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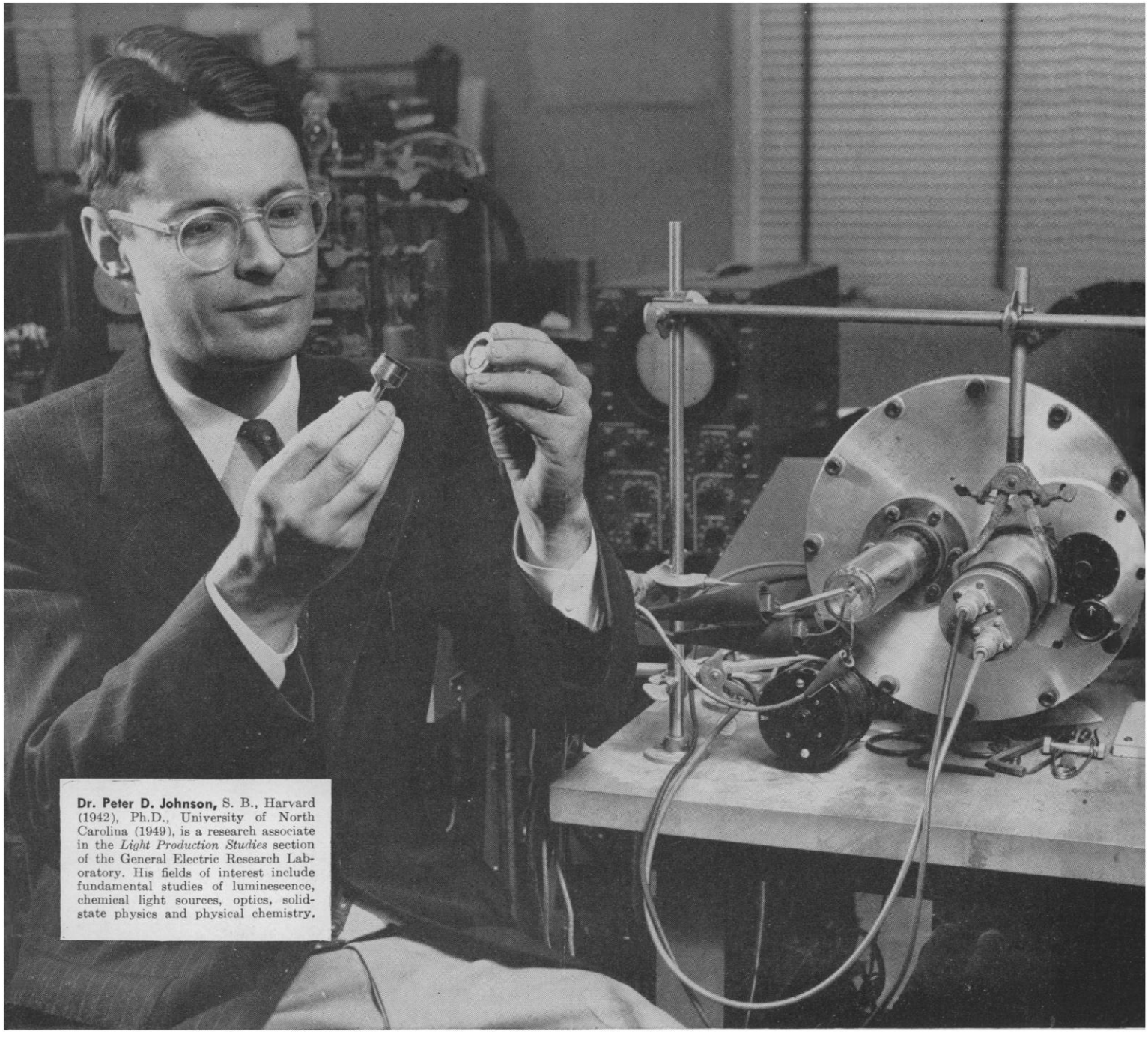

Dr. Peter D. Johnson, S. B., Harvard (1942), Ph.D., University of North Carolina (1949), is a research associate in the *Light Production Studies* section of the General Electric Research Laboratory. His fields of interest include fundamental studies of luminescence, chemical light sources, optics, solid-state physics and physical chemistry.

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Dr. Peter D. Johnson of General Electric explores activators in phosphors to improve tomorrow's lighting and television

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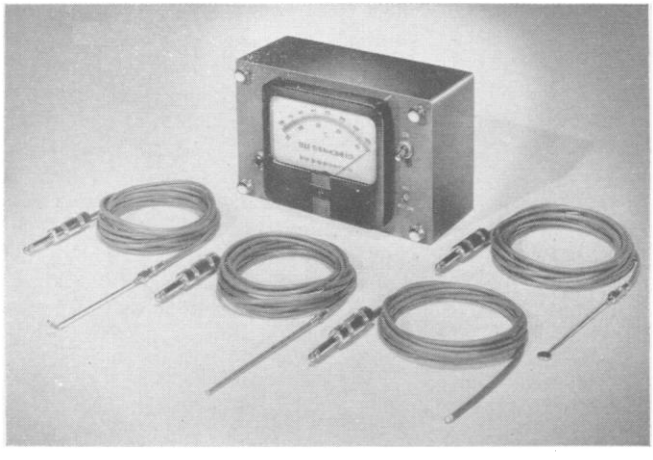

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