

# EDITOR'S PROFILE of this issue

*from a historical perspective ...*

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

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Cover: This Philco WDL 3-axis 60-foot dish is one of several built for Lockheed for communications with satellites. More details on page 5.

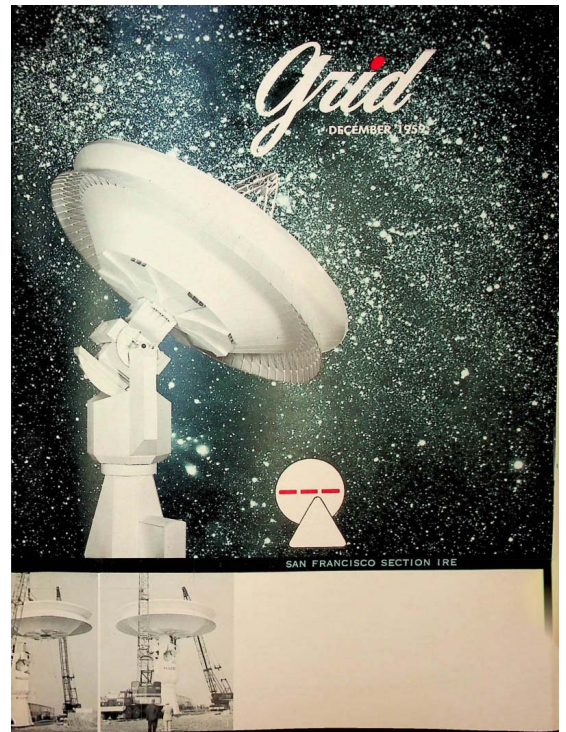
Page 10: Five of the seven IRE honor awards this year went to present/past SF Section members; one went to Prof. Allen Peterson, my undergrad advisor. Of 76 new IRE Fellows, 8 are from our Section, including Stanford's Prof. John Linvill (one of my instructors) and Prof. David Tuttle (who was the resident faculty member at my freshman house). I got to know his daughter Jacqueline, then in high school. Photos are on page 12.

Page 24: Jay Last of Fairchild (one of Shockley's "traitorous eight") speaks to the Electronic Computers group, describing a 20 Mc (MHz) flipflop made entirely out of silicon and fabricated from a wafer measuring 100 mils (2.5 mm) on a side. The new integrated device is mounted in a TO-9 case. This is likely the first IRE meeting to describe a working IC. By comparison, today's wafers are 300 mm in diameter.

Page 28: The New Almaden Museum is taking shape under the Perham Foundation. Douglas Perham (see November issue, page 12) is president, with Ralph Heintz (founder of Heintz & Kaufman, an early HF radio company and local Ham) as vice president. Leonard Fuller is a director. Leonard is the grandfather of a friend of mine who showed me a box of "goodies" left to him from Fuller's days as Chief Engineer of Federal Telegraph, our first electronics company (started in 1909).

Fuller was Stanford's first EE PhD in 1919, and went on to head up UC-Berkeley's engineering school. He offered a large magnet from one of Federal's arc transmitters to Ernest Lawrence to fabricate a 42-inch cyclotron, leading to 6 Nobel prizes by 1960 for UC-B researchers. From that box of goodies we retrieved two Audion vacuum tubes made in about 1913 (see photo of one in my profile of the November issue).

Page 36: Among engineers moving into the Bay Area, David Leeson arrives at Stanford. He became a licensed amateur (Ham) operator in 1952 (now W6NL). In 1968 he founds California Microwave, goes on to be an IEEE Fellow, and raced cars for several years (won two national championships). He's trustee of Stanford's amateur station W6YX, and has several lectures and articles on the history of local technology. Tom Perkins, an EE from MIT, joins the IRE as a new member, working at HP, where he heads up the research department in 1963. He goes on in 1973 to found our first venture capital firm, Kleiner-Perkins, on Sand Hill Road. He served as chairman of Tandem Computers, where I worked for 17 years. He also served as chair of Genentech, the world's first genetic engineering company (funded by his VC firm).



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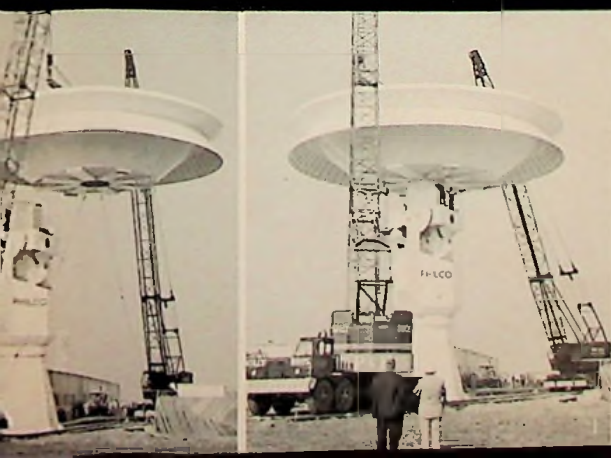
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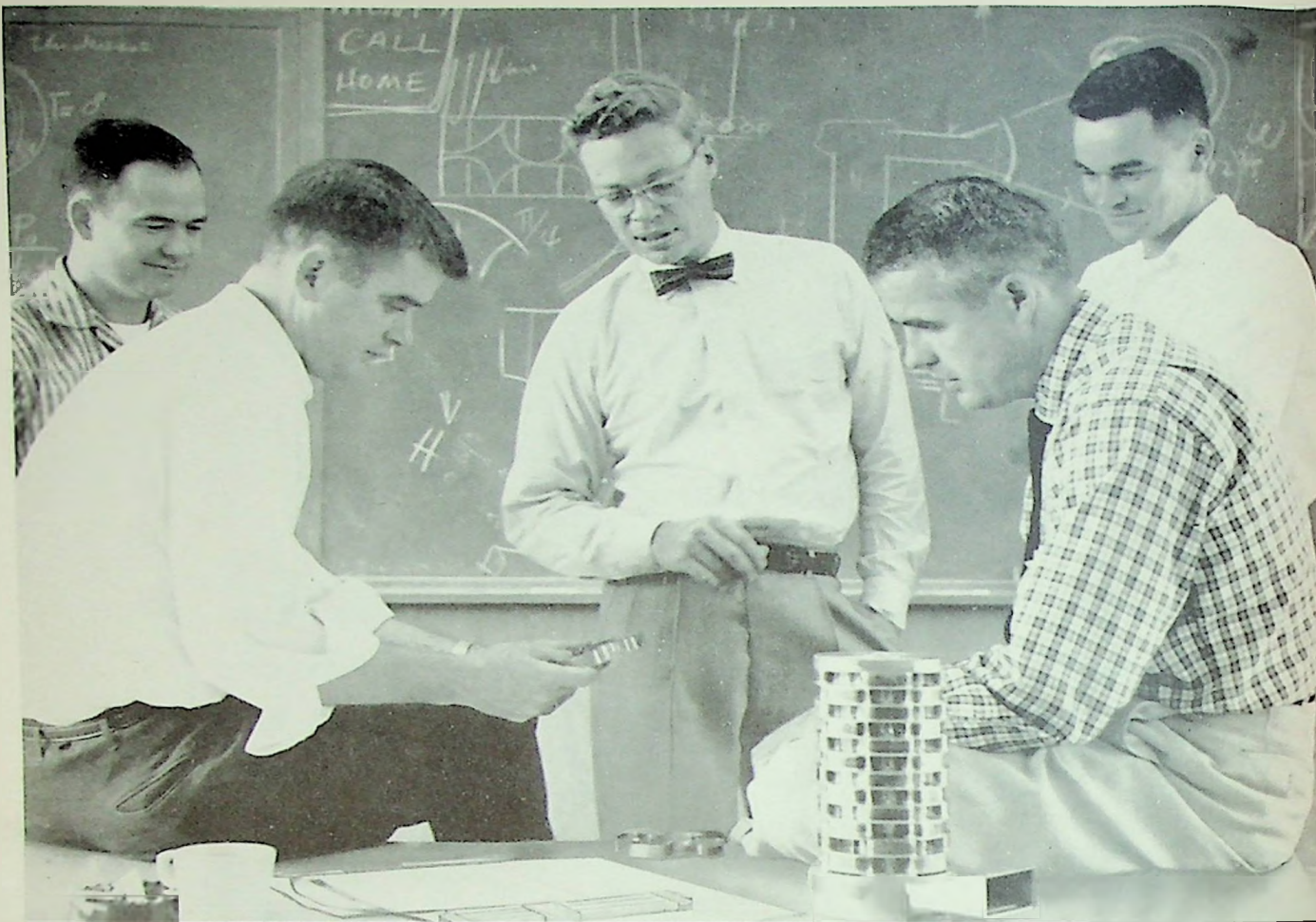
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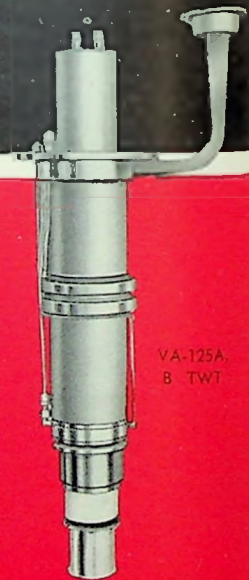
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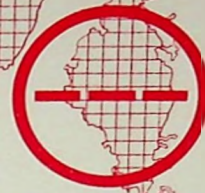


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### Same Stars, New Wise Men?

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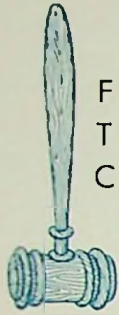
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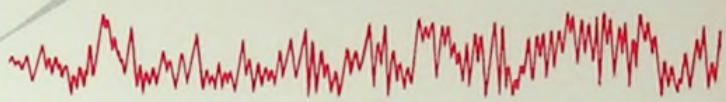
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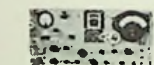
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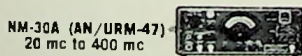
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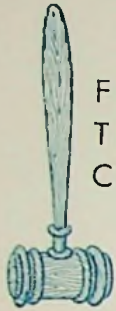
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# MEETING CALENDAR

## PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

### Communications Systems

8:15 P.M. • Wednesday, Jan. 27

"Propagational Variations Affecting Scatter Communications"

Speaker: Dr. H. Kummer, Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, Calif.

Place: Stanford University (details later)

### Electronic Computers

8:00 P.M. • Tuesday, Dec. 15

"Circuit Philosophy and Design for the New ILLIAC Computer"

Speaker: Dr. Wolfgang J. Poppelbaum, Digital Computer Laboratory, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.

Place: Stanford Village Auditorium, Stanford Research Institute, 333 Ravenswood Avenue, Menlo Park

Dinner: Informal Meet-the-Speaker, 6:00 P.M.; Hal's Restaurant, 4085 El Camino Way, Palo Alto

(No reservation required)

### Engineering Writing & Speech

8:00 P.M. • Tuesday, Jan. 19

"A New Approach to the News"

Speaker: Norman Tipton of "Electronic News" magazine

Place: WESCON office, 60 West 41st Avenue, San Mateo

Dinner: Villa Chartier, 4060 South El Camino Real, San Mateo

(No reservation necessary; ask for PGEWS table)

### Military Electronics

8:00 P.M. • Tuesday, Jan. 5

Classified (SECRET)

"ARDC Command Presentation"

Speaker: Col. Carlo Tosti, special assistant to Lt. Gen. B. Schriever

Place: Cubberley Auditorium, Stanford University, Palo Alto

Security clearance forms: Mrs. Jennings, Whitecliff 8-1434

### Military Electronics

8:00 P.M. • Thursday, Jan. 7

Unclassified

"ARDC Command Presentation"

Speaker: Col. Carlo Tosti, special assistant to Lt. Gen. B. Schriever

Place: Auditorium, Santa Clara University

### Space Electronics & Telemetry

7:30 P.M. • Tuesday, Dec. 15

A popular exposition of a topic relating to space exploration

Speaker: Dr. Walter La Berge, director of systems engineering, Philco Western Development Laboratories, Palo Alto

Dinner: Villa Chartier, 4060 South El Camino Real, San Mateo

Reservations: Jolene Bradfield, REgent 9-4321, Extension 26632, on or before December 11

(Traditional December family meeting—includes musical program)

### Space Electronics & Telemetry

• Tuesday, Jan. 19

Details to be announced

PGRQC, PGPT, and PGMIL plan a series of four joint meetings on micro-miniaturization in February.

## CHRONOLOGICAL RECAP

December 15—Electronic Computers, Space Electronics & Telemetry

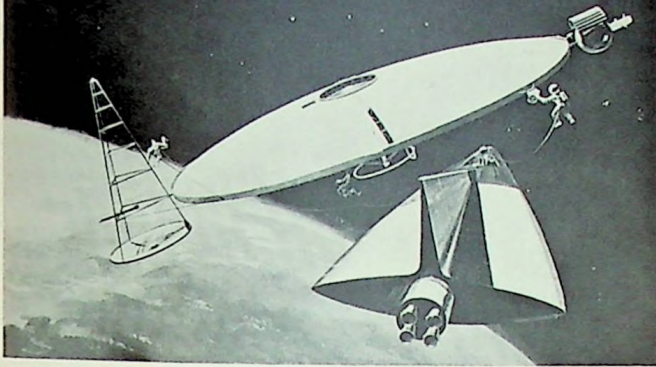
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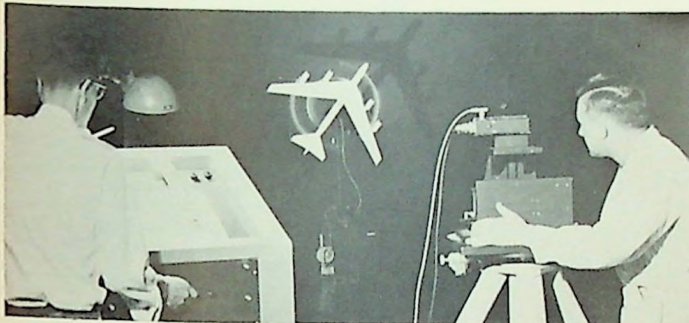
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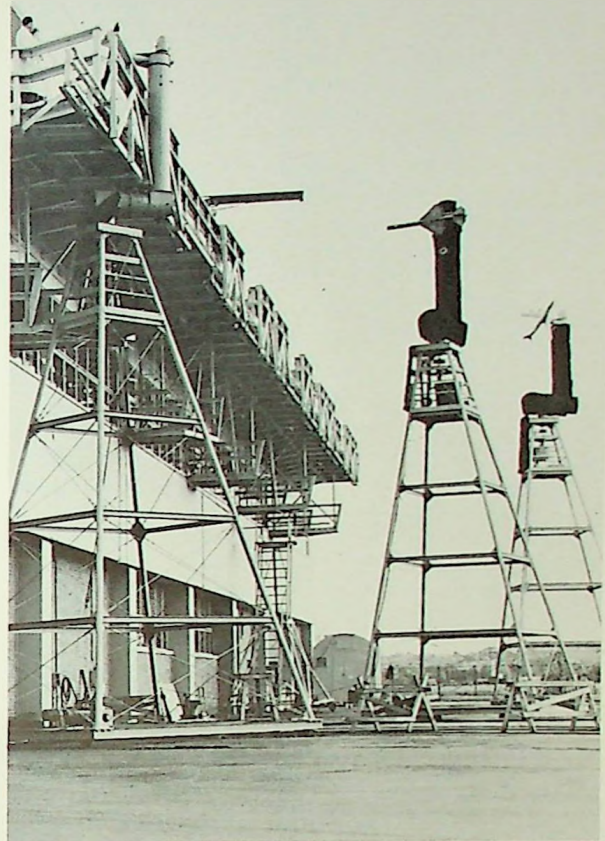
**MARS VEHICLE.** Drawing, based on Boeing study, of space vehicle designed for launching from orbiting platform for reconnaissance flight to Mars and return. Lunar, orbital and interplanetary system studies, and expanding programs such as the advanced Minuteman solid-propellant ICBM, are typical of challenging, long-range assignments Boeing offers electronic-electrical engineers.



**DARK TUNNEL.** View in 100-foot dark tunnel, part of extensive Boeing infrared research and development facilities. Boeing investigations include use of infrared, visible and ultra-violet techniques for use in communication, navigation, detection and guidance at altitudes above tropopause. IR systems, inertial navigation, electrical power systems for satellites, shockwave radiation and refraction and iridome heating are other areas of assignments open at Boeing.



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## MEETING AHEAD

### ARDC Plans

The Air Research and Development Command will send Col. Carlo R. Tosti to the Bay Area for two presentations available to IRE members. Col. Tosti will speak on the present status of Air Force development programs, where the Air Force is going and what the R&D plans are for the future.

The ARDC presentation is scheduled for January 5 and 7. On January 5 the presentation is classified SECRET and will be at 8 P.M., Cubberley Auditorium, Stanford University. Clearance forms must be secured from the ARDC liaison office, 1176 Los Altos Avenue, Los Altos. An unclassified presentation will be given January 7 at the Santa Clara University Auditorium. Students and wives are cordially invited to attend the latter.

Colonel Carlo Tosti is a native of Buffalo, New York, and attended grammar school and high school there. He graduated from the Virginia Military Institute in 1942, receiving a BSEE. In 1946, he was graduated with a master's degree in engineering administration from Stanford University.

From his entrance into the service in 1942 to 1950, Colonel Tosti worked as a design and development officer in the fields of aircraft engines and guided missiles. From 1950 to 1954, he was assigned to Air Force Headquarters and was associated with coordination of the over-all Air Force research and development program.

Since August of 1954, Colonel Tosti has been assigned to the Headquarters of the Air Research and Development Command. He is special assistant to Lt. Gen. B. Schriever.

## MEETING AHEAD

### Speedy Illiac

A meeting having more than usual potential importance to computer people has been scheduled for December by PGEC. See the Calendar, page 8, for other details. Dr. Wolfgang J. Poppelbaum of the University of Illinois will describe one of the very few asynchronous machines, also one of the country's most rapid computers—the ILLIAC.

## ELECTION NEWS

### PGEC Readjusts

With the transfer to the East of Arthur Critchlow, vice chairman of the PGEC, a postcard election was held in November. Dr. Richard I. Tanaka, secretary-treasurer, was elected to the vacated vice-chairman spot and Gardiner L. Tucker was elected secretary-treasurer.



*Carlo R. Tosti*

Tucker is presently resident manager of the IBM Research Laboratories in San Jose. He received the AB degree in physics and mathematics in 1947 and the PhD in physics in 1952, from Columbia University. Tucker has been with IBM since 1952. Until 1954, he was a research physicist at the IBM Watson Labs in New York City. From 1954 to 1957, he was manager of semiconductor and transistor research at the research laboratories in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. From 1957 to 1959, he was manager of the IBM research planning staff. In July, 1959, he moved to the San Jose laboratories.



*Gardiner L. Tucker*

## EXCOM

### Microminutes

A thumbnail sketch of the proceedings of the San Francisco Section executive committee meeting of November 23 follows:

**Kudos.** Actual awards and Fellow elections are reported elsewhere in this issue. They were reported by Don Harris and a unanimous motion of commenda-

tion was adopted for the work of the committee: Don Harris, Bill Eitel, and John V. N. Granger.

**Modus operandi.** Following a report by Vice Chairman Don Dunn, the section reorganization plan with its new operating-committee base was accepted as the way of life pending detailed codification in a new set of by-laws. A committee to study and propose the latter was appointed: Pete Lacy, Bill Edson, and Al Morris.

**Dichotomy.** The recently merged arrangements and public relations committee was re-split into separate entities.

**Exchequer.** A tentative budget was advanced, discussed, and accepted—to be presented for final approval in detailed form by Treasurer Lacy.

**Amanuensis.** Grace Pacak was introduced as the new IRE executive secretary and head of the San Mateo office. A current report on the Section service status in the office was given by Secretary Stan Kaisel.

## INSTITUTE AWARDS

### Honors to Many

National IRE esteem has been directed toward a large number of members of the San Francisco Section in the annual announcement of Institute awards and Fellow elections. Out of the eight IRE honor awards normally made during the year, five went to present or past members of the Section or nominees of the Section's awards committee, and one—The Vladimir K. Zworykin Television Prize—was not awarded this year. Out of 76 members raised to Fellow grade, eight were in the San Francisco Section. In addition, the newly elected Seventh Region director is a Section member.

Fellows are as follows: Paul W. Crapuchettes, Litton Industries, San Carlos, (for contributions to microwave tube development); R. A. Helliwell, Stanford University, (ionospheric radio propagation); J. G. Linvill, Stanford, (network theory and transistor circuits); Theodore Moreno, Varian Associates, (microwave electronics); T. H. Morrin, Stanford Research Institute, (administration of research in electronics); Walter T. Selsted, Ampex Corp., (magnetic recording); D. F. Tuttle, Jr., Stanford, (network theory education); and V. H. Rumsey, University of California, (antenna theory and practice).

In the awards category, the Browder J. Thompson Memorial Prize Award was made to J. W. Gewartowski for his paper, "Velocity and Current Distributions in the Spent Beam of the Backward-Wave Oscillator," published in the Oc-

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# How a 150 watt triode 25 years ago led to super power klystrons today

In 1934, two radio amateurs, unhappy with existing final amplifier tubes, formed a company to make their own. Their first tube, the Eimac 150T, established a new standard of electron tube performance and reliability.

Other important Eimac tube developments were:

**150T**—The first Eimac tube in 1934, was designed primarily for the amateur and established Eimac tube characteristics for the future—clean, hard vacuums, simplified design, lower driving power, high mutual conductance and superior overload capability.

**450T**—Only two years later practically every major airline was using Eimac tubes. The 450T fulfilled the critical needs of aviation and was first choice in ground-to-air communications.

**3X2500A3**—By the time Major Armstrong had won his battle for FM, Eimac internal anode triodes were in nearly every experimental FM broadcast station. In 1945 the external anode triode 3X2500A3 was introduced and used in the world's most powerful FM transmitter.

**304T**—In 1940 Eimac introduced multi-unit triodes—which operate efficiently up to 200mc, and as high as 10 times rated voltage. The 304T, four triodes in one, is still acclaimed as a top linear amplifier tube.

**VT 127**—In 1939, Eimac 100T triodes powered the first Navy radar, prototype of the first radar to see action in the Pacific. Eimac's 15E met the higher frequency operation needs of airborne radar and made possible 26,000 Navy radar sets. Many of the renowned VT series tubes were other Eimac contributions.

**4-125A Family (5 tubes)**—In 1945 Eimac introduced the 4-125A, first radial-beam tetrode. Today, Eimac's five internal anode

tetrodes are famous for low driving power requirements, low grid emission, low gridplate capacitances, minimized neutralization requirements and dependable VHF performance.

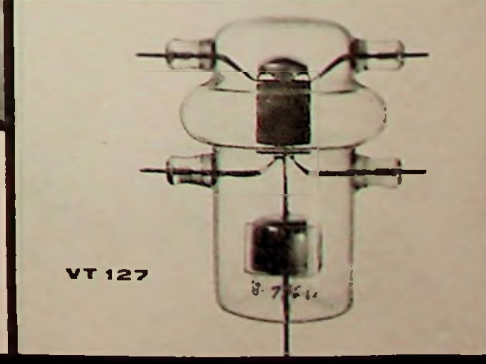
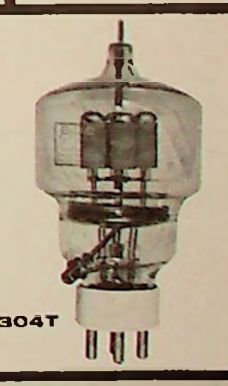
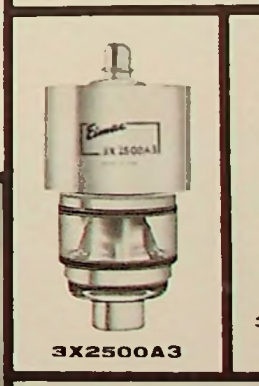
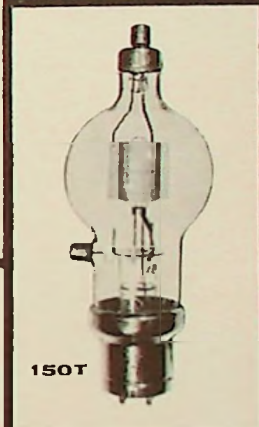
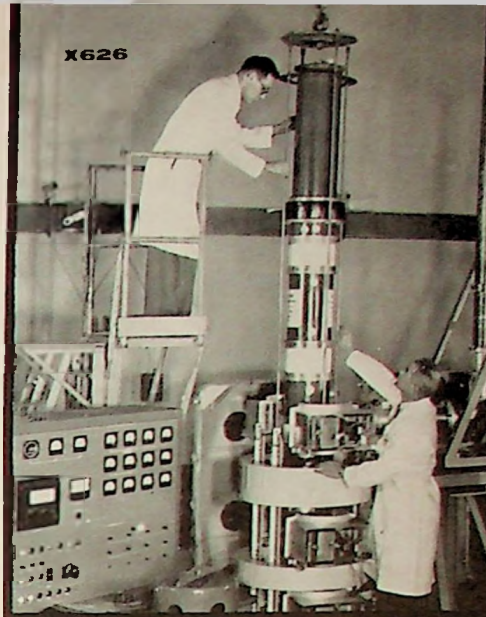
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**Amplifier Klystron**—Eimac saw the shortcomings of grid tubes for UHF in 1948, started developing amplifier klystrons. Today Eimac klystrons are the most widely used tubes in tropospheric communications.

**4CX300A, 4CX250B, 4CX1000A, 4CX5000A**—Today, over 40 Eimac tubes feature ceramic envelopes. More compact than glass, these advanced tubes can withstand thermal and physical shock never before possible.

**X626**—Super power, 1.25 megawatts of long-pulse power, at UHF is now available with the Eimac X626. This tube powered the record 56,000,000 mile radar contact with Venus.

**TWT**—Now, microwave in the form of ceramic traveling wave tubes and reflex klystrons. Eimac is engaged in the development and manufacture of new electron devices to propagate the uncrowded spectrum at Super High Frequencies and above.



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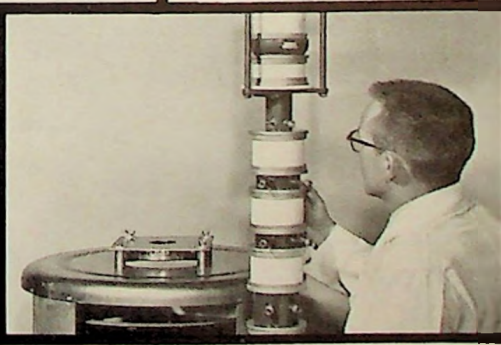
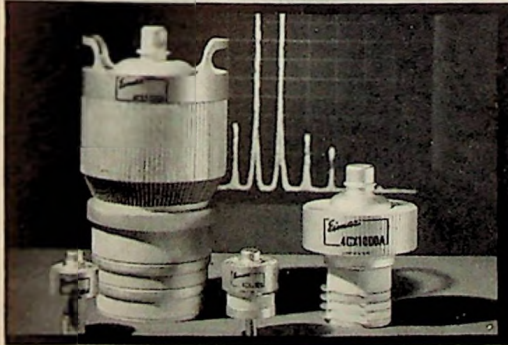
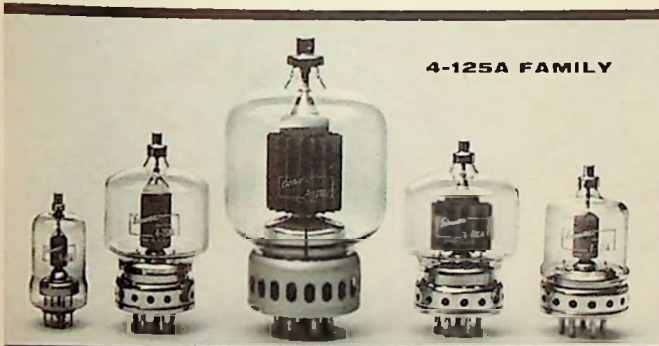
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VT 127



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**MORE AWARDS**

tober 1958 "Transactions of PGED." Now a member of the Northern New Jersey Section, he did the work on which the paper was based while at Stanford

and was an SFS nominee.

The W. R. G. Baker Award went to E. J. Nalos for his paper, "A Hybrid Type Traveling-Wave Tube for High-Power Pulsed Amplification," in the July 1958 "Transactions of PGED." This work was done at the General Electric Microwave Laboratory in Palo Alto. Nalos is now a resident of Zurich, Switzerland.

The Founders Award was given to Haraden Pratt, a native San Franciscan and an SFS nominee. The Harry Diamond Memorial Award winner was K. A. Norton of the National Bureau of Standards in Boulder, Colo., another non-member Section nominee. The remaining IRE honor is the Seventh Region Achievement Award, previously announced during WESCON, and presented to Dr. Allen M. Peterson of Stanford University and Stanford Research Institute.

In the annual elections, which made Dr. R. L. McFarlan, consultant of Chestnut Hill, Mass., president for 1960; C. W. Carnahan of Varian Associates became Seventh Region Director.

**MEETING REVIEW**

**Visitor From Japan**

On November 24, the Professional Group on Electronic Computers was honored to have as speaker the inventor

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*Theodore Moreno*



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*Estrada Fanjul, right, greets the speakers for the October PGPT meeting: Tom Smith, Sidney Simon, and Gene Dodge*

#### MORE JAPAN

of the parametron, Professor Eiichi Goto from the University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan.

Goto designed and built the first parametron computer, PC-1, at the University of Tokyo. A second computer, PC-2, is nearing completion at the university. This parametron computer uses a 6-mc pump frequency at an effective clock rate of 100-kc. This machine, with a 200,000-bit memory, claims an addition time of 14 microseconds and a multiplication time of 300 microseconds.

All the computers now in production in Japan use the parametron device. The parametron is a non-linear inductor in a resonant circuit. The resonant circuit oscillates at a frequency half that of the exciting or pump frequency. Phase of the oscillation determines whether the bit is a 1 or 0. The logic which determines the phase of oscillation is of the majority type; that is, the phase of the majority of inputs determines the phase of oscillations.

Another topic of Goto's talk was work with Esaki tunnel diodes. (Dr. Leo Esaki of Sony Corporation in Japan invented the tunnel diode). Goto has developed a circuit using tunnel diode pairs (two tunnel diodes in series) which is logically similar to the parametron, the difference being that the parametrons are controlled by the phase of a-c inputs and the tunnel diode pairs are controlled by the polarity of d-c inputs. Here, again, majority logic is employed. As soon as sufficient quantities of tunnel diodes can be produced, Goto is going to build a computer with a speed of 30-mc. With further improvements, he and his associates are seeking to develop one with speeds of 100-mc.

—J. A. Boysen

#### MEETING REVIEW

##### Saving the Surface

The October meeting of PGPT was attended by some 30 people who heard Gene Dodge, Sidney Simon, and Tom Smith discuss various production finishes. First, Gene Dodge, president of Tepeco Co., discussed cleaning techniques for various types of metals and the attributes of various plating methods. In addition he covered the available finishes for aluminum such as anodizing, colored anodizing, and corrosion-resistant finishes of the Iridite type. He also discussed special types of coating for the electronic industry such as the gold-over-silver system and the rhodium-over-silver system for components which much carry r-f currents. Electroless plating techniques such as the Kanigen process were discussed. Methods for plating on aluminum using zincate process or the electroless Ni process were also covered.

Sidney Simon, chief chemist, Rhino Tech Co. and Technical Coating Corp., then discussed various attributes of paints as protective coating. Both speakers mentioned the fact that plating finishes and paint finishes are competitive with one another as a means for protecting base metals, and in spite of some friendly rivalry both speakers ended up agreeing that each system has its place.

Simon pointed out some of the less common finishes such as temperature-indicating paints, protective coatings for printed circuits, and protective coatings for metals at high temperature. He further discussed the basic types of film formers and the attributes of each type. He then followed with a discussion of the basic types of pigments and the

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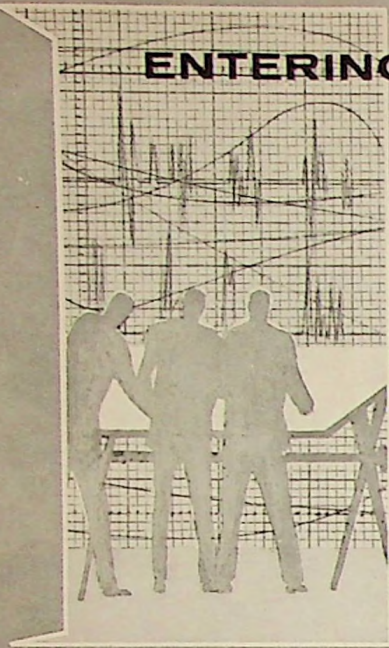
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created radiation shell. Other high-altitude rockets were fired to measure the radiation belts. A world-wide network of tracking and measuring stations was set up to record various effects of the artificial radiation including the man-made auroral displays created both at the launching point and at the magnetic conjugate point near the Azores Islands.

Dr. Herbert York, then chief scientist of the Advanced Research Projects Agency, was responsible for coordinating the vast effort involved in conducting these extensive experiments only four months after the initial decision was made. The radio and radar measurements of the man-made aurora, as well as other electromagnetic measurements, were under the direction of Dr. A. M. Peterson of the Stanford Research Institute. Dozens of other scientists were also involved.

The results of the tests can be considered very successful, from several points of view. First of all, most of the expected phenomena took place, such as: (1) the formation of visual and radar aurorae at the bomb site and at the magnetic conjugate point in the Azores; (2) the production of a shell of radiation which completely circled the globe within an hour; and (3) the stability of the shell, which lasted many days. But of even greater significance is the fact that the precise intensities, decay times, and shell stabilities could not be predicted, and only from the results of the experiment is it possible to reach important new conclusions about the earth's outer atmosphere and the behavior of relativistic particles trapped therein.

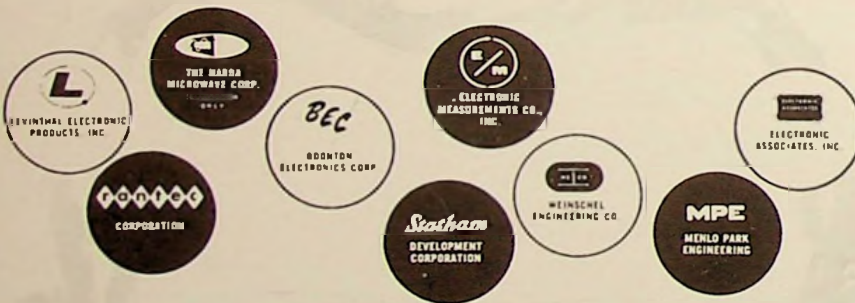
Christofilos concluded his very interesting presentation by predicting how such experiments might be conducted in the future without the use of bombs, but by employing satellite-borne devices to release "tracer" radiation which would then be tracked to study the characteristics of radiation in space.

Christofilos, while he was born in Boston, Mass., spent his youth in Athens, Greece. He is a graduate in electrical engineering, but his background in theoretical nuclear physics is self-taught. While still in Greece he discovered the principle of strong focusing, an important phenomenon in the new particle accelerators. He came to the U. S. in 1953, and for the next three years was associated with the Brookhaven National Research Institute. Since 1956 he has been at the University of California, where he is working on various problems associated with controlled nuclear fusion.

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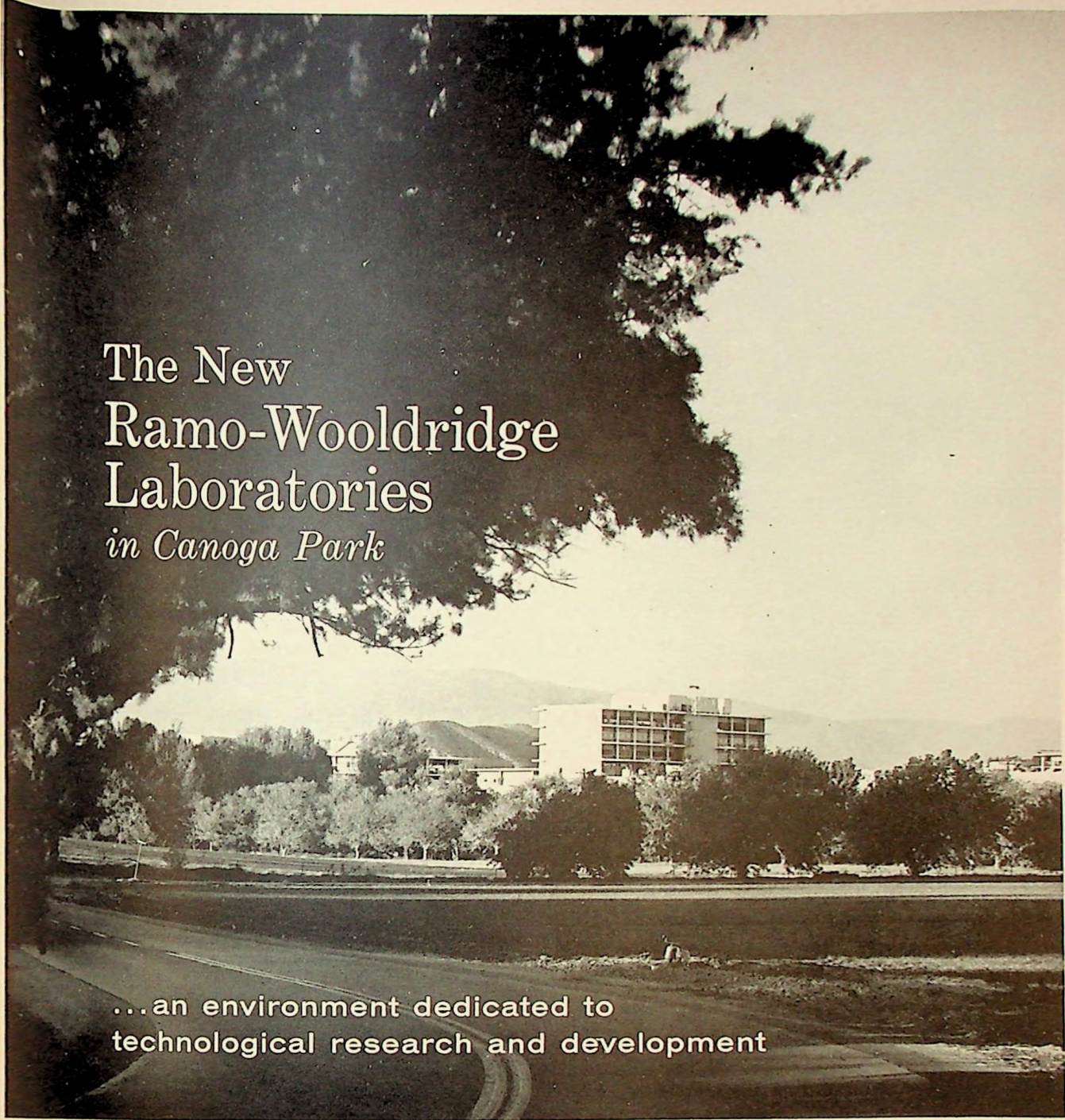


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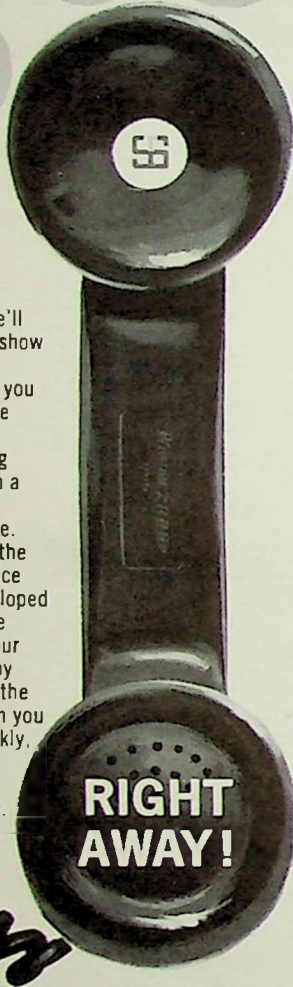
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—Von R. Esbleman

## MEETING REVIEW

### Moffett Field Day

The PGMIL was privileged to visit a portion of the NASA Ames Research Center at Moffett Field for their opening meeting of the 1959-60 season. Maurice D. White and Robert M. Barnett, Ames Research engineers, outlined some of the NASA efforts in the area of simulation of air and space flights.

One simulator was devoted to the Eggers-Long M-1 controlled re-entry configuration studies. This simulator has complete instrumentation for pilot control for re-entry bodies. Another simulator was an adaptation of the Air Force F151 fixed aerial gunnery device for visual simulation of space problems.

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A part of the evening session was devoted to viewing the XV-3 and X-14 research aircraft and to viewing military electronic packaging of the F-102 and F-106 fighters. The F-102 is used at Ames, with computer feedback, on adaptive autopilot studies. The F-106 computer is being used on a sample data systems study.

—Osis R. Hill

## MEETING REVIEW

### Keeping Them Flying

For a joint November meeting, approximately 35 members of PGPT and PGRQC assembled in the lobby of the United Air Lines maintenance base for a tour of the electrical maintenance sec-

tion, arranged by W. G. Haynes. Here the group met guides, C. L. Deeming, D. D. Quante, F. C. Foley, H. Heap, K. Moe, T. Ellison, L. Sebold, and S. Wagner, who were drawn from the engineering and supervisory staff of the section.

The first impression of those who made the tour was the tremendous size of this operation—one of several located at major airports across the country. The guides explained the various sections which test communication equipment, radar, automatic pilots, and various specialized gear such as the transponders used by radar ground control for aircraft identification.

Several of the sections in the area had arranged interesting exhibits covering various phases of their specialties. One of these exhibits was an operating test setup showing the performance of the weather radar units used by United.

The problems of establishing and maintaining standards and the system of keeping track of the maintenance history of each individual unit in the airway system were described to interested parties by various guides. One feature of the solution of the problems of aircraft maintenance was the replacement in each aircraft of all units requiring test and overhaul with tested and certified units from stock. Each of these units is carefully tested—first as a unit after overhaul and repair, and finally when assembled in the aircraft.

—George F. Reyling

## MEETING REVIEW

### Historical Parameters

Glen Wade presented a comprehensive talk on devices using parametric amplification at the November PGED meeting. He pointed out the history, theory, similarities, limitations and the state-of-the-art of the various devices employing parametric amplification. These devices in recent years have be-

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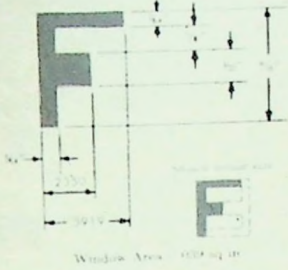


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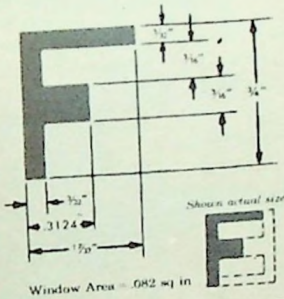
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Almost one hundred years ago Lord Rayleigh, according to the author, suggested an electrical adaptation of this principal. He pictured a closed resonant circuit with which amplification could be obtained by changing the distance between capacitor plates periodically at twice the resonant frequency. Thus, for parametric amplification two things were required: one, a source of energy and two, a method of transmission of the energy.

This type of amplification results in a spurious signal which occurs at the difference frequency between the source (now called the pump) and the signal frequencies. This spurious signal (called the idler) is kept within the amplifier by filters in so-called single-channel amplification. In double-channel amplification it is permitted to reach the external circuits.

In the past decade, three approaches to parametric amplification have looked very promising. One is through the use of ferrites which have a voltage-controlled inductance. This, however, at the moment is limited because of the large volume, high demagnetizing field and high pump power required. However, some recent work at Ohio State, for example, with ferromagnetic films has shown good promise at 30 mc—the speaker feels these devices show promise at least to 1000 mc.

The second approach is through the use of semiconductor diodes in which the capacitance is a voltage-controllable function. Two general types of circuits are presently utilized. In the cavity type one can obtain amplification of the signal frequency or the idler frequency. The device thus acts as a normal amplifier or as a frequency converter. This is the single-channel or regenerative-amplifier approach. In the traveling-wave approach, a transmission line is periodically loaded with semiconductor diodes which must each be pumped in the correct phase. In the cavity type the power-gain equation has a double pole in the denominator which is a direct function of pump power. Normal operation is generally close to this oscillation point, so the pump power level must be critically controlled. The traveling-wave type is much more stable since gain is proportional to the square root

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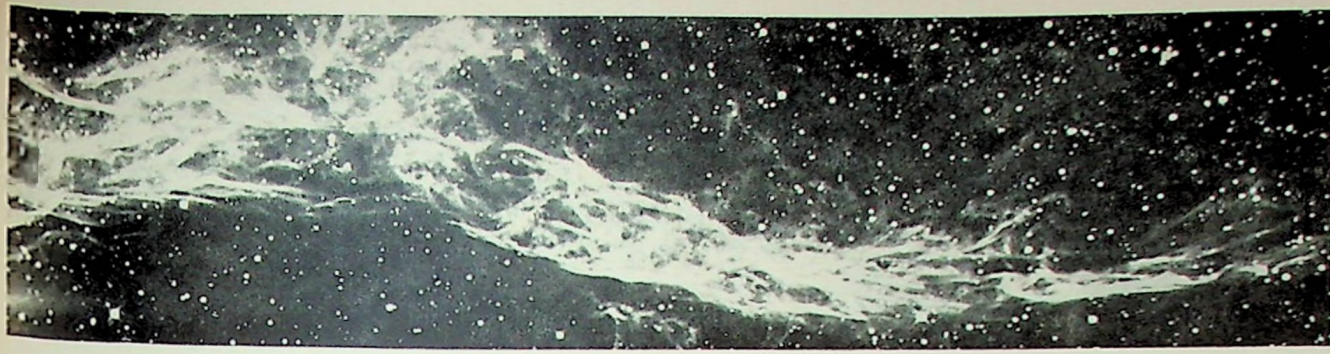


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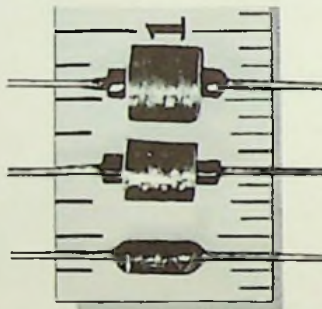
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Wade summarized the present state of noise-figure measurements on parametric devices by recalling that non-refrigerated electron-beam devices have shown double-channel noise figures as low as 43K at 500 mc and 210K at 4000 mc. A refrigerated cavity-type semiconductor device has given a 20-K double-channel noise figure at 6000 mc. At the higher frequencies, a cavity-type semiconductor parametric amplifier has exhibited a double-channel noise figure of 550K.

—Eugene A. Kinaman

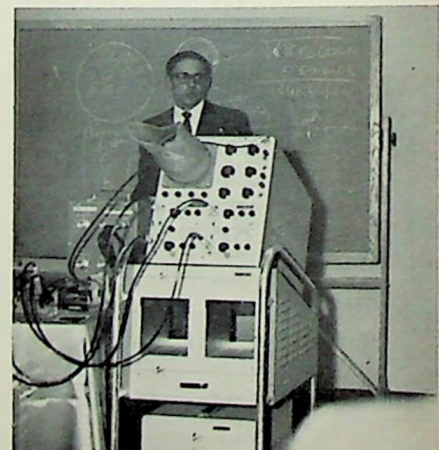
### MEETING REVIEW

#### 100-mil Flip-Flop

The Professional Group on Electronic Computers held a regular meeting at Fairchild Semiconductor Corporation in October. Dr. Jay Last, a senior physicist at Fairchild, was the speaker. Last's subject was "Micro-Miniature Circuits." His talk was preceded by a tour of the manufacturing facilities where silicon-diffused transistors are being made.

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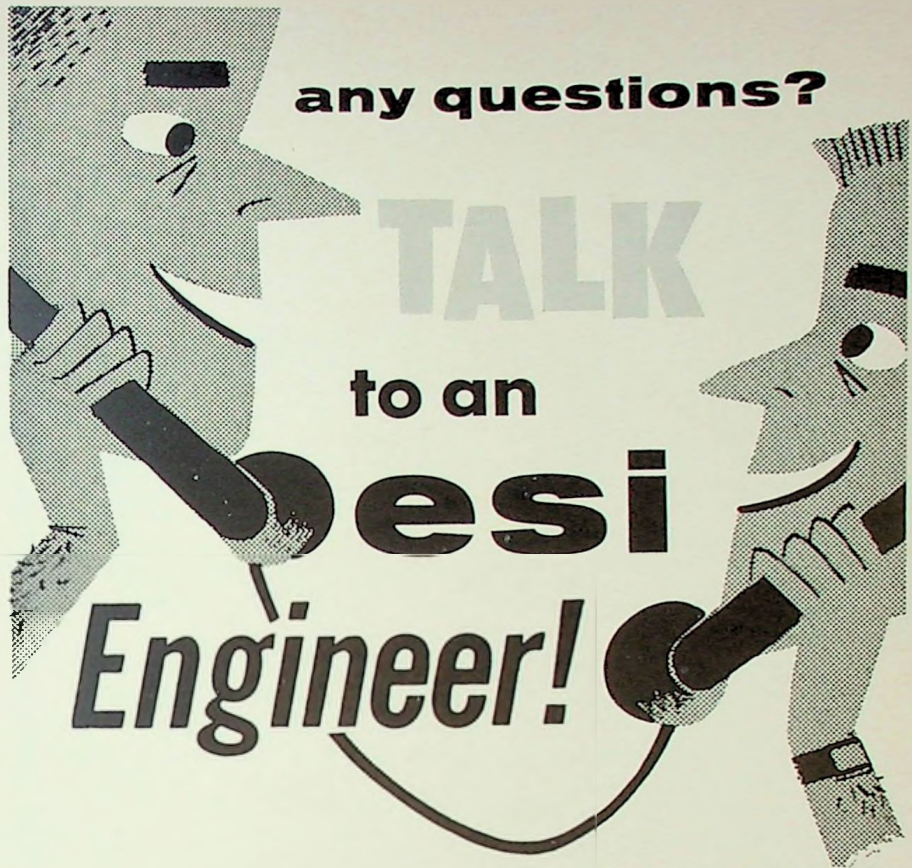
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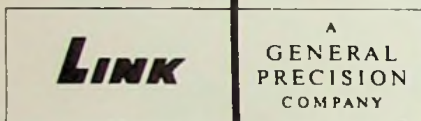
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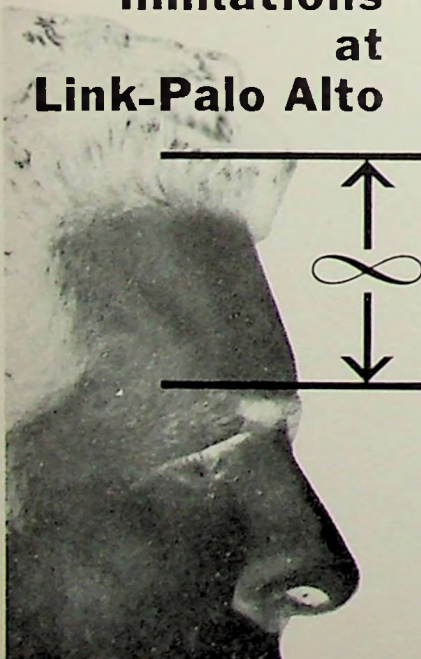
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The advantages which they hope to realize in this program are size, speed, reliability, and low cost.

—J. A. Boysen

## MEETING REVIEW

### Hunters Pointers

On November 3 the Professional Group on Military Electronics held a regular meeting at the Naval Radiological Defense Laboratory, San Francisco Naval Shipyard, Hunters Point. Ken Sinclair, head of the instruments branch and Harry A. Zagorites gave papers on "Electronics Instrumentation Development for Use with Radiological Research and Defense." Sinclair covered the development of particular items of equipment over the past several years, and Zagorites discussed the application of the electronic instruments in a radiological information-gathering system. Prior to the meeting, dinner was held at the San Francisco Naval Shipyard Officers' Club and about 20 people attended.

—J. J. Dover

## GRID RETURNS

### Letters to the Editor

Palo Alto

Dear Sir:

This season's PGME meetings have been well received by those 60 to 70 who have attended. The discussions to date have been directed toward the central nervous system. The October meeting was primarily concerned with the systems approach to the central nervous system; while the November meeting dealt with a consideration of its components. Both meetings were rich with comparisons between the physiologic situation and modern computer techniques. We are planning an active spring program beginning with our January meeting. It is probable that this meeting will also be involved with the central nervous system and more spe-

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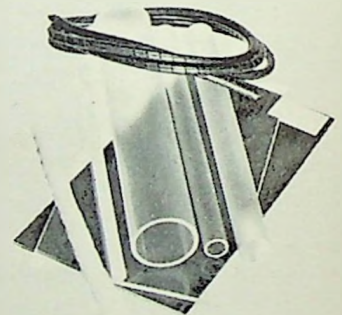
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cifically its instrumentation.

The move to the Medical Center has led to the appearance of many new faces, but we were pleased to see most of the old ones with us again.

Each meeting has been preceded by a dinner at the Red Cottage in Menlo Park and these too have been well attended.

Our meeting night has appeared to conflict with other local programs so we are considering a change. Those people on our mailing list will be notified directly of any change.

Sincerely,  
Noel P. Thompson,  
Secretary, PGME

Dear Sir:

I am at a loss to understand your editing. The envelope in which the September issue of the **Grid** arrived was properly addressed to Mrs. Gertrude Taylor Smith, yet on page 29 in the Directory of Officers you list me as Miss Gertrude T. Smith. I can't stop you from using T. instead of Taylor but I do insist on your showing my name correctly as Mrs. I was not born a Smith.

Mrs. Gertrude Taylor Smith

Many things about the publishing field leave us at a loss too, and this question is one of these. How "Mrs." got changed to read "Miss" after being correct on the final galley proof seems to have only one possible answer. Mrs. Smith must have a secret enemy working incognito at the typographers.—Ed.

## EVENTS OF INTEREST

### Meetings Summary

January 11—**Sixth National Symposium on Reliability & Quality Control.** Statler-Hilton Hotel, Washington, D. C. C. M. Ryerson, Radio Corporation of America, Camden, N. J.

February 3-5—**Institute of Radio Engineers Professional Group on Military Electronics.** Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif. Gordon B. Knoob, Motorola, Inc. Military Electronics Division, 1741 Ivar, Hollywood, Calif.

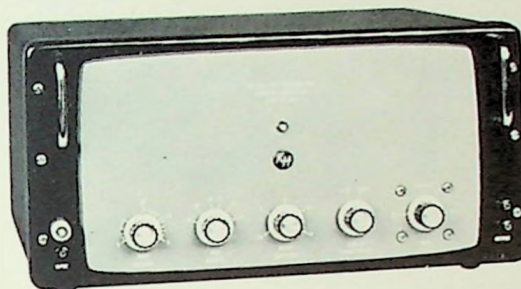
February 3-5—**Western Industrial Isotopes Conference.** San Francisco, Calif. Department of Conferences, University of California Extension, 2451 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, Calif.

February 10-12—**Solid State Circuits Conference.** University of Pennsylvania,

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February 25-26—**Scintillation Counter Symposium**. Washington, D. C. George A. Morton, RCA Labs, Princeton, N. J.

### Papers Calls

**December 15**—Abstracts of 150-200 words for the annual Electronic Components Conference (May 10-12, Washington, D. C.) Send to: Gilbert B. Devey, Technical Program Chairman, Sprague Electric Company, North Adams, Massachusetts.

**December 15**—Technical papers on the newest techniques in audio development for the 1960 West Coast Audio Engineering Society Convention at Los Angeles (March). Send to: Walter T. Selsted, Ampex Corporation, 934 Charter Street, Redwood City, Calif.

**February 1**—100-word abstract in triplicate and 500-word summary for PGMTT National Symposium (May 9-11, Coronado Hotel, Coronado, Calif.) Send to: Dr. David B. Medved, Chairman, Technical Program Committee, 1960 PGMTT Symposium, Convair, a Division of General Dynamics, Mail Zone 6-172, P.O. Box 1950, San Diego 12, Calif.

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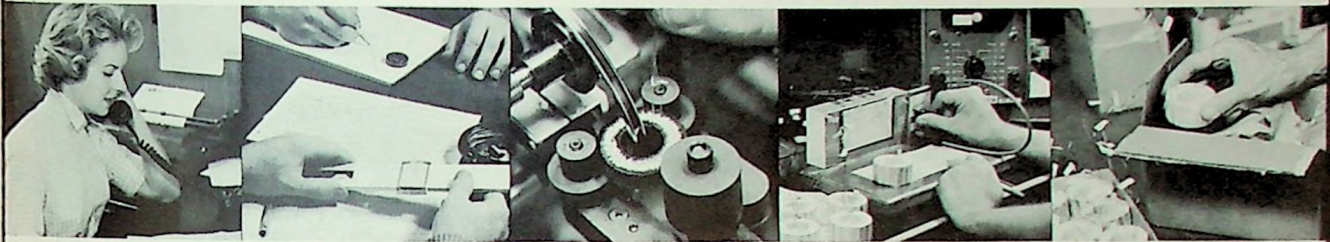
Two problems have existed in getting the Perham Foundation Museum opened for public use: approval of the building by local authorities, and operating capital. Approval is held up only by the need for two sets of panic-door hardware. Anyone who can contribute such items may contact Paul Giganti, a member of the committee, at Eitel-McCullough, JUno 8-1212.

Giganti is also active in the organization of a fund-raising drive which will be directed toward the solution of problem number two.

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**Robert R. Johnson** has joined the firm as project engineer. Johnson has been a designer of electronic systems for aircraft and missile applications since 1949. During his 10 years in the field, Johnson has been associated with Dalmo Victor Co., Northrop Aircraft Co., and Boeing Airplane Co. Recently he was with Granger Associates in Palo Alto.

**Victor R. Witt**, formerly of the IBM data systems division laboratory in Poughkeepsie, New York, has been promoted to manager of the San Jose IBM product development laboratory. He succeeds **Louis D. Stevens**, who has been promoted to manager of systems engineering at IBM World headquarters in New York City.



Witt

Stevens

Formation of a new subsidiary in Switzerland for **Varian Associates** is announced. The new company, Varian A.G., will have its main offices at Zug, with a research and applications laboratory at Zurich.

**William R. Klauer**, who has a BSEE from the University of Santa Clara, has been added to the rapidly expanding Sacramento office of **Neely Enterprises**.

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Meeting in Hawaii for their second consecutive year, members of the board of directors of WESCON (Western Electronic Show and Convention) set executive responsibilities for the 1960 trade show and technical convention during their annual business session.

WESCON, which is jointly sponsored by the Western Electronic Manufacturers Association and the Los Angeles and San Francisco Sections representing the Seventh Region of the Institute of Radio Engineers, will be at Los Angeles's new Sports Arena next August 23-26.

Chairman of the board for 1960 will be **Walter E. Peterson**, president of Micro Gee Products, Culver City. **Hugh P. Moore**, chairman of the board of Lerco Electronics, Inc., Burbank, will be chairman of the executive committee.

Convention director for 1960 will be **Bruce S. Angwin**, regional manager of

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**Don Larson** of Los Angeles was re-appointed business manager, the post he has held for the past three years.

**Robert M. Bennett, Jr.**, of the IBM Research Laboratory, San Jose, general chairman of the Western Joint Computer Conference, has been joined by **George A. Bernard** of Ampex Corp., Redwood City, vice chairman, and **J. P. Fernandez** of the IBM Product Development Laboratory, San Jose, secretary-treasurer, in announcing the committee chairmanships, as follows:

Chairman of the technical program is **Howard M. Zeidler** of Stanford Research Institute. Program vice chairman is **Jack E. Sherman** of Lockheed Missiles and

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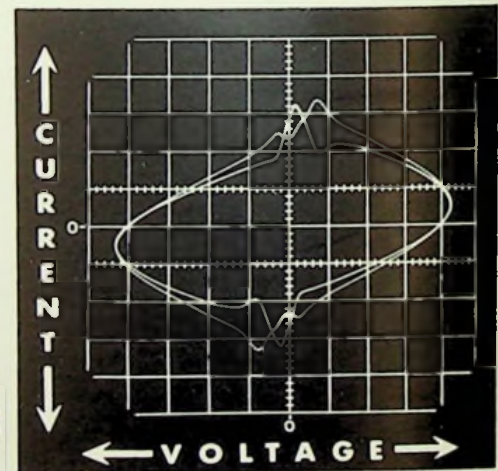
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Public relations will be headed by **Charles Elkind** of Stanford Research Institute. **Norman J. Jones** of Friden, Inc., San Leandro, is public relations vice chairman. **D. D. Willard** and **Earl T. Lincoln** of IBM Product Development Laboratory are chairman and vice chairman of the publications committee. Heading the registration committee is **Harold N. Wells** of General Electric Computer Lab-

oratory, Palo Alto. Women's activities will be arranged by a committee headed by **Mary Fraser** of IBM.

Joint sponsors of the 1960 WJCC, to be held in the Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco, May 3-5, are the Institute of Radio Engineers, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, and the Association for Computing Machinery.

At the **University of California**, Dr. **C. K. Birdsall**, a microwave-tube specialist who spent the spring and summer as a visiting professor in Berkeley, has resigned from his position at the General Electric Microwave Laboratory at Stanford to become associate professor. **Georg Bruun**, an expert in circuit theory and communications systems, formerly of the Royal Danish Institute of Technology in Copenhagen, has been appointed acting associate professor. Dr. **Arthur Gill**, who came to this country from Israel in 1950 to earn SB and SM degrees at MIT and a PhD degree at UC, has been appointed assistant professor after serving as associate for two years, during which he worked in the field of information theory. Dr. **R. A. Muller**, whose specialty is the theory of high-frequency tubes, has taken a leave of absence from his position with Siemens and Halske A.G. in Munich to become a visiting professor for one year. Dr.

**A. W. Trivelpiece**, who worked on gaseous plasma devices at Caltech and (during the past year) on ferrites at the Institute of Technology in Delft, has been appointed assistant professor.

### Membership Status

Following are the names of IRE members who have recently entered our area, thereby becoming members of the San Francisco Section:

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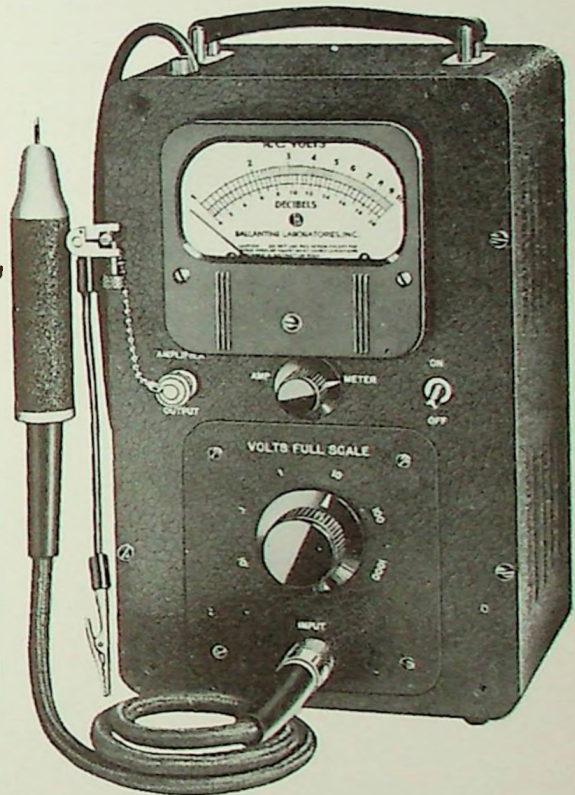
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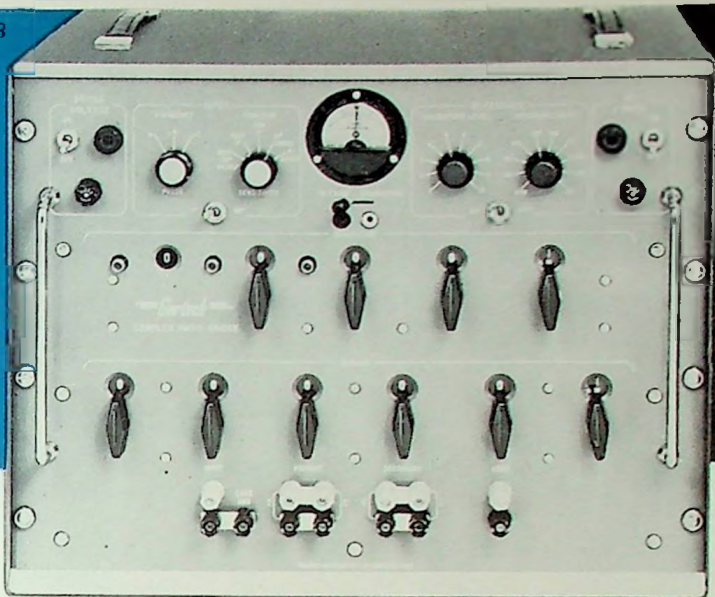
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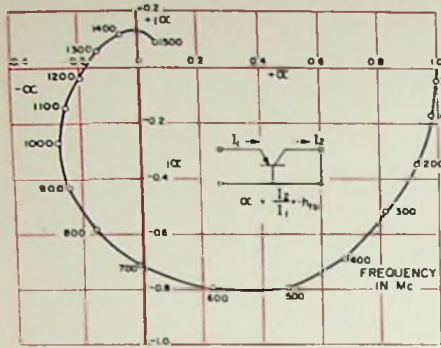
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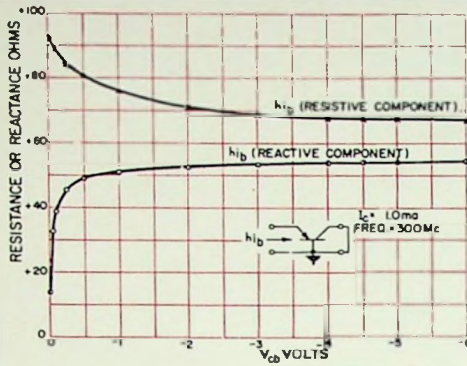
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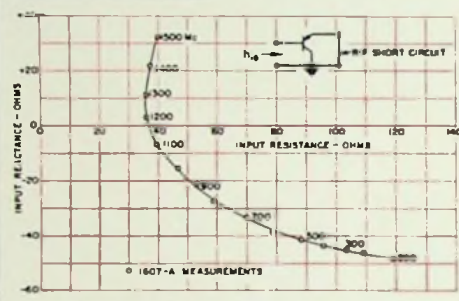
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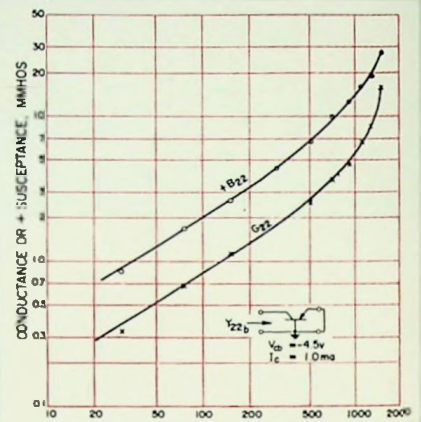
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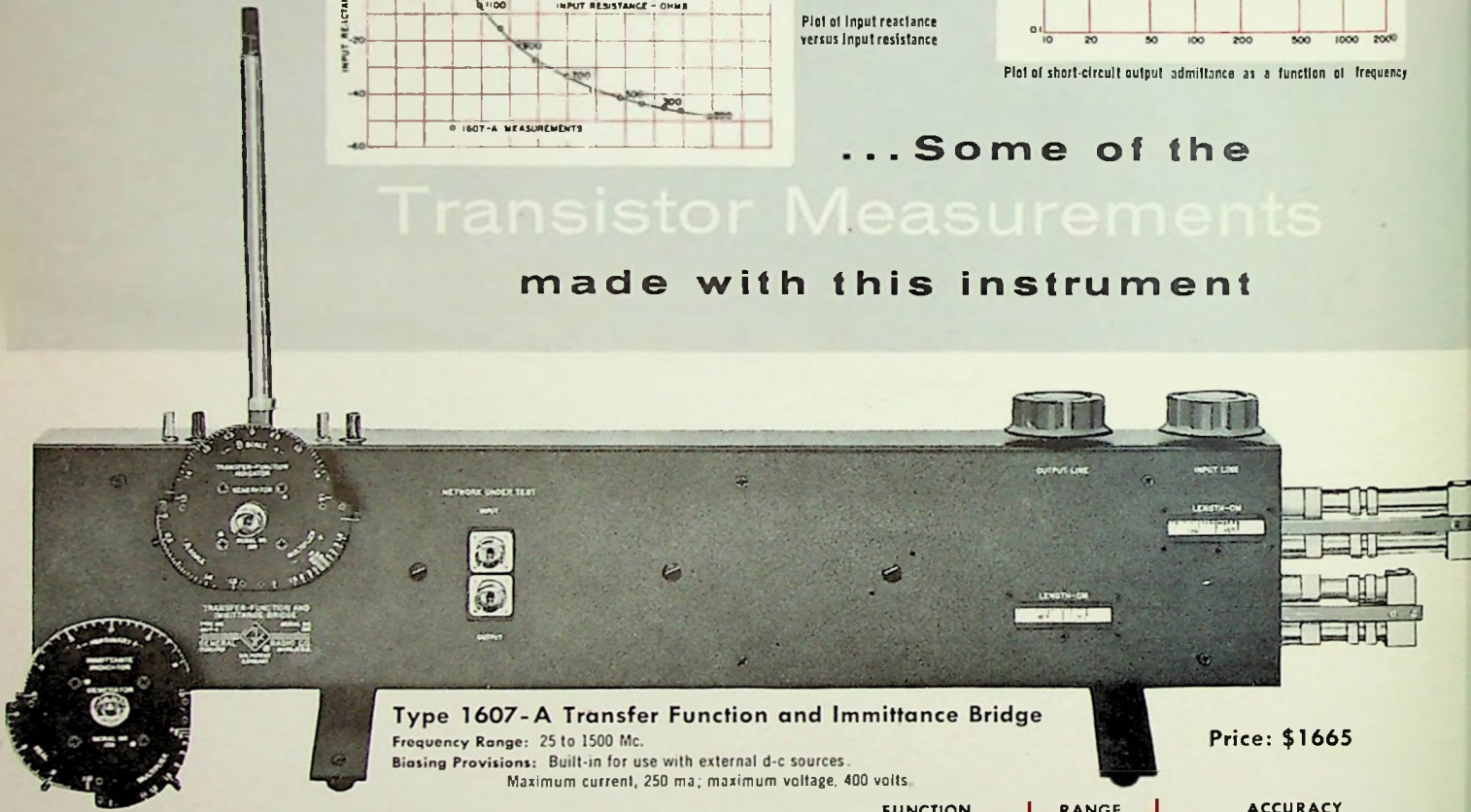


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