

*Below—interior view with northern hemisphere removed, parts are as follows: (1) Lamp house, (2) Lens, (3) Orbit-inclination platform, (4) Orbit-inclination-platform motor, (6) Gear reducer—90 to 1, (7) 2-way clutch, (8) Gear reducer 16,000 to 90, (10) Orbit-inclination platform sensing servo, and (11) Lamp-house rotation sensing servo*



the first day of October in the auditorium of Lockheed Missiles and Space Division, Palo Alto. G. O. Moore presided.

J. M. Rosenberg reported on the activities of the committee on program and papers. He announced plans to continue the "Meet-the-Speaker" dinner before every meeting. The chairmanship of the committee will be rotated among the committee members in order to provide more varied programs.

Speaker of the evening was R. F. Mitchell, photographic and optical specialist in the Western Development Laboratories, Philco Corporation, Palo Alto. The title of his paper was "A Satellite Orbit Simulator."

The principal uses of the device include the simulation of orbits before launching space vehicles, and location of the position of any satellite at any given time, and the tracing of a series of orbits. The orbits can be shown in either real time or fast time as occasion warrants. The device is accurate to within a few minutes for periods up to several days. Its main advantage lies in its ability to save expensive computer time when used for determinations within its limitations.

—Robert B. Morgan

## MEETING REVIEW

### Crowded Components

A relatively new science was artfully described at the October 19 PGED meeting by Dr. Dietrich Jenny of the David Sarnoff Research Laboratories of RCA (Princeton, New Jersey). He talked of amazing component densities achieved



in the field of "Integrated Electronics." Computer circuits have already been developed with a densities of  $10^8$  components per cubic foot (for comparison, the human brain houses  $10^{11}$  components per cubic foot). This miniaturization eases the weight, size, and power consumption of systems for space travel, as well as for use in varied military and commercial applications.

It was strongly emphasized by Jenny that "all this is gravy." The true goal for Integrated Electronics is the sophistication of components, that is, the development of components which perform a myriad of functions. System development in the past has required a device and circuit stage following the basic research. Integrated Electronics, in contrast, combines the two to develop "functional components."

While one cannot date the start of thinking along the lines of functional components, there is no doubt that it took a major step forward in the days of "Project Tinker Toy." Tinker toys were stacked ceramic wafers (micro-modules) each carrying a printed or miniaturized component. The completed array, sometimes attaining densities of  $10^6$  components per cubic foot, was functional since by itself it was an amplifier, an oscillator, a pulse generator, etc.

Presently the state of the art is represented by unipolar transistor circuits which attain packing densities of  $10^8$  components per cubic foot. These minute elements house the varied functions of rectifier, amplifier, resistor, and even inductor—with suitable external changes. The speaker presented slides depicting combinations of these transistors in various computer circuits—such as "half-adders" and "multipliers or gates." To the naked eye, these circuits are no larger than a fleck of dust.

Jenny cited the much-publicized "tunnel diode" as a step into the future for integrated electronics, since two or more transistors are required to duplicate its function. This device, which may see application as high as the millimeter wave region, advances the art because of the added sophistication of the combination of functions. It is apparent that the tube engineer of the future must be equally competent in circuits—no more branch currents and voltages, just transfer functions.

—Eugene W. Kinaman

## MEETING REVIEW

### Production-Planning Trio

Chairman Fanjul introduced the speakers of the evening at the PGPT meeting held in September. They talked on the production planning problems of



Olof Landeck

growing electronic firms in large, medium, and small categories.

The first speaker, W. McGinnity, manager of manufacturing planning at Ampex Corporation, outlined the system of building blocks which Ampex uses to cut down production lead time on system requirements. These building-block sub-assemblies are used in many of the systems which Ampex produces.

G. Eustachy, production manager at Beckman/Berkeley, discussed work-order processing, line leading, and follow up as it is applied at Beckman. The basic system of building-block manufacture for stock is also followed by Beckman/Berkeley. Both speakers stressed the importance of having a production forecast—pointing out that this was the key to their production-planning operations.

The third speaker, Olof Landeck, production manager at Electro Engineering Works, pointed out that his concern is required to operate without long-range production forecasts—that they work strictly from customer orders only some of which are long range. The solution to this problem at Electro is to use employees with wide skill ranges so it is possible to shift them to meet the changes in production requirements. Landeck discussed a production control system which is based on the Remington Rand Schedulegraph and showed some samples of the application of this system. A lively half hour of discussion followed the talks.

—George F. Reyling

## MEETING REVIEW

### An Evening With Ma Bell

Guest speaker for the mid-October meeting of PGEM was Lloyd Cornell, general engineering and construction supervisor of Pacific Telephone & Tele-

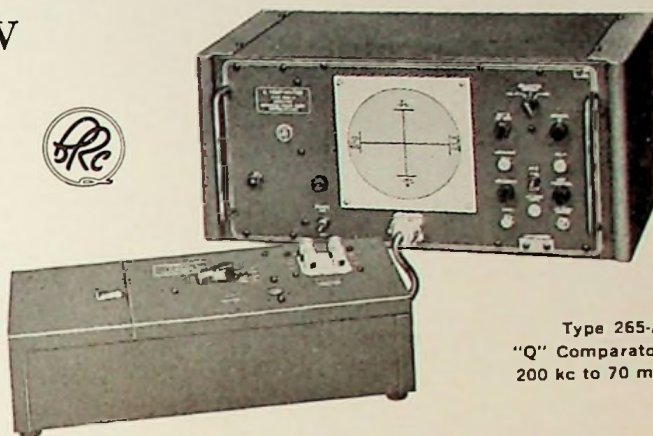
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## MORE PGEM

graph, whose subject was "Maintaining a Complex Communication Network." Cornell gave a thirty-minute talk supported by slides on maintenance of the Bell-System switching network. The American people make approximately 190 million telephone calls a day, 90 per cent switched by automatic dial systems, which in essence is a vast computer.

Maintenance of such a network is indeed a formidable task. Bell System, in order to solve this staggering maintenance problem, has organized what is probably one of the most efficient service and maintenance systems in the country. Cornell described the functional background of this service organization and also described in some detail the training techniques employed by the Bell System.

Following Cornell's talk, the group was taken on a conducted tour of a typical Bell-System dial office.

—W. S. Chaskin

## MEETING REVIEW

### Two for Telemetry

The October 20 meeting of PGSET was held in the auditorium of Lockheed

Missiles and Space Division, Palo Alto. Robert B. Morgan presided.

The group was fortunate in having two speakers who dealt with related subjects. W. D. Collins, Jr., in his paper, "The DCS Heterodyne Telemetry System," described a technique employed by Data-Controls Systems, Inc., whereby two standard IRIG multiplexes can be transmitted over a single r-f link. A second system was described which employs the same basic heterodyne technique to permit the transmission of six channels each with the characteristics of IRIG Channel 14 to achieve a system with all channels of the same bandwidth.

In the second paper, Ken Thompson, applications engineer on the Carmel project of Ampex Corporation, described "A Wide-Band Analog Magnetic-Tape Recorder" with a frequency response capability extending to 250 kc. Since the DCS heterodyne telemetry system requires a base band of approximately this width, the recorder is ideally suited for use in ground stations employed with it. The electronic circuits of the recorder are completely solid state. The equipment has been designed from the human engineering standpoint and will accept either one-half inch or one inch

wide tape.

The December meeting will be open to members' friends and families. The speaker will discuss a popular subject following the custom set last year.

—Robert B. Morgan

## MEETING REVIEW

### Traveling-Wave Masers

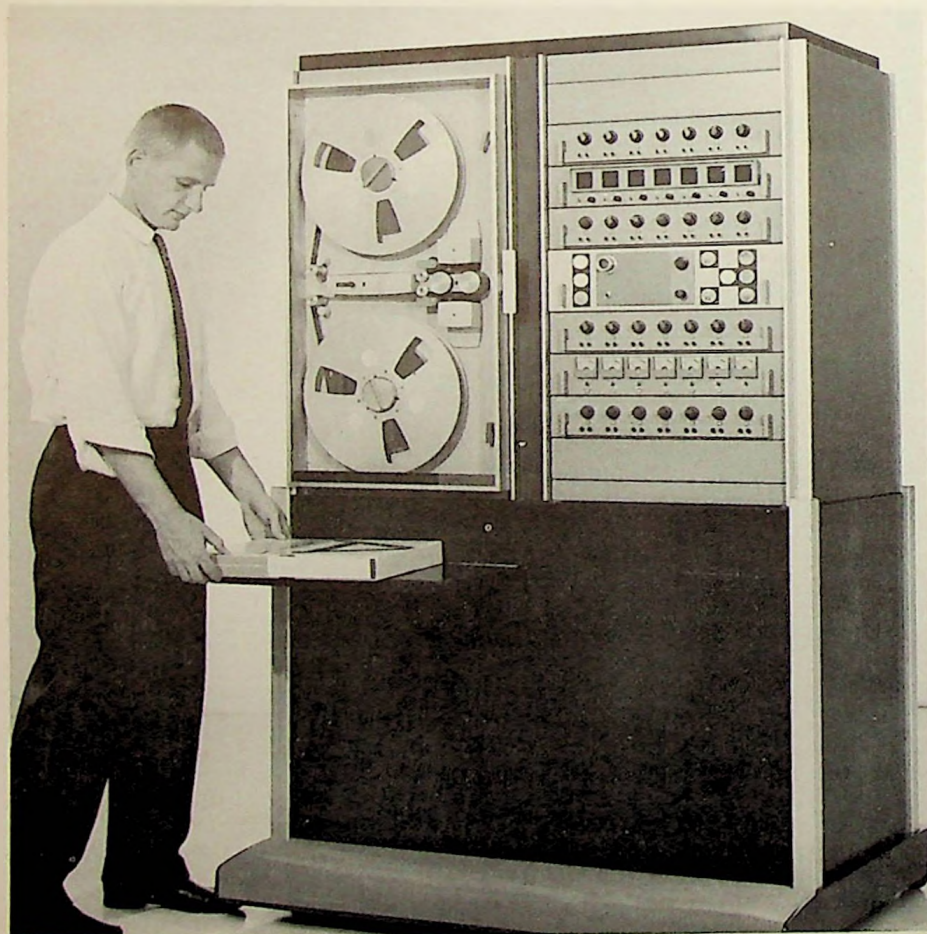
It was "back-to-school" time for Stanfordites, and so it was for a good many members of the PGED and PGMTT—at least for one evening late in September. The groups attended a lecture given by Professor A. E. Siegman of Stanford on traveling-wave masers, a subject which had long attracted his attention, and a review of the recent quantum electronics conference which he attended.

Basically, a traveling-wave maser is a slow-wave circuit contiguous to a piece of maser material, the whole assembly being inside a cavity or waveguide. Pump power is introduced to the container whereas the input and output terminals are the two ends of the slow-wave circuit.

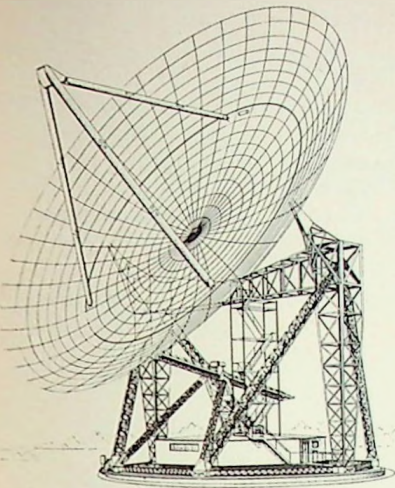
Since the maser material has negative magnetic susceptibility, which is equivalent to a negative resistance in the circuit, the input signal will grow as it travels along the circuit, with a gain proportional to the ratio of the circuit length in free space wavelengths to the magnetic Q of the material, or the ratio of the velocity of light to the phase velocity (the slowing factor); a typical number at 3 kmc is 9 db per in. The traveling-wave maser has a relatively wide bandwidth ( $\sim 1$  per cent) which is limited by the line width of the material. The gain-bandwidth product is nearly a constant, as is well known, so broadening the bandwidth by smearing the line reduces the gain per unit length.

Besides its property as a negative resistant element, the material can be used for isolators and circulators, since it only responds to positively polarized components of the wave. But the biggest advantage is perhaps in its use as an amplifier, for it increases stability tremendously if properly arranged. Siegman reported a 25-db forward gain and 45-db backward attenuation in his "meander line" masers using ruby. The meander line, which may be thought of as a flat tape wound back on itself, is currently being used at Stanford and gives a high slowing factor over a wide frequency range.

After presentation of the theory, results on various masers were shown and Siegman summarized the advantages of a traveling-wave maser compared to a parametric amplifier as follows: broader bandwidth ( $\sim 1$  per cent); built-in non-



Ampex's new FR-600, one of the instruments discussed at the Oct. PGSET meeting



General scheme of the 142-foot radar telescope to be built at Stanford University shows a building at bottom center where its million-watt transmitter and instruments will be located. A joint project by scientists of Stanford Research Institute and of the University, the telescope will be used to explore the sun and planets by radar. With support from the Air Force Cambridge Research Center, the instrument will cost about \$1.5 million and will be completed within a year

reciprocity; possible electronic tuning; high saturation level, although this point is still debatable; low noise, ( $\sim 15^\circ\text{K}$ ); and stability (this is the most significant feature of all) (a) against pump fluctuation, (b) against impedance mismatches, and (c) against aging, deterioration and burn-out.

Siegman then summarized some of the more interesting topics presented at the Quantum Electronic Conference held in September. Among the topics presented were: (1) the use of an ammonia maser as a time standard with an accuracy of 1 in  $10^{11}$  (present accuracy, 1 in  $10^{10}$ ; the absolute theoretical limit, 1 in  $10^{13}$ ), (2) optical pumping in masers, (3) investigations of relaxation processes in solid-state masers, and (4) other gaseous molecules in masers similar to the ammonia type for generating other frequencies. However, most of these are as yet only proposed schemes.

The Russian delegate attending the conference revealed that Russia started fairly late in the maser fields. Although they had thought of a three-level maser using gas, the results were not encouraging. They are, at the moment, seriously thinking about performing the Michaelson-Morley experiment using

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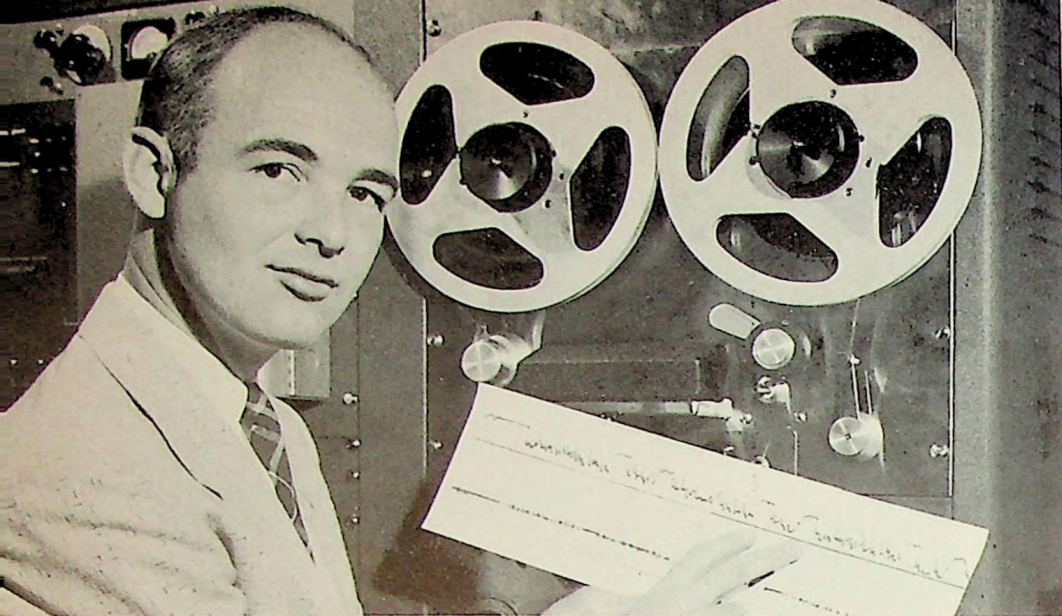
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*Professor Robert A. Helliwell, speaker at the October PGAP meeting, with a recording of some of his propagation data*

### MORE TRAVELING WAVE

masers. There seemed to be very little work done on solid-state masers in Russia, and none at all in traveling-wave masers.

A lively discussion period followed the extremely lucid and skillfully presented talk by Professor Siegman. Everyone attending seemed genuinely to feel they had learned a great deal about masers in a very short time.

—Kungta Chow

### MEETING REVIEW

#### There's an Echo Out There

A Stanford experiment being conducted with apparatus on the paddlewheel satellite now in orbit was described by Professor Robert A. Helliwell in a mid-October meeting. The talk, open to the public, was sponsored by the Professional Group on Antennas and Propagation, IRE.

Under the title "A VLF Satellite Experiment," Helliwell described work testing his theory of a new concept of the distribution of ionized matter in outer space.

The question is, why is it that radio signals of very low frequency (vlf) are sometimes received at a distance from the transmitter, then seconds later are received again? It would seem that the signals took two different paths to the same place, one path considerably longer than the other.

One explanation for this behavior was suggested by Helliwell. He postulates that while most vlf waves are reflected back to earth by the ionosphere, some of the signals manage to penetrate this barrier and head out into space. He then suggests that a series of arcs or ducts of ionized matter arch

outward high above the ionosphere—but still along the earth's magnetic field—and then return to the earth's surface again. Such ducts would make excellent conductors of the escaped vlf signals, bringing the signals down to earth again many thousands of miles from the transmitter. Because these signals took the "high road," they would arrive some time after those coming more directly on the "low road" below the ionosphere.

If these ducts exist, and if their dimensions and paths can be determined, then they might be deliberately utilized to study radio propagation and ionization characteristics in the vast regions above the ionosphere.

Under sponsorship of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Helliwell's theory is being checked out with a specially developed radio receiver carried in the paddlewheel satellite. The receiver, designed and constructed by SRI's Louis H. Rorden and Robert N. Beatie of Develco, Inc., is extremely sensitive and is the first vlf receiver ever placed beyond the ionosphere.

A Navy transmitter at Annapolis sends out vlf signals at 15.5 kc, and if any do go beyond the ionosphere and follow the conducting pathways, they will be received in the satellite as it crosses any given ionized path. Telemetering equipment will then relay the signals to the ground. As the satellite crosses the ducts at different points on each of its journeys around the earth, it should be possible to determine a great deal concerning the location, size, and shape of the ducts.

Helliwell is professor of electrical engineering and a member of the Radio Propagation Laboratory staff at Stan-

ford. He received his AB degree in electrical engineering from Stanford University in 1942. He then took charge of Stanford's program of ionospheric measurements and research aimed at improving wartime communications. This was later augmented by studies of high-frequency direction finder errors over long-range paths. During this period he continued with part-time graduate work. He received his AM and EE degrees in 1942 and 1944, respectively.

Following the war he began studies of low-frequency propagation, including development of a new technique for making high-resolution virtual height measurements. Polarization data were obtained, and formed the basis for a dissertation for which he received his PhD degree from Stanford in 1948. In 1951 Helliwell began a program of research into the nature of "whistlers" and related very-low-frequency phenomena, which is yielding new results of importance to wave propagation and ionospheric physics. He was in charge of a program of synoptic whistler measurements for the International Geophysical Year, and has authored and co-authored many technical papers dealing with ionospheric wave propagation.

—E. A. Blasi

### MEETING REVIEW

#### Fourth Estate

On October 26 the **Grid** staff and the Publications Board of the San Francisco Section held a joint meeting for the purpose of familiarizing this year's new reporters with the operational procedures of **Grid** production.

Beginning with a tour through Peninsula Lithograph Company's plant in Redwood City, where the **Grid** is produced, the event continued with a social gathering and dinner at Scotty Campbell's restaurant, followed by a roundtable discussion of the Section's publishing routines.

#### Old Publications

Through various complicated circumstances, the **Grid** editorial office has accumulated a rather astonishing bulk of back numbers of technical publications. These range from "Electronics" and "Proceedings" through the physics journals, the aero/space publications, even to some of the chemical books.

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## MEETING REVIEW

### The Tunnel of Esaki

The quantum mechanical tunneling effect from which this new semi-conductor device derives its name has been known for some 30 years as the underlying process in radioactive decay, in field emission, and in Zener diodes. The Zener voltage is the reverse breakdown voltage in highly doped P-N junctions and it is a function of the resistivity.

About two years ago Esaki studied the characteristics of these devices as he reduced the resistivity to very low values. At a resistivity of about 0.001 ohm per cm the Zener voltage became almost zero. As the resistivity was reduced still further he observed the remarkable forward characteristic of the tunnel diode which exhibits a negative resistance for a small range of forward applied voltage.

Esaki realized that this new effect could be explained out of the already existing theory of the Zener diode. In fact, as stated by Dr. Herbert Kromer in his presentation at the October PGMTT meeting, the effect could have been predicted years ago if only someone had put positive voltage numbers in the equations.

In describing the process, Kromer likened the tunneling of electrons across a junction to the penetration of microwave fields into a cut-off waveguide according to an exponential law. In the tunnel diode at zero bias there is an overlapping in energy between the top of the P region valence band and the bottom of the N region conduction band and electrons can tunnel across the potential barrier to an unoccupied state of equal energy on the opposite side provided the barrier width is sufficiently small and the electric field intensity in



Herbert Kromer

the barrier region is sufficiently high.

The probability for this to occur is  $T = \exp(-4/3 \times 2m^{1/2}/h \times Eg^{3/2}/eE)$  where  $Eg$  is the band gap.

$E$  is the (uniform) electric field in the barrier

$m$  is the effective mass of the electron

$e$  is the electron charge

$h$  is Planck's constant

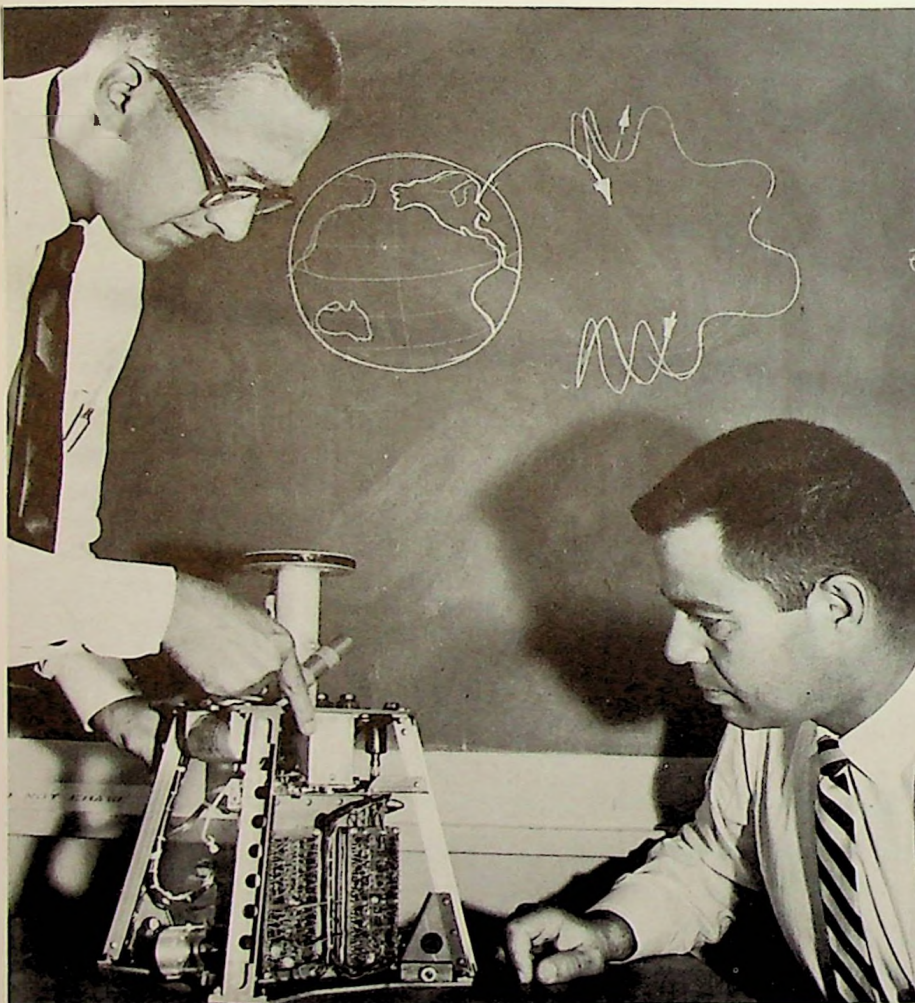
To demonstrate the critical dependency on the electric field the following figures were quoted by Kromer. For  $E=2 \times 10^5$  volts per cm, the tunneling current is 1 electron per  $10^9$  years while for  $E=2 \times 10^6$  volts per cm the tunneling current is 1 electron per tenth microsecond.

To produce the high field at zero bias the junction width has to be of the order of 100 angstroms ( $10^{-8}$  cm). At zero bias the tunneling current across the barrier is equal in both directions. As a small forward voltage is applied the electron flow from the N side to the P side is larger than the reverse flow and the external current rises. As forward voltage is increased the external current reaches a peak and then starts to decrease because overlapping of the bands and hence the tunneling current is being reduced.

Tunneling current reaches zero (as voltage is increased further) when the bands no longer overlap and the external current is now a minimum. At this point, however, the diode behaves as a normal P-N junction with diffusion current flowing and further increase in voltage results in an exponential increase in external current compatible with the normal P-N diode. One of the mysteries of the tunnel diode is the minimum current at the valley of the V-I curve which is much larger than theory predicts.

Kromer went on to describe the basic characteristics of the tunnel diode as a

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Dr. Martin Walt and Dr. John Cladis of Lockheed inspect the instrumentation package developed for Operation Javelin, the Air Force program to measure radiation in the Van Allen belt. The Lockheed-designed instrument unit, containing scintillators and other precision measuring equipment, weighs 15 pounds and is tailored to fit in the nose cone of specially developed rockets. At altitude, the nose cone is popped off, and the instruments telemeter their readings to recording equipment on the ground

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## Bubble, Bubble

Jerome Russell, group leader, Lawrence Radiation Laboratory, Berkeley, spoke on "High-Speed Data Reduction" before the East Bay Subsection early in October. Thirty-five attended the preliminary dinner and fifty-two the meeting itself.

Russell has charge of a group doing engineering support for experimentation in the 72-in hydrogen bubble chamber at the laboratory. This particular assignment has involved the design of a high-speed digital computer to reduce data from the experiments. Typically, an experiment will involve measurement of the 150,000 stereo triplet photos of particle tracks which are produced.

Russell discussed many of the transistor logic circuits used in the computer and also covered memory devices. The meeting was concluded by the serving of refreshments.

—Eugene A. Aas



Jerome Russell and Chairman Donald Pederson attend to the needs of the inner man following the October EBSS meeting —Hugh Gray photo

## MORE TUNNEL

circuit element. Since the barrier region is only 100 angstroms thick the capacitance is of the order of  $1.6 \mu\text{f}$  per square cm. The negative resistance region of the V-I curve is approximately 0.1 volt wide on the V axis and this is pretty well fixed when the various parameters of the diode are varied. The peak current density which depends on the doping determines the magnitude of the negative resistance. A small change in the doping results in a large change in the negative resistance. If  $J$  is the peak current density (amp per sq cm),  $A$  is the area (sq cm), the impedance of the circuit is of the order of the negative resistance  $R = 0.1/JA$  (ohms). The capacitance  $C = 1.6A$  ( $\mu\text{f}$ ). The maximum usable frequency is of the order of  $f = 1/RC = 6 \times 10^4 J$ . The power  $W = (0.1)^2/2R = JA/20$ . For a frequency of 10,000 mc and an impedance of 50 ohms the area would have to be  $10^{-6}$  sq cm and the power would be only 100 microwatts. For a power of 1 watt and a frequency of 10,000 mc the area would have to be approximately 1 sq mm and the impedance would be 0.005 ohms.

The important message for high-frequency-circuit designers is that the fate of the tunnel diode depends on the development of very low impedance circuitry, not to mention its adaption as a bilateral element.

In conclusion, Kromer pointed out some of the possibilities for improving the present diodes. The current at the valley of the V-I curve which produces shot noise is still of unknown origin and further research may lead to an improvement here. Better materials are being investigated. Those suitable for transistors are really not suitable for tunnel diodes. This is because the tun-

neling effect does not depend on minority carrier lifetime as is the case with the diffusion process. Although the tunnel diode is certainly here to stay, Kromer felt that it may be only the first in a new class of devices yet to come.

During the question period following the lecture, Dr. Heffner pointed out that the theoretical noise figure of an amplifier is dependent upon the product of the current at the operating point and the negative resistance magnitude. With the present diodes this product can't be changed very much because of the valley current. He estimated the minimum possible noise figure to be 3 db.

—J. K. Hunton

## TNSEWS

## Those Reports

Current practices in the submission of periodic technical reports required by government agencies from their contractors were criticized recently by Dr. Charles Susskind, associate professor of electrical engineering at the University of California in Berkeley.

Professor Susskind proposed a new system for submitting such reports in



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Charles Susskind

his address before the Third National Symposium held at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on September 17-18, 1959, by the Professional Group on Engineering Writing and Speech of the Institute of Radio Engineers.

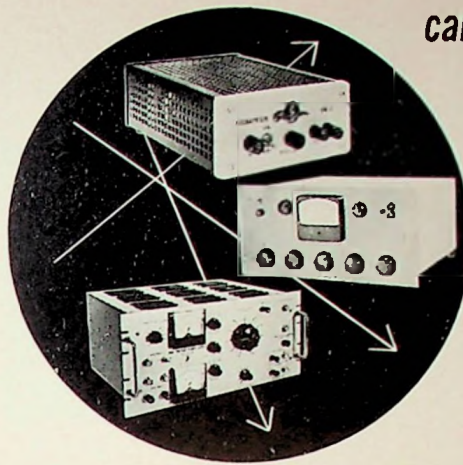
"The requirements as to format, length, content and frequency differ from agency to agency, and sometimes from contract to contract within a single agency," Dr. Susskind declared. "Organizations with several prime contracts, such as university and other research laboratories, can hardly keep up with the various deadlines for reports, which may fall due monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly, or at other intervals peculiar to a specific contract," he added.

Dr. Susskind, a well-known electronics specialist and educator, has been interested in technical writing ever since his student days at Cal Tech, where he worked as a part-time editor in the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. He is the author of a recently published "Dictionary of Style" for technical reports, a concise handbook for writers, editors, and typists that lists preferred practices alphabetically.

"I have no quarrel with the requirement for a final technical or scientific report that many government agencies request at the end of a contract or project," Dr. Susskind said. "Unfortunately, most of them also require periodic progress or status reports during the life of the contract, and that's where the trouble begins," he warned.

"Depending on the contract and on its starting date, one periodic report or another may fall due almost every other week in even small firms or institutions. Their technical staffs then find themselves spending much valuable time on the preparation of such reports.

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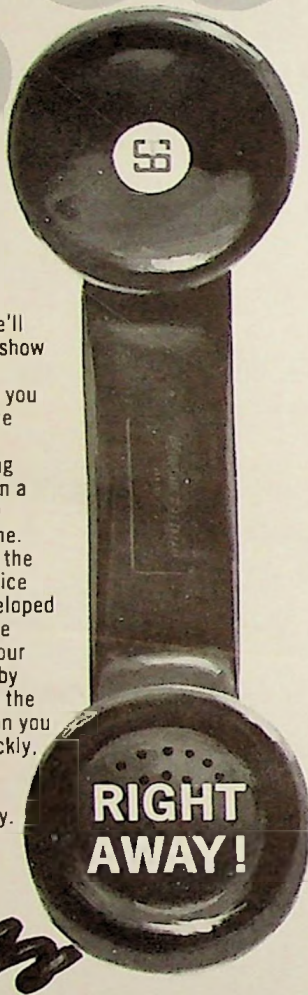
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Recipient of an AB in physics from Princeton University, a BS in meteorology from the California Institute of Technology, and an AM and PhD in engineering sciences and applied physics from Harvard University, his memberships include American Meteorological

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"Copies of each report are then mailed to a long distribution list—sometimes nearly the same list as for another contract. Yet it is very difficult for an interested reader to find out the current status of a specific project going on elsewhere unless he knows at least the contract number and sponsoring agency," he explained.

Under the revised system proposed by Susskind, each contractor organization would prepare four periodic reports annually, one at the end of each quarter of the calendar year. Progress on all "unclassified" work in a broad field, such as metallurgy, biophysics, or electronics, would be reported in this single publication, regardless of the contract's starting date, number, or sponsor.

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Society, American Association for the Advancement of Science, and Sigma Xi. He is a senior member of IRE.

His previous activities include research at Harvard, the University of Texas, Columbia University, and the California Institute of Technology. He has been an instructor in meteorology at the University of Minnesota and a meteorologist for American Airlines.

**Kenneth P. Patterson, Sperry Gyroscope Company, vice chairman.** Patterson is a senior development engineer in the astronautics department at Sperry and is currently concerned with microwave equipment.

His eighteen years of experience in the development of equipment and in systems planning and analysis was largely with the Signal Corps prior to his association with Sperry. This experience includes several years of analysis of foreign electronic techniques for military intelligence.

He received his technical education by various courses at the University of California, Stanford University, and the University of Virginia. He also holds memberships in the PGEM and the PGMIL.



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He has served the San Francisco Section of the IRE as secretary, vice chairman, and chairman (1949-1951), and has been secretary and vice chairman of the San Francisco Engineering Council (1950-52). He has also served as secretary and chairman of the San Francisco Section of the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers (1956-1957).

He was formerly chief engineer of KRON-TV and KRON-FM (1946-1951), and was lead engineer in the systems and controls section of the California Research and Development Company (1951-1952) which was then engaged in linear accelerator development. During World War II, he was a senior project engineer at the airborne instruments laboratory of the Columbia University division of war research.

He graduated from Colorado State College in 1935 and received an AB degree in physical science. He is a Senior Member of the Institute.

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Major Otis R. Hill, USAF, chairman. Major Hill is presently chief, ARDC office, San Francisco Bay Area. He obtained his bachelor of science degree at Purdue University with an interlude as aircraft commander of the 380th

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Prior to this, he had been an engineering aide in the Signal Corps laboratories at Fort Monmouth, N. J., and a radar technician in the U. S. Marine Corps. Between 1949 and 1957, he held numerous posts in the systems development section at the U. S. Naval ordnance test station and was vice chairman of the China Lake Section, IRE. Since 1957, he has been a field engineer with Wiancko Engineering Co. in Palo Alto.

**L. R. Law, Lockheed, secretary.** Law is a supervisor of reliability evaluation in the missiles and space division. Prior to joining Lockheed in 1957, he was with Bendix Aviation Corporation's Pacific division, with Electronic Engineering Co. of California, with West Coast Electronics, Low Sound Systems and TV, and the California Institute of Technology. He has also been a high-school teacher of physics, general science, and chemistry.

His educational activities include the

receipt of a bachelor of science degree from Oklahoma State University, majoring in physics, and studies in psychology at New Mexico State Teachers College. Besides PGMIL he is a member of the Professional Group on Engineering Management.

**Walter J. Prise, Lockheed, treasurer.** Possessor of a BSEE from the University of California, Prise has also done graduate work there. He has been assistant chief electrical engineer at Moore Dry Dock, has worked on radar development at Raytheon Mfg. Co., has been active in the design and installation of Texas-Tower early radar warning equipment with Consolidated Copper & Steel Industries, and has been chief engineer of the Maintenance Company in New York City.

Presently he is a production design specialist in the Lockheed Missiles and Space Division at Sunnyvale having gone to Lockheed from Kaiser Engineers where he was on the consulting staff. He has also been a consulting editor for McGraw-Hill Publishing Company.

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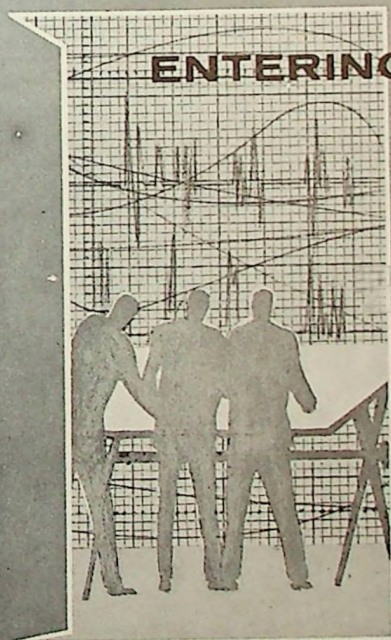
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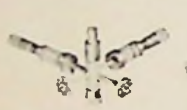
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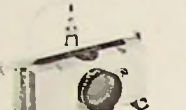
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After the war, Clark was employed as research engineer at the radiation laboratory, University of California; and the electronics research laboratory at Stanford University. He joined Stanford Research Institute in 1952, where he is now a senior research engineer.

**Robert A. Davis, Philco, vice chairman.** Davis is a group engineer in the reliability group at Philco's Western Development Lab.

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His former employment included Lockheed, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and Western Electric Co.; his education, AB in physics, Friends University, Wichita, Kansas, and graduate work in physics at Iowa State University, Ames.

He holds membership in the Operations Research Society of America and the Human Factors Society of America.

**Julian Hilman, Fairchild Semiconductor Corporation, secretary-treasurer.** Hilman is manager of the reliability-evaluation division at Fairchild. He holds a BSEE from Pennsylvania State University and an MSEE from San Jose State College where he is presently enrolled.

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Dr. John R. Whinnery, Fellow, IRE, professor of electrical engineering, has been appointed Dean of the College of Engineering on the Berkeley campus of the University of California. He succeeds Dean Morrough P. O'Brien, who retired from the position on June 30 after 15 years as head of the College.

In his new position, Whinnery will be responsible for the education of the 1809 undergraduates and 589 graduate students enrolled in engineering at Berkeley during the current semester. As an example of the growth of the College in recent years, comparable enrollment figures for 1953 were 1415 and 199.

Whinnery, 43, moves to his new position after three years as chairman of the department of electrical engineering at Berkeley. He received the BS degree on the Berkeley campus in 1937 and then spent the following nine years performing research in microwave electronics with the General Electric Co.

In 1946, he returned to the Berkeley campus and obtained his doctorate there two years later. His faculty appointments at Berkeley have included lecturer in 1946, associate professor in 1948, and professor of electrical engineering in 1952.

In 1951-52, Dean Whinnery took a leave of absence from the University to serve as head of microwave tube research for the Hughes Aircraft Co. During the 1958-59 academic year he studied noise problems in microwave tubes at the Swiss Federal Technical Institute on a Guggenheim Fellowship.

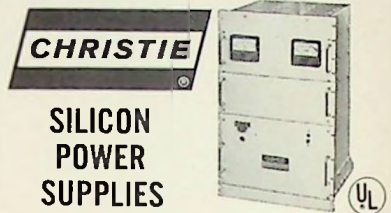


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Robert S. Paul is manager of Melabs' expanding production department in Palo Alto. Paul went to Melabs from Lenkurt Electric Company, San Carlos, where he spent the past 13 years and held the position of manager of the production planning and scheduling department.

The Space Communications Division of Radiation, Inc., Mountain View, has been selected by Lockheed Missiles and Space Division to assist in the design and development of a unique master control center for monitoring satellite flights. The control center will continuously receive and evaluate data from the orbiting satellite; receive information direct from all tracking equipment around the world; command this same equipment; receive corrections and program data to the satellite; plot world-wide weather, satellite locations and altitude; and keep track of the status of all world-wide tracking equipment. In addition to these complex computing tasks, the center will also relay mes-

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Society memberships include the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the American Society for Quality Control.

John Hall, Dalmo Victor Company, program chairman. Group leader in engineering reliability at Dalmo, Hall is a graduate of the University of California, holding a BSEE.

Formerly he was an electronic designer at Boeing Airplane Company in the pilotless-aircraft division working on Bomarc equipment where he organized an engineering-reliability group for the weapon-system program.

### NEW BYLAWS

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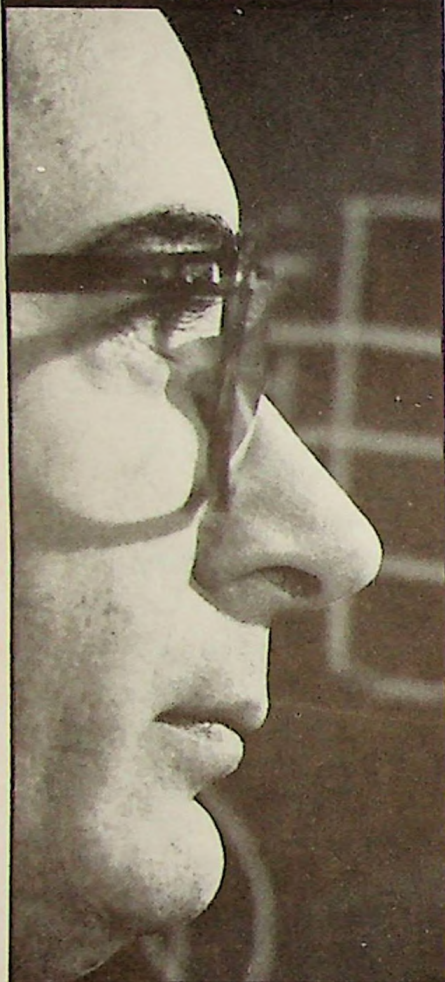
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**David L. Wyand** has been appointed manager of customer services at **Eitel-McCullough, Inc.**, San Carlos. Wyand was a member of the government marketing department prior to this recent promotion. Prior to joining the marketing division at Eimac, Wyand served as a field engineer for the Westinghouse Electric Corporation in Baltimore.

Appointment of **Stephen J. Jatras** as director of engineering of the **Lockheed Electronics and Avionics Division (LEAD)**, Los Angeles, has been announced. Jatras joined Lockheed in 1956 as a staff scientist in the Missiles and Space Division, served that division as business administrator for the research branch and manager of the flight controls and guidance division before becoming assistant to the director of research.

**Dr. Jerome R. Singer**, associate professor of electrical engineering at the University of California, Berkeley, is the author of "Masers," a new book published by John Wiley and Sons.

**Edward C. Buurma**, formerly manager of product development of **Sequoia Wire and Cable Company**, has been transferred to the parent company, **Anaconda Wire and Cable Company**.

**McCarthy Associates** has been appointed representatives for **Houston Instrument Corp.**, (precision instruments); **Daytronic Corp.**, (differential transformers and instrumentation systems); and **Larson Instrument Co.**, (time recorders and transistorized contact meters). A new field engineer, **Ron Rasmussen**, formerly with **Sierra Electric Corp.**, has been attached to the Menlo Park office.

At **Knopic Electro-Physics, Inc.**, **Robert D. Yeaman** becomes vice president of manufacturing and engineering and **George M. Macleod**, vice president of sales.

**Advanced Instrument Corporation** has announced its entry into the digital data handling field. The new firm will carry on the work of **Cyber-X Instrument Company**, a proprietorship of **Ralph L. Fenner**, which developed the basic equipment over the last three years. **ADVINCOCO** will continue business at 1740 University Avenue in Berkeley, California. Business manager is **Elwyn (Steve) Evans, Jr.**, who has been head of **Evans Electronics and Chattin Engineering Associates** in Oakland. **Robert E. Krueger** is in charge of sales; he was formerly sales manager at **Shand and Jurs, Donner Scientific**, and **Unitek Corporation (Weldmatic Division)**. Chief engineer is **Jack S. Hawley**, also formerly with **Shand and Jurs** and with **Granberg Corporation** as chief engineer.

The most intense source of X-radiation in the world is located in the research laboratories of **Shell Development Company** in Emeryville, according to **C. D. Wagner** and **V. A. Campanile**, writing in **Nucleonics**.

**Phil H. Rogers** has joined the **Cedar Rapids** division of **Collins Radio Company** as assistant director of research. He previously worked at the **Sylvania Electronics Defense Laboratory**.

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Appointment of Dr. **Samuel B. Batdorf** as director of research for the Lockheed Electronics and Avionics Division (LEAD) has been announced. Batdorf currently is on leave from the Lockheed Missiles and Space Division.

Appointment of **James C. Munger** to the position of manager of product planning for **Sylvania's** special tube operations has been announced. Munger joined Sylvania in 1950 at Emporium, Pa., as a tube-applications engineer. He later transferred to the electronic tube sales department as a sales engineer working out of the Los Angeles office.

**Ampex Corporation** now conducts its domestic business through five integrated companies, one of which is the newly created **Ampex Professional Products Company**. **Ampex Data Products Company** also was established on November 1, 1959. The three previously existing companies include **Ampex Audio, Inc.**, **Ampex Military Products Company** and **Orr Industries**. The latter (Orr Industries) was merged with Ampex Corporation on October 7. Ampex Corporation conducts its foreign operations through Ampex International, a group of subsidiaries organized specifically for foreign marketing, manufacturing and engineering.

**Thomas E. Davis**, formerly marketing manager of Ampex's professional products division, has been named manager of the video products division of Ampex Professional Products Company. **Frank G. Lennert** will head the audio products division as manager.

In addition to Davis and Lennert, heads of other divisions of Ampex Professional Products Company will report directly to **Neal K. McNaughten**, manager. They are **Arthur Kromer** (manufacturing) and **William Rolly** (quality control).

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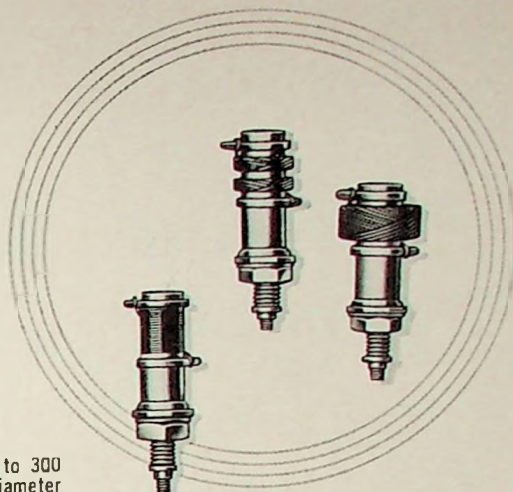
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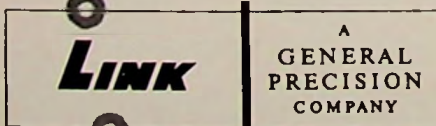
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**Editorial Associates**, Los Altos, announces that its technical editing and illustration services are available for the preparation of book manuscripts and reports in the physical sciences and engineering. **Emlen Littell**, head of the new firm, was until recently a supervisory editor in research technical publications, Lockheed Missiles and Space Division. Associated with him is **Gertrude Taylor Smith**, former director of publications division, U. S. Naval Civil Engineering Research and Evaluation Laboratory.

**Frank F. Davis** has joined **Carl Herrmann Associates**, technical representatives, in their Palo Alto office. Prior to joining Herrmann, Davis was manager of applications engineering at Consolidated Electrodynamics.

**Richard L. Paullus**, manager of the Western Electronic Manufacturers Association (WEMA), has been appointed electronics research officer, Electronics Investment Management Corporation, effective January 1, 1960. In the past, Paullus has been with Boeing Airplane Company in Seattle. He received a BS from the University of Southern California in 1952.



*Paullus*

*Davis*

**Electronic Measurements Company Inc.** is represented by **John Francis O'Halloran & Associates**, Palo Alto.

Appointment of **Thomas W. Wilder III** as director of data-systems research at **Broadview Research Corporation** has been announced. Wilder has gone to Broadview from Lockheed Missiles and Space Division.

**Howard Katzman** has joined **Granger Associates** to become project manager in the firm's countermeasures and transmitter-development program. From 1955 until joining Granger, Katzman was employed by Lockheed Missiles and Space Division. He has BS and MS degrees in electrical engineering from Newark College of Engineering.

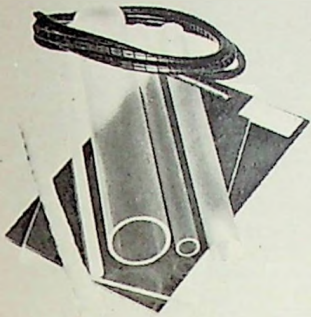
**Automation Instruments, Inc.**, whose home offices are in Manhattan Beach, has announced the appointment of **Charles W. Jobbins** to the position of corporate technical advisor. Jobbins was formerly president of Jobbins Electronics in Menlo Park, which is being acquired by Automation Instruments in an exchange of stock. **Hoyt E. "Duke" Wilcoxon** is general manager of the magnetics division, composed of two plants, one located at Boulder, Colorado, and the other, Jobbins Electronics of Menlo Park, California. Wilcoxon will divide his time between the two plants.

The annual search has begun for the amateur radio operator who performed the most outstanding public service during 1959. Nominations are now open for General Electric's Edison Radio Amateur Award—and this year candidates will be sought in the new states of Alaska and Hawaii as well as in the continental states.

**Henry Bollwinkel**, president of **Gilliland Instruments Company** of Oakland, has announced the formation of a joint enterprise with **Nuclear Research Instruments** of San Francisco. The two companies will produce Franckenstein measuring projectors for major atomic research laboratories under the name of Gilliland-NRI.

**Applied Electronics Company, Inc.**, South San Francisco, announces that **Murray Baird** and **E. M. Bradford** have joined their engineering staff. Baird, formerly senior engineer of Gonsset Division, Young Spring & Wire Corporation, Burbank, has assumed the duties of assistant chief engineer, and Bradford, who was plant superintendent of Kaar Engineering Company of Palo Alto, will fill the newly created position of liaison engineer.

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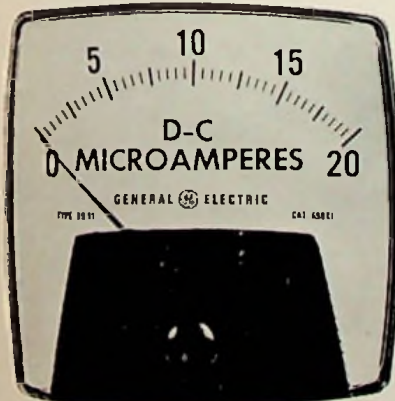
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November 19-20—**Professional Group on Nuclear Science, Sixth National Meeting.** Boston Commonwealth Armory, 925 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass. Hugh F. Stoddart, Atomium Corp., 940 Main St., Waltham 54, Mass.

December 1-3—**Eastern Joint Computer Conference.** Statler Hotel, Boston, Mass. Jean H. Felker, Bell Telephone Labs., Murray Hill, N.J.

December 1-2—**Fourth Midwest Symposium on Circuit Theory.** Brooks Memorial Union, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. James D. Graham, College of Engineering, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis.

December 2-4—**Electronic Industries Association Meeting.** Statler-Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif.

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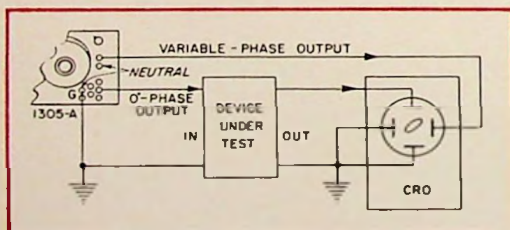
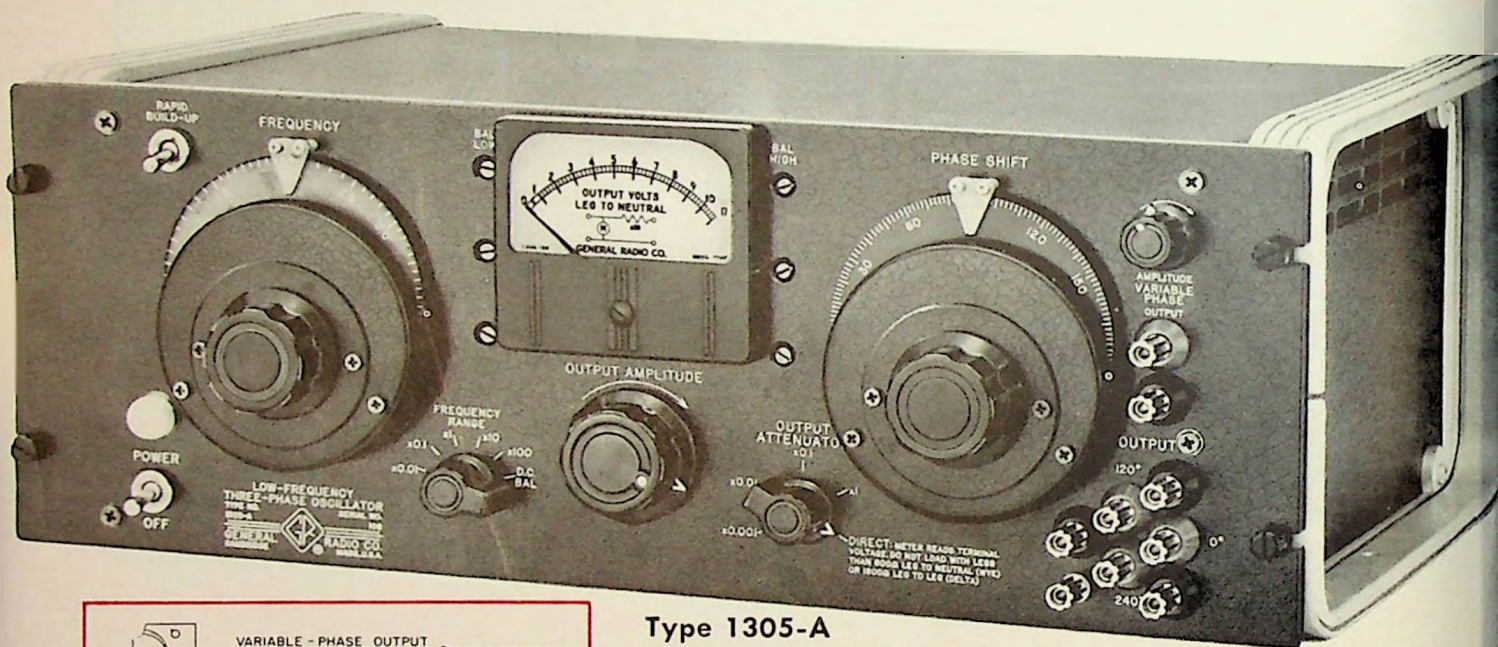


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