

\$20, has not been purchased. With a slightly greater reduction in type size, three columns per page, and thinner paper, a combined single volume might have been feasible; or, if not, three somewhat thinner volumes encompassing all names would have been more desirable than the present division by disciplines. This basic fault, however, should not detract from the unquestionable value that this standard directory of American science has and the editor and all concerned are to be congratulated on their thoroughness, high degree of accuracy, and adherence to their printing schedule.—R.L.T.

Transistors and Other Crystal Valves.

T. R. Scott. MacDonald & Evans, London; Essential Books, Fairlawn, N.J., 1955. xvi + 258 pp. \$7.20.

Scott's book offers an organized review of nearly 300 papers that are related to transistors. Although it contains little that is new, it provides a readable introduction to the subject, including considerable historical background.

The author's style is quite informal, and it is clear that he is writing for an engineering, rather than a scientific, audience. Considerable attention is devoted to a comparison of various commercial rectifier and transistor types and to discussions of their construction and operating characteristics. Almost every statement is documented by a reference to the large bibliography. The text includes a generous assortment of formulas and curves that describe the semiconductor phenomena under discussion.

The opening chapters describe the evolution of semiconductor work and review the principles of rectifier and transistor operation. A chapter is devoted to methods of making p-n junctions and the manner in which they function. Operating characteristics of various kinds of junction devices are presented and discussed. The text then gives a discussion of point-contact devices, followed by short sections on performance and circuitry. The chapter on the design and construction of high-frequency transistors includes discussions of unipolar devices and negative resistance diode amplifiers. After a review of compound semiconductors and a look into the future, the book concludes with one appendix on the band theory of semiconductors and another on testing techniques.

In a survey work of this kind, it was surprising to find that several important contributions were unmentioned; Kroemer's drift transistor and the photoelectromagnetic effect are examples. Moreover, there is a fairly liberal assortment of minor errors. Since this book gives only superficial treatment to transistor tech-

nology, it probably will be of limited value to most specialists in the field. On the other hand, it will be welcomed by newcomers who wish an opportunity to become acquainted with transistors without being required to struggle through the mathematical detail that is found in more advanced textbooks.

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