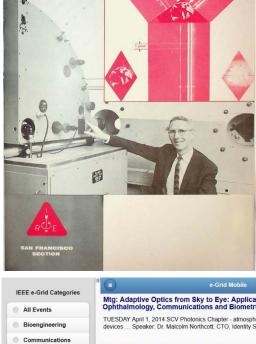
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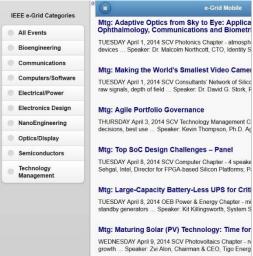
from a historical perspective ...
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#### October, 1961:

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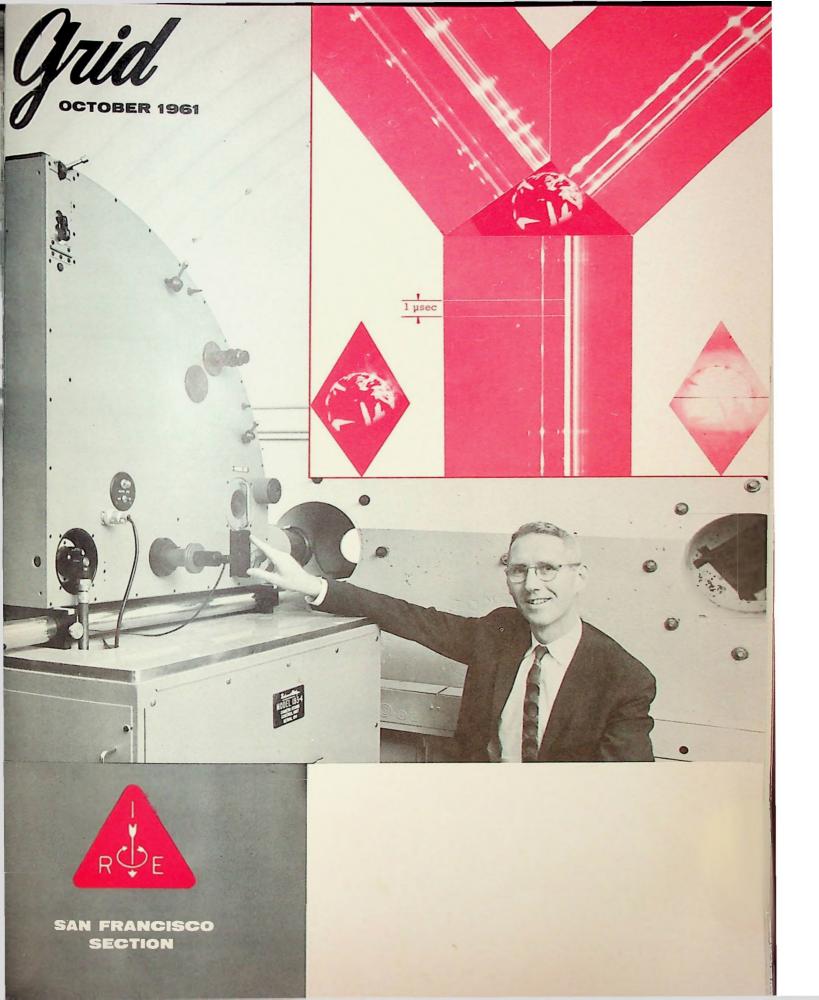
- p. 8: J. Presper Eckert, who designed the first general-purpose electronic digital computer (ENIAC) with John Mauchly, speaks at the Electronic Computers monthly Group meeting.
- p. 12: The GRID's finances dip into the red for the first time. This became an issue again in the late '90's; as a result, the GRID switched to an electronic version delivered over the Internet to save on printing/mailing costs. Then in 2004, when WESCON was cancelled and editor Doug Davolt retired for a second time, I stepped in to become the IEEE SF Bay Area Council's Communications Director and GRID editor. I created the e-GRID that went to members' mailboxes every two weeks, and a new website with RSS feed, and the GRID Magazine as a monthly PDF, with extensive coverage of chapter meetings and paid advertisements. I expanded circulation from 18,000 up to 32,000 (in 2014) even as IEEE membership declined. The e-GRID Mobile Apps (for iOS and Android) made finding and selecting meetings much easier see figure. Revenue was typically \$60,000 each year, with half of it being split between the three Sections.
- p. 14: The IRE Group on Broadcasting hears about the proposed standards for FM stereo; Jim Gabbert, a Stanford engineer who did the first Bay Area testing of stereo transmission using his station KPEN, is now Secretary-Treasurer for the chapter.
- p. 16: WEMA reports that one-fourth of total US electronic sales and employment is contained in the 11 western US states. We now have 215,000 employed, a growth year-over-year of 25,000. 128,000 are in the L.A. area, while 45,500 are in the SF Bay Area.
- p. 18: Memorex is formed in Santa Clara by expats from IBM's disk drive facility in San Jose, with its first product shipping in 1968. In 1967, Information Storage Systems (ISS) is started by the "dirty dozen" from IBM, to make a new plug-compatible 2311-type disk drive with a non-hydraulic head positioner, replacing it with a voice-coil motor. It also replaced detent-based positioning with servo track-following positioning. When I joined ISS in 1970, it was just starting to ship product, and it was fabulously profitable; Jimmy Woo, the vice-president, said that everyone who flew more than 2 hours got to go first class! Two of us went back (first class) to





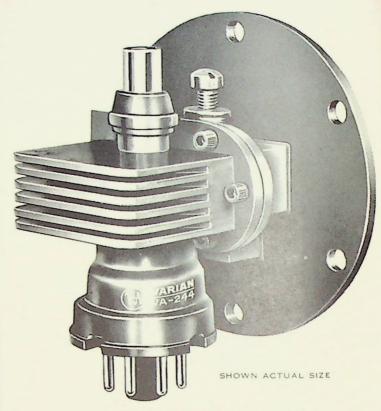
- Bell Labs in New Jersey, to negotiate a license to the new Bubble Memory technology developed by Andy Bobeck; it was being positioned to replace disk drives, and ISS needed a plan. I worked on rare-earth liquid-phase epitaxial film growth on gadolinium-gallium-garnet wafers and bubble device evaluation. Some years later, our offices, on Tantau Avenue in Cupertino, later were refurbished to become home to Tandem Computers, with my office in about the same location. Some engineers would have preferred to call the Santa Clara Valley "Storage Valley" rather than Silicon Valley, but it never stuck.
- p.20: William (Bill) Perry, a Stanford grad, becomes director of Sylvania's electronic defense labs in Mountain View; in 1964 he founds ESL (Electromagnetic Systems Laboratory) to digitize electronic surveillance, for signals intelligence (SigInt) gathering from the Soviet Union. President Reagan appoints him to a Commission on Strategic Forces, and he later becomes President Clinton's Secretary of Defense.
- p. 22: The Santa Clara Subsection of the AIEE (which becomes the IEEE SCV Section) features Prof. Ed Ginzton of Stanford, who talks about the \$114 million 2-mile linear accelerator being designed for behind the campus. I used to ride my bicycle out along Sand Hill Road, study there on nice spring days, and to watch the SLAC construction. He was known for his early contributions to the klystron, and was a co-founder of Varian Associates in 1948 and headed it for many years.

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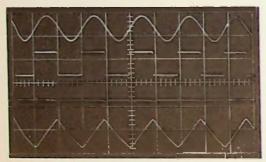


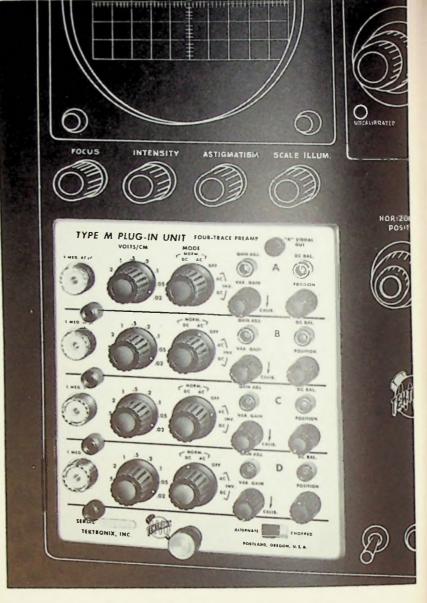
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#### cover

In the upper right-hand corner of this month's cover are some unusual photographs showing how a ruby-laser output looks to a high-speed camera. The camera itself is shown at left—a Beckman & Whitley Model 189 high-speed photo recorder; and below, Section member John Corcoran, senior scientist at Beckman & Whitley, San Carlos, who designed the experiment that produced the recordings.

At the center of the recording is a single framing-camera record made at the rate of 240,000 exposures per second (or 4.16 µsec between frames)

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At lower left is a framing-camera record of the laser fluorescing in the absence of a burst; and at lower right a conventional still picture of the laser surface, taken by reflected light, and therefore showing a negative or reverse image of the framing-camera records.

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The San Francisco Section, as a result of its rapid growth in membership, has been in a period of transition for the last several years-particularly in matters relating to the management of Section affairs. As a result of the everincreasing scale and scope of professional meeting activities, it has become impossible to coordinate activities on an informal volunteer basis. To meet this need, the IRE office was established and an office manager appointed. As the number of Professional Groups active in the Section grew, the Executive Committee became too large to conduct the detailed management of the Section effectively. The Operating Committee was established. It meets monthly to deal with current problems not requiring full Executive Committee action. In the last year, further study has been given to the problem of Section management and further steps will be taken this year to improve the service of the Section Office to the membership.

The Grid has grown correspondingly with the Section membership, in part because of its increased audience, but more directly because of its high quality as a publication. As a result of this growth, the Grid and Grid-Bulletin now represent a significant portion of the

Section's financial budget. In order to maintain closer control of Section publication activities, the **Grid** will now report directly to the Operating Committee. To this end two actions have been taken.

First, a Publications Board has not been appointed this year. Instead, publications activities will report directly to the Operating Committee through the Section Chairman. A Publications Advisory Committee headed by Peter Sherrill of H-P has been appointed to advise the Operating Committee on publication policy.

Second, action has been initiated to bring into the IRE Office all those Grid activities having to do directly with the mechanics of **Grid** publication, including advertising management. The services of Frank Haylock, to whose efforts the high caliber of the **Grid** must be attributed, will be retained to provide editorial assistance and control. In making these changes, the primary consideration will be to preserve the present high standards of the **Grid**.

Other Section activities are to be bolstered this year and a new activity added. It has become apparent both in the Section and at the national level that there are many technical people who derive benefit from IRE activities, qualify for IRE membership, but who are not members of the IRE.

Fred MacKenzie of SRI has been appointed Membership Chairman of the Section, and with the help and advice from last year's committee, plans to organize a membership drive within the Section.

To follow up on my comments at the Annual Meeting with regard to IRE service to the community, I have activated a new committee, the Committee on Secondary Education, headed by Joe Rubenson of Watkins-Johnson. This committee is exploring with the local school administration officials ways in which the IRE can provide help in interesting junior high school students in careers in science. This work will be the subject of a later report in these columns.

The Section faces an active year technically and organizationally. In a growing organization, change is the order of the day. The Section management makes no particular claims to special wisdom and would welcome any suggestions from the membership on better ways to serve their needs.

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#### MEETING CALENDAR

#### SAN FRANCISCO SECTION

Wednesday, Nov. 29

(Joint meeting with PGEM) (Tentative)

Speaker: Sir Robert Watson-Watt, governing director, Sir Robert Watson-Watt & Partners, Ltd.; chairman, advisory board, Axe Science & Electronics Corp., London, England

#### **EAST BAY SUBSECTION**

8:00 P.M. @ Monday, Oct. 30

"Electrical Aspects of a New Spiral-Ridge Variable-Energy Cyclotron" Speaker: Dr. Bob Smith, LRL, Berkeley

Place: LRL Berkeley Auditorium (Bldg. 50) Use Hearst Avenue entrance Dinner: 6:30 P.M., Spengers, foot of University Avenue, Berkeley Reservations: Winophee Veeder, Thornwall 3-2740, Ext. 5451; or Chris Widger, Hlghgate 7-5100, Ext. 2470, by October 25

#### PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

#### Antennas & Propagation

8:00 P.M. Wednesday, Nov. 8

"Some Aspects of Sandwich Wire Antenna Design" Speaker: George J. Koloboff, Dalmo Victor Co. Place: Main Conference Room, Bldg. 1, SRI

Dinner: 6:30 P.M. (Social Hour 6:00 P.M.), The Red Shack, Palo Alto

Reservations: Sandy Torrey, DA 1,3300, Ext. 392

#### Audio

8:00 P.M. • Tuesday, Oct. 17

(Joint meeting with Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers) "A Very Directional Condenser Microphone" and "Acoustical Considerations in the Design of a Sound Studio"

Speaker: Michael Rettinger, RCA Place: Studio "A," KGO-TV

Dinner: 6:30 P.M., Rathskeller Restaurant, 602 Turk Street, San Francisco

Reservations: Stan Oleson, DA 6-6200

#### Audio

8:00 P.M. Wednesday, Nov. 1

(Joint meeting with the Audio Engineering Society) "A New Transistorized Audio Oscillator and Wave Analyzer" Speaker: David S. Cochran, project leader, Hewlett-Packard Co. Place: Conference Room B, Stanford Research Institute Dinner: 6:30 P.M. (Cocktails at 6:00), Ramor Oaks, 3435 ECR, Atherton

Reservations: Stanley Oleson, SRI, DA 6-6200

#### Circuit Theory

8:00 P.M. Wednesday, Nov. 1

"Microsystem Circuit Analysis"

Speaker: Dr. P. S. Castro, Lockheed Research Laboratory Place: Room 277, Cory Hall, University of California, Berkeley

#### **Electron Devices**

8:00 P.M. @ Wednesday, Oct. 18

"Electron Beam-Plasma Interaction for Microwave Amplification" Speaker: Matthew A. Allen, Microwave Laboratory, Stanford University Place: Room 101 Physics Lecture Hall, Stanford University

#### **Electronic Computers**

8:00 P.M. • Tuesday, Oct. 24

"Executives 100 Feet Tall"

Speaker: J. Presper Eckert, Jr., Remington Rand Div., Sperry Rand Corp. Place: Lockheed Auditorium, 3251 Hanover Street, Palo Alto Dinner: 6:00 P.M., The Red Shack, 4085 El Camino Way, Palo Alto Reservations: None required

#### **Engineering Management**

Wednesday, Nov. 29

(Joint meeting with San Francisco Section, see above)

**Engineering Writing & Speech** 8:00 P.M. • Tuesday, Oct. 24 "Description of the IBM Language-Translation Machine, AN/GSQ-16"

Speaker: Dr. Harwood G. Kolsky, manager, systems science department, IBM research lab, San Jose Place: Auditorium, Hewlett-Packard Co., 1501 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto



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Information Theory

8:00 P.M. • Wednesday, Oct. 18

"Networks of Noisy Channels" Speaker: Prof. Peter Elias, MIT

Place: Auditorium, Sylvania EDL, 155 Whisman Road, Mountain View

Dinner: To be announced

Information Theory

8:00 P.M. • Thursday, Nov. 9

"Some Recent Results in the Study of Feedback Communication Systems" Speaker: Leonard S. Schwartz, New York University

Place: Lockheed Auditorium, 3251 Hanover Street, Palo Alto

Dinner: To be announced

Information Theory

8:00 P.M. • Thursday, Nov. 30

"A Generalization of Woodward's Theorem on FM Spectra" Speaker: Dr. Nelson M. Blachman, Sylvania EDL Place: Lockheed Auditorium, 3251 Hanover Street, Palo Alto

Dinner: To be announced

Instrumentation

8:00 P.M. • Tuesday, Oct. 31

"Measurement of Fallout"

Speaker: Dr. R. R. Newell, professor emeritus of radiology, Stanford, and resident consultant in radiophysics, Naval Radiological Defense Lab Place: Hewlett-Packard Co., 1501 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto (main lobby) Dinner: 6:00 P.M., Stardust Motel, 4320 El Camino Real, Los Altos Reservations: Mrs. Blackler, DA 1-7751, by October 27

Military Electronics

7:30 P.M. • Tuesday, Nov. 7

"Organization & Function of United States Air Force Systems Command" Speaker: Major Herman H. Teifeld, USAF R&D Command Place: Building 202, Lockheed Auditorium, 3251 Hanover Street, Palo Alto Dinner: 6:00 P.M., The Red Shack, 3085 El Camino Way, Palo Alto Reservations: General Victor Conrad, DA 6-4000, Ext. 2212

Product Engineering & Production 8:00 P.M. • Tuesday, Oct. 24

"Value Analysis and Cost Reduction"

Panel discussion and plant tour Panelists: Arthur W. Brown, IBM; Walter Day, Berkeley/Beckman; N. J. McMahon, United Air Lines; David Steinberg, Lenkurt

Place: Beckman/Spinco Division, 1117 California Avenue, Palo Alto

Reliability & Quality Control 7:30 P.M. • Wednesday, Oct. 18

Tour of Federal Aviation Agency facilities at Fremont Leader: Lee Hilscher, Supervisor of navigational aids, FAA

Place: 5125 Central Avenue, Fremont, Calif.

Dinner: 6:00 P.M., George's Restaurant, 102 Center Square, Fremont

Reservations: None required

8:00 P.M. • Tuesday, Oct. 17 Space Electronics & Telemetry

"Recent Developments in Optical Pumping" Speaker: A. Bloom, Spectra-Physics Corp.

Place: Lockheed Auditorium, Building 202, 3251 Hanover St., Palo Alto

Dinner: 6:30 P.M., El Camino Bowl, Palo Alto Reservations: Cynthia Chaney, DA 1-8010, Ext. 64

CHRONOLOGICAL RECAP

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October 18—Electron Devices, Information Theory, Reliability &

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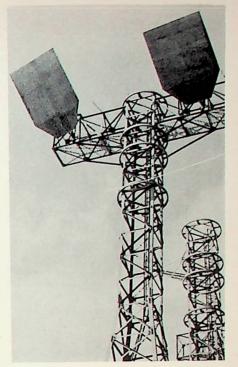
November 7-Military Electronics

November 8-Antennas & Propagation

November 9—Information Theory

November 29—San Francisco Section/Engineering Management

November 30—Information Theory



Microwave reflector towers-a part of the facilities to be seen on the PGRQC tour to Fremont

-John Hall Photo

#### meeting ahead RELIABLE FLIGHT

On Wednesday, October 18, PGRQC will be touring the facilities of the Federal Aviation Agency at Fremont. Check the Calendar for details.

All instrument flights (ifr) between airports are under the direction of the Federal Aviation Agency, which assigns routes and altitudes and monitors all congested areas by radar.

Search radars located at Paso Robles, Half Moon Bay, and Sacramento transmit video information by microwave link to the Oakland air-route trafficcontrol center (located at Fremont) where traffic-control personnel plot the progress of all flights.

The usual ppi scope presentation, which requires semidarkness for viewing, is being replaced by a high-brilliancy "television" presentation which may be viewed in normal room light. This new presentation uses a highresolution horizontal raster but maintains the ppi picture.

The airlane map about each radar site can be superimposed on the actual radar scanned picture to show the true geographical position of any plane with relation to prescribed airlanes.

Specially constructed recorders record all FAA voice traffic control conversation for filing.

Lee Hilscher, supervisor of navigational aids, has arranged the tour. The Fremont facility is reached by traveling (Continued on page 10)



John W. Hall, chairman, PGRQC

MORE FREMONT TOUR

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Dumbarton Bridge or the Nimitz Free-

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(south) on Blacow to Central Avenue,

chairmanship of the PGRQC Chapter and the roster of officers now stands as

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Donald, Sylvania.

meeting ahead

thew A. Allen of Stanford.

Julian Hilman has resigned from

Secretary-Treasurer: R. Owen Holbrook, Arinc Research Corp. Program Chairman: Roger H. Mc-

MICROWAVE POWER SOURCE As set forth in detail in the Calendar, the October meeting of PGED will be devoted to the subject "Electron-Beam/

Plasma Interaction for Microwave Amplification." The speaker will be Mat-

The electron beam-plasma interaction

mechanism will be discussed. Recent

work carried out both in this country

and abroad will be described; in par-

ticular, the experiments which are be-

ing performed at Stanford using a ther-

mally generated cesium plasma will be

covered in detail. It will be shown that,

because of the unique properties of the

plasma, the use of this interaction for

the amplification and generation of

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NEW SECTION DIRECTORY Traditionally, the September issue of the Grid includes a Directory of Officers, but tradition was broken last month. Members who would find such a listing useful may obtain one from the Section Office, 701 Welch Road, Palo

#### meeting ahead NEW CYCLOTRON

now available

Electrical details of the new spiralridge variable-energy cyclotron will be covered by Dr. Bob Smith of the Lawrence Laboratory at an October East



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cant advantages over existing devices.

burgh, Scotland, in 1930. He received

his undergraduate education at the Uni-

versity of Edinburgh and his graduate

education at Stanford University, ob-

Matthew A. Allen was born in Edin-

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taining the PhD degree in physics in 1959. Since 1955, he has been at the microwave laboratory at Stanford University, where he is presently a research associate, engaged in research in plasma physics and high-power microwave

PGED's new officers are:

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Bob Smith

Bay Subsection meeting. Details in the Calendar.

There will be, in addition to the talk, a short tour of the 88-in cyclotron.

Smith received his BS, MS, and PhD degrees in electrical engineering from the University of California. He has been employed at the University of California Lawrence Radiation Laboratory, Berkeley, since 1951 and is presenly project engineer on the 88-inch cyclotron.

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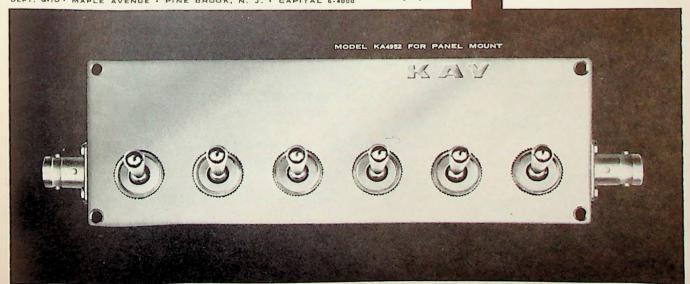
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#### MORE CYCLOTRON

Smith previously worked on the conversion of the 184-inch cyclotron at Berkeley and was responsible for the r-f design of the 94-inch cyclotron at Livermore.

#### meeting ahead

For its October meeting, PGPEP will convene to consider the subject of value analysis and cost reduction. This will be a brief insight into the methods used by four major Bay Area companies in the successful pursuit and acquisition of the elusive dollar through competitive buying and better-than-average liaison.

The all-star cast will tell this and possibly more.

Officers who will serve the Professional Group on Product Engineering & Production for the ensueing year are as follows:

Chairman: George F. Reyling, Varian Associates.

Vice Chairman: Olof Landeck, Electro Engineering Works.

Secretary-Treasurer: W. Dale Fuller, Lockheed Missiles and Space Co.

Program Chairman. Thomas E. Scatchard, Beckman Instruments, Inc., Berkeley Division.

#### meeting ahead

#### BEHIND THE WINGS

Major Herman H. Teifeld, who in 1942 flew the first radar airborne system developed at MIT, will speak on the subject of the organization and function of the U.S. Air Force Systems Command at the PGMIL meeting for November. See the Calendar for particulars.

In addition to describing the organization and functions of the U.S. Air Force Systems Command, including recent administrative changes; Major Teifeld will give an outline of research and development trends in USAF electronic activity. This presentation will be of great interest to those engaged or

not engaged in work sponsored by the USAF, both from a technical and administrative standpoint.

Besides being with the Eighth Air Force in Europe, Major Teifeld has been a wing electronic officer with SAC, Alaska, in charge of cold-weather operations. He is a graduate of the Air Force Institute as an industrial engineer and has served in numerous special assignments.

The meeting is unclassified, so no clearance is required; and refreshments and discussion are promised for the period following the presentation.

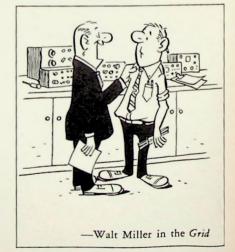
#### meeting ahead THIN-FILM THEORY

November will start for PGCT with a meeting on the Berkeley campus presenting P. S. Castro of the Lockheed research laboratory. As he will point out, an important microminiaturization technique is that of realizing complex network components by means of resistive and dielectric films. A general method for analyzing these film-type networks, built around the theory of indefinite matrices, will be presented and he will develop simple rules for generating subnetworks from a given 4-terminal network.

# A resolution was adopted supporting the Wescon "gentleman's agreement," and another stating its relationship to Grid-Bulletin operations. Assuming the concurrence of the Los Angeles Section, who are partners in this particular publication activity, the result will be refusal by the Grid-Bulletin of "overt" recruitment advertising.

Chapter Operations will be the subject of a new operating guide being compiled under the direction of Vice Chairman Peter Lacy.

Committee Chairmen were confirmed as follows: Henry W. Schroeder, arrangements; Stanley E. Webber, awards; Joseph G. Rubenson, secondary education; Robert A. Craig, education and student relations; Earl G. Goddard, historical; Fred J. MacKenzie, membership; Peter D. Lacy, program; Peter N. Sherrill, publications advisory; and Harry H. Smith, San Francisco Engineering Council.



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#### MICROMINUTES

Business transacted at the September 25 meeting of the Executive Committee of the Section included:

Financial reports indicated the probability of an operating year in which expenditures will outstrip revenues by about \$5000—to be accomplished by dipping into Section reserves.

Publications reports indicated that both the Grid-Bulletin and the Grid have been going through heavy weather. The former, instead of returning an anticipated \$3,000 revenue, essentially broke even. The latter, instead of breaking even, has an operating deficit.

The discussion covered **Grid** advertising rate increases and accelerated sales activities, as well as proposed organizational improvements — all of which should combine to alleviate the difficulties.



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#### meeting review

#### BROADCASTERS-ALL EARS

Late in August, the Professional Group on Broadcasting held a dinner meeting at the Canterbury Hotel in San Francisco to discuss the new proposed f-m rules, stereophonic f-m broadcasting, and other facets of broadcasting as viewed by the FCC. The meeting was attended by over 65 people, including members of the PGB and the local broadcast-engineering profession.

The three main speakers were Harold L. Kassens, chief of the aural existing facilities of the broadcast bureau of the FCC, Washington, D. C.; James Barr, assistant chief of the broadcast bureau of the FCC, Washington, D. C.; and Daniel von Recklinghausen, chief research engineer of H. H. Scott, Incorporated, Maynard, Massachusetts.

The meeting lasted three hours. It was very enlightening for broadcasters, os the FCC's thinking toward f-m broadcast stations and f-m station allocation was expressed.

New officers for the Professional Group Chapter on Broadcasting have been announced as follows:

Chairman, Hugh W. Granberry, General Electric Co.

Vice Chairman: Paul Gregg, Bauer Electronics.

Secretary-Treasurer: James Gabbert,
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#### meeting review

#### TO ERR IS TELEPHONIC

Associate Professor W. Wesley Peterson of the University of Florida addressed a special meeting of PGIT in mid-September on the practical implications of recent work in coding theory. This second meeting of the newly formed San Francisco chapter of PGIT was held at the Stanford University Physics Lecture Hall with an audience of 50 in attendance.

The speaker is well known for his work in coding theory, including numerous papers and a recent book on the subject. His approach was sufficiently tutorial to be of value to the non-specialists in the audience, while still retaining enough detailed technical content, especially on recent results, to

command the interest of the coding theorists present.

Professor Peterson began by reviewing the fundamental theorem of Shannon (1948) for the noisy channel. A brief description of the properties of two idealized channels, the binary symmetric channel and the continuous gaussian channel, then followed. The performance bounds of Elias-Shannon (1955-56) were then discussed by means of well-chosen examples for the binary symmetric channel. These examples indicated what block lengths, n. one would need for given values of data rate, R bits per second, and channel bit error probability p, to quarantee a probability of error, P. = 10<sup>-5</sup>, 10<sup>-11</sup>, 10 for a decoded word. For transmission at rates close to the channel capacity C, the block length n must be prohibitively large if the channel is poor (p > 0.01) or the desired error probability is small (P. < 10-5) or both.

A moderate relaxation of any of these requirements results in block lengths of the order of only several hundred binary digits, for which relatively easily instrumented, efficient codes are now known, although only recently. An extract from Peterson's tables is shown below. N is the number of binary digits traversing the channel per second.

			n			
р	C/N	k/n	$P_c$	(approx.)		
0.01	0.929	0.9	10-3	11,300		
0.01	0 929	0.67	10-10	340		
0.0001	0.9985	0.9	10-10	325		

Nexî, the performance of the best multiple-error-correcting codes known (those of Bose, Ray-Chaudhuri and Hocquenghem) were compared with the Elias-Shannon bounds by way of two examples.

Code A: n = 511 binary digits, k = 340 data digits, correcting any 20 erroneous digits per block, yields P. =  $2.5 \times 10^{-6}$  for p = 0.01, and has R = 0.67N.

Code B: n = 511 binary digits, k = 466 data digits, correcting any 5 erroneous digits per block, yields  $P_c = 1.7 \times 10^{-k}$  for p = 0.0001, and has R = 0.9N.

These examples indicate that the Bose-Chaudhuri codes get us reasonably

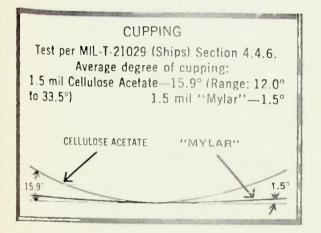
close to the theoretical performance of the Elias-Shannon bounds, but still leave a gap to be bridged. On the other hand, the instrumentation for these codes is fairly simple, especially when the number of errors is not too great.

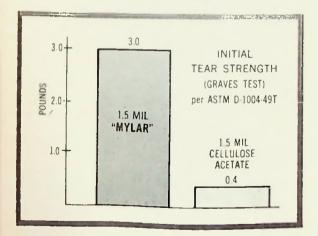
A different approach to achieving reliable digital data transmission, usable when a two-way channel exists. was briefly considered by Professor Peterson. This approach consists of using a redundant code solely for error detection, with the receiver requesting a repeat of each code block in which errors are detected. The instrumentation for such decision-feedback schemes is much simpler, and less costly, than for actual error-correction schemes. Moreover, the improvements theoretically obtainable in this way on a binary symmetric channel are quite impressive, if the channel is not too poor to begin with. For example, if  $p = 10^{-1}$ , a Bose-Chaudhuri code with n = 255, k = 238, yields P = probability of an undetected error = 10 11, with a data rate of over 90 per cent of channel capacity. However, if the channel is too noisy to begin with, say p = 0.01, then feedback schemes appear to be ineffective, since there are conflicting requirements on the block length, n. On one hand n must be chosen fairly large to keep the fraction of redundant digits low. On the other hand, if n is large, practically every received block will contain some detected errors and thus initiate a repeai, bringing the data rate R down to a very small fraction of C.

Up to this point the discussion was largely concerned with idealized channels. Telephone lines have been of great interest for use as digital channels in recent years. Theoretically they would appear to possess channel capacities of the order of 20 to 30 kilobits per second. However, no practical schemes have realized more than 20 per cent of this capacity, and that only very recently. Many tests of error statistics have been carried out indicating that errors on telephone lines are highly non-random—they tend to occur in bursts, often quite long bursts (also bursts of bursts). Thus the binary symmetric channel with independent errors is quite unsuitable as a model for telephone lines. Burst-error-correcting codes offer some improvement as compared to multiple-error-correcting codes, but even then not much impovement can be obtained on telephone lines by error correction. The reason is that errors are so catastrophic. When transmission is good there is no need for the excess baggage of redundant digits; when transmission goes bad, it goes so bad that no reasonably efficient code will correct all the errors that occur

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Brief mention was also made of other code instrumentation work going on at Lincoln Laboratory, notably a Bose-Chaudhuri encoder-decoder for a  $n=127,\ k=92$  code correcting any combination of up to five errors per block. The whole encoder-decoder combination costs less than 10K and it will fit into one file drawer.

Professor Peterson pointed out that his discussion was limited to algebraic coding and had ignored the possibilities afforded by so-called sequential decoding, really a scheme for non-algebraic encoding and decoding of digital data, which in effect makes use of random codes, and employs a special statistical decision technique for decoding. These ideas appear in a recent book by Wozencraft and Reiffen.

In the question period which followed Professor Peterson's fascinating talk, questions were raised about the effects of noise on the feedback channel in a two-way system, about the behavior of the Elias-Shannon bounds for fairly large values of p, and on the decoding delays required for the error-correction schemes discussed. The speaker dealt effectively with these questions to the evident satisfaction of the interlocutors.

In the San Francisco Chapter of PGIT, the following new officers have been elected:

Chairman: Forrest F. Fulton, Jr., Lockheed Missiles and Space Co. Vice Chairman: Charles H. Dawson, Philco WDL.

Secretary: Bernard Elspas, Stanford Research Institute,

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#### PRAISE AND RESERVATIONS

Menlo Park, Calif.

To the Editor Dear Sir:

The 1961 Wescon show was the best so far. However, the banquet committee should go back to school and take a course in humility.

The tickets stated that there was to be a reception at 7:00 p.m. and the banquet at 8:00 p.m. So we all arrived on time for the reception looking forward to an hour of meeting friends and fellowship. But lo and behold, the reception was only for a select few who held special tickets. The rest of the guests were shunted off to a cocktail bar lounge as if they were poor relations. The committee members shrugged it off as just one of those things.

To compound the first error, the tables in front of the long speakers' table were all reserved. Reserved for whom? Perhaps the entire function should have been reserved, and the rest of us could have made other arrangements.

Anyway, the dinner was delicious, the speeches were short, and the dance music was excellent. Only next time please remember that a committee functions to serve all members.

Very truly yours, Louis L. Fisher

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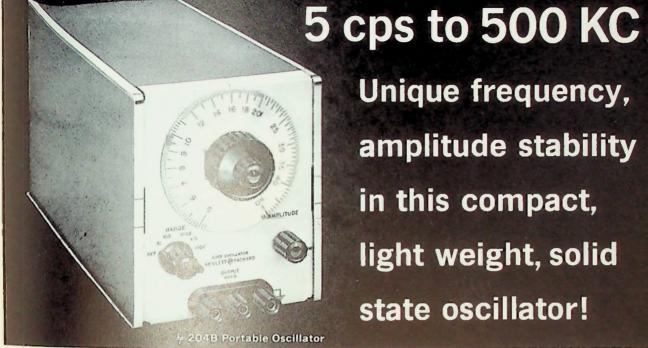
#### STATE OF THE BUSINESS

Electronic-industry growth in the 11 western states is continuing to autstrip the national average and the West now accounts for one-fourth of total electronic sales and employment in the United States, according to the Western Electronic Manufacturers Association

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(WEMA) annual survey of the western electronic industry.

Employment in western companies has reached 215,000—24.6 per cent of the total U.S. electronic manufacturing employment Electronic sales in the West this year should climb to \$2.8 billion—24.9 per cent of the national total.

The 215,000 employed by western firms represent a numerical gain of 25,000 over the total a year ago.

Of this number, 128,000 or approximately 60 per cent are now employed in the Greater Los Angeles area, while 45,500 or 21 per cent are in the San Francisco Bay area.

founder, Walter Cabral and is being merged with Cabral Motors, Inc., Los Gatos, Sylvania Electric Products, Inc. has announced the formation of a new operating division, the microwave device division, with laboratories in Mountain View; Watkins-Johnson Co. has announced the award of a contract to Haas & Haynie for a \$430,700 addition to its plant in Stanford Industrial Park: Fairchild Semiconductor Products will be manufactured and marketed in Italy by Societa Generale Semiconduttori of Milan; The Sanborn Company of Waltham, Mass., has become a whollyowned subsidiary, Hewlett-Packard Co.

Bernard Wambsganss has been appointed assistant to Fred W. Kruse, president of Alfred Electronics Corp. Before joining Alfred, Wambsganss was chief scientist of the Office of Naval Research branch office in San Francisco. His previous experience includes five years at the Sylvania electronics defense laboratories in Mountain View.

Western Gold and Platinum Co. has announced the election of Harry A. Mason to the newly created post of vice president, marketing. Mason, formerly sales manager, will have complete responsibility for the company's marketing and sales activities.

Hewlett-Packard Co. has recently announced the formation of a newly affiliated company to engage in solid-state research and development. The new firm, known as HP Associates, is headquartered in Palo Alto. Its president is Jack L. Melchor, former president and treasurer of Melabs.

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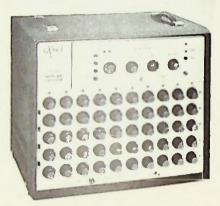


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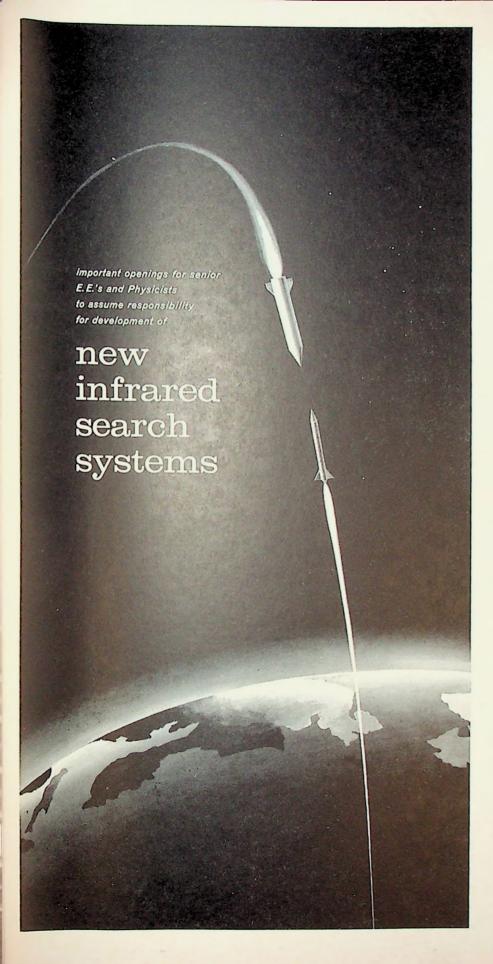


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#### ABOUT PEOPLE

Lawrence W. Ryser has been named manager of western-area communications engineering in the government marketing organization at Lenkurt Electric Co.; Gus J. Smyrnos has joined the engineering staff of Lynch Communication Systems Inc.; Eric D. Daniel has been appointed associate technical director of the recently formed Memorex Corporation; Alexander J. Dessler, Lockheed Missiles & Space Co. scientist, will spend four years in India assisting that nation in establishing a rocket and space program, Jack P. Davey has been assigned to the position of manager of western area sales for Link Division, General Precision, Inc.; Roy A. Anderson has been appointed assistant director of financial operations of the





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Lockheed Missiles & Space Co.; Frank E. Butterfield is chief engineer of the of the engineering sciences division; at Stewart Engineering Co., Bruno Kaiser has been assigned to the newly created post of manager of marketing, and Albert T. Isaacs has been promoted to





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Oct. 21—Broadcast over KPFA (94.1 mc) and KPFB (89.3 mc) Berkeley, 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. Equipment report: "The new Norelco Continental line of tape recorders" by R. S. MacCollister.

Oct. 25-27—Joint West Coast and Electronics Division meeting of the American Ceramic Society. Subjects to be covered include: Electroluminescence, thermoelectric materials, ceramics in transistor packaging, injection moulding of ceramics, laminate structure, ferroelectrics, thermisters, and dielectric properties. Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco. Registration: J. T. Putnam, Rm. 1034, Kaiser Center, Oakland 12, Calif.

Nov. 15—Santa Clara Subsection, American Institute of Electrical Engineers. "The Stanford University Two-Mile Linear Electron Accelerator" by Prof. E. L. Ginzton, Stanford University. 8:00 p.m., Physics Lecture Hall, Room 100, Stanford University.

Congress recently voted final authorization for the construction of Stanford University's \$114 million linear electron accelerator.

The project, sponsored by the Atomic



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Energy Commission, is to be completed in a five year period and an additional year is to be utilized in preparing the accelerator for the research schedule to follow. Details can be found in **Grid** issues of January and March, 1961.

Dr. Ginzton has, together with Professor W. K. H. Panofsky, taken the responsibility for guiding the project's fortunes since its inception.

#### IRE MEETINGS SUMMARY

Oct. 16-17—National Symposium on Engineering Writing and Speech. Michigan State University, E. Lansing, Mich. J. D. Chapline, Philco Corp., 3900 Welsh Road, Willow Grove, Penna.

Oct. 19-20—Symposium on Electronics Engineering & Education. Greensboro Coliseum, Greensboro, North Carolina. Exhibits: H. G. Eidson, Jr., Dept. 8760, Charham Road Plant, Westinghouse Co., Winston-Salem, N.C. Program: Henry A. Voorhees, 1015 Wendover Circle, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Oct. 20—Second N.Y. Conference on Electronic Reliability. NYU College of Engineering, University Heights, New York, N.Y. Registration: M. A. Benanti, Molecular Electronics Co., New Rochelle, New York.

Oct. 23-25—East Coast Conference on Aerospace & Navigational Electronics (ECCANE). Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, Md. W. C. Vergara, Adv. Res. Dept., Bendix Radio Div., Baltimore, Maryland.

Oct. 23-25—URSI-IRE Fall Meeting. University of Texas, Austin, Texas. Mrs. Helen E. Hart, USA Natl. Comm. URSI, 2101 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C.

Oct. 24-26—8th Annual Meeting of PGNS Symposium on Aerospace Nuclear

**Propulsion**. Hotel Riviera, Las Vegas, Nev. P. M. Uthe, Lawrence Radiation Lab., University of California, Box 808, Livermore, California.

Oct. 25-26—Conference on Reliability Assurance Techniques for Semiconductor Specifications. Dept. of Interior Auditorium, Washington, D.C. William H. von Alven, ARINC Research Corporation, 1700 K St., NW, Washington, D.C.

Oct. 26-27—Instrumentation Facilities for Biomedical Research Symposium. Sheraton Fontenelle Hotel, Omaha, Nebr. Harold G. Beenken, University of Nebraska, College of Medicine, 42 & Dewey Ave., Omaha, Nebraska.

Oct. 26-28—1961 Electron Devices Meeting. Sheraton Park Hotel, Washington, D.C. Dr. I. M. Ross, Bell Telephone Labs., Murray Hill, New Jersey

Oct. 30-31—Radio Fall Meeting. Hotel Syracuse, Syracuse, N.Y. Virgil Graham, EIA Engineering Dept., 11 West 42 Street, New York 36, N.Y.

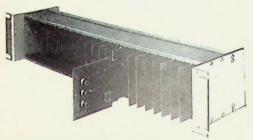
Nov. 6-8—Special Technical Conference on Non-Linear Magnetics. Statler-Hilton, Los Angeles, Calif. Exhibits: Philip Diamond, Perkin Engineering Co., 345 Kansas Street, El Segundo, Calif. Programs: Dr. Ted Bernstein, Space Technology Labs., P.O. Box 95001, Los Angeles 45, California.

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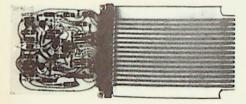
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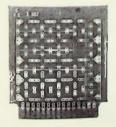


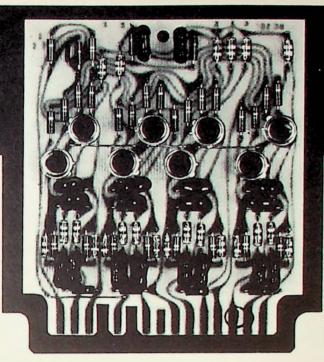
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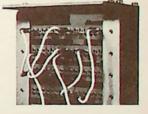


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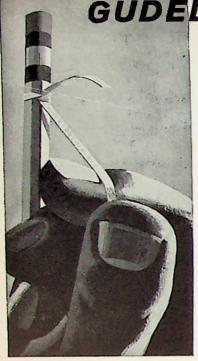


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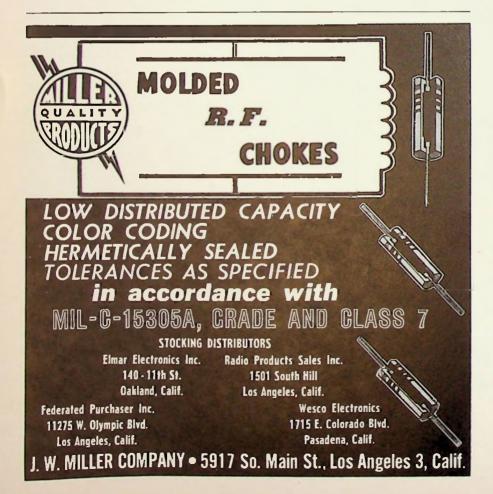
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Nov. 8-11—Professional Group on Ultrasonics Engineering at the Fall Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America. Netherland Hilton Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio. D. W. Martin, Baldwin Piano Co., 1801 Gilbert Ave., Cincinnati 2, Ohio.

Nov. 13-16—7th Annual Conference on Magnetism and Magnetic Materials. Hotel Westward Ho, Phoenix, Ariz. Exhibits: John W. Whitlock, 253 Waples Mill Road, Oakton, Va. Program: F. E. Luborsky, G. E. Research Lab., P.O. Box 1088, Schenectady, New York.

Nov. 14—Symposium on Electronic Systems Reliability. Linda Hall Library Auditorium, 5109 Cherry, Kansas City, Mo. Arthur Goldsmith, Wilcox Electric, Kansas City, Missouri.

Nov. 14-16—Mortheast Research and Engineering Meeting (NEREM). Somerset Hotel and Commonwealth Armory, Boston, Mass. Exhibits: Stewart K. Gibson, Instr. of New England, 108 Greenwood Lane, Waltham 54, Mass. Program: F. K. Willenbrock, Pierce Hall, Harvard University, Cambridge 38, Mass.

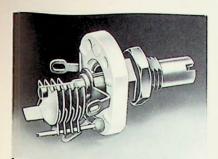
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Nov. 1—300 to 500-word abstracts for the 1962 International Solid-State Circuits Conference (Philadelphia; February 14-16). Send to: Richard H. Baker, Room C-237, MIT Lincoln Laboratory, Lexington, Massachusetts.

Nov. 10—Three copies of complete preliminary draft for the Spring Joint Computer Conference (San Francisco; May 1-3, 1962). Send to: Richard I. Tanaka, Lockheed Missiles and Space Co. research branch, 3251 Hanover St., Palo Alto.

Nov. 15—100-word abstracts, 500-word summaries, and short biographies of the authors for the 1962 Winter Convention on Military Electronics (Los Angeles; February 7-9). Send to: Matthew E. Brady, Space Technology Laboratories, P.O. Box 95001, Los Angeles, Calif.



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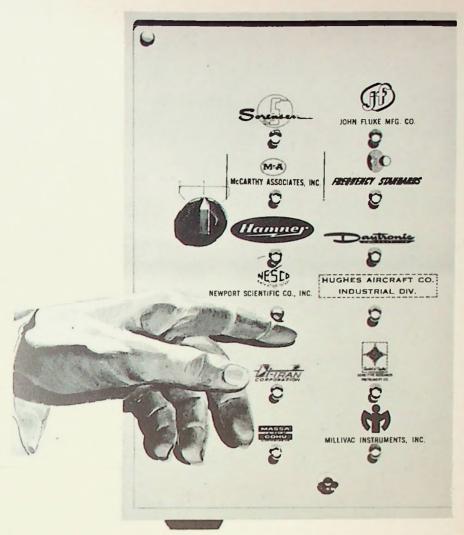
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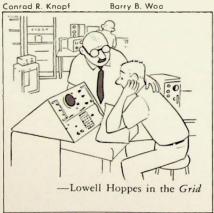
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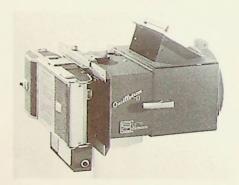


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