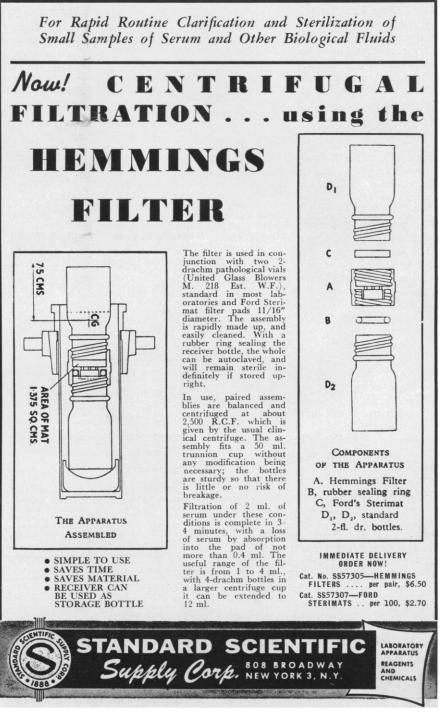
EQUIPMENT NEWS

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- TRANSISTOR CURVE TRACER displays characteristic curves of *p-n-p* and *n-p-n* transistors on the face of a cathode-ray tube. Four to 12 curves per family are traced with input current from 1 µa to 20 ma per step, or with input voltage from 0.01 to 0.2 v per step. Seven different characteristics can be plotted. (Tektronix, Inc., Dept. S501)
- INTEGRATING DENSITOMETER, for scanning paper electrophoretograms and chromatograms, furnishes two records. One is the curve of optical density, absorbance, or transmittance. The other is the integral of the first curve. The paper strip holder and scanning head will accept a wide variety of paper dimensions. (Matthew Laboratories, Dept. S515)
- COORDINATE CATHETOMETERS make both a horizontal and a vertical measurement in a vertical plane in one setting. The cathetometer consists of a microscope or telemicroscope mounted so that it can be moved on a vertical bar. This assembly in turn may be moved laterally on horizontal ways. Micrometer screws provide fine adjustments. Coordinate ranges from 2 by 2 in. to 42 by 42 in. are available. (Gaertner Scientific Corp., Dept. S516)
- METAL DETECTOR has an inspection aperture measuring 64 by 1½ in. through which the material to be checked passes. Magnetic or nonmagnetic metals are detected. Sensitivity is adjustable for detection of particles as small as 0.039 in. in diameter. Distortion by metal of the high-frequency electromagnetic field that is set up in the aperture creates an electric signal, which is amplified to trigger an alarm. Strip material can be inspected at speeds of from 10 to 1000 ft/min. (Radio Corporation of America, Dept. S518)
- CODING DISKS, for shaft-rotation analog-to-digital conversion, are now offered with nonlinear and decimal codes. The disks can be mounted in the manufacturer's standard 6- and 9-in. encoder housings. Decimal code disks up to 100,000 are available. Nonlinear disks can be produced if the original data can be placed on punched cards. Code disks are checked by automatic means to 1 sec of arc. (Baldwin Piano Co., Dept. S564)

- PULSE GENERATOR operates in the range from 1.6 to 10.4 Mcy/sec. Pulses are half sine wave and are adjustable in amplitude from 1 to 30 v. Five pulse widths are selectable in the range from 30 to 70 mµsec. (Burroughs Corp., Dept. S561)
- THICKNESS TESTER determines the thickness of plating and other metallic coatings deposited over various metals and nonmetals with accuracy of 90 to 95 percent. A calibration feature permits the instrument to be reset by checking with thickness standards. (Kocour Co., Dept. S558)
- SLIDE RULE FOR SIGHTLESS individuals employs tactile symbols in the form of raised brads systematically arranged and hammered into a 20-in. Log Log Duplex Decitrig slide rule. The slide rule, which was designed as a gift to a blind student of electrical engineering, yields precision better than 2 to 4 percent. (Keufel and Esser Co., Dept. S562)
- MILLIVOLTMETER for ultrahigh frequencies has a sensitivity of 3 mv and is usable from 1 kcy to 2000 Mcy/sec when operated with an accessory insertion unit. When the meter's probe is used, the upper frequency limit is 300 Mcy/



sec as a voltmeter or 2400 Mcy/sec as an indicator. Voltage range is 3 my to 10 v; or 9 mv to 500 v with dividers. (Federal Telephone and Radio Co., Dept. S539)

- DIGITAL-TO-ANALOG CONVERTER provides means for connection of the manufacturer's digital differential analyzers to analog computers or analog plotters. External standard voltage sources are used to provide outputs from four ten-turn potentiometers. Standard output resolution is 0.05 percent of full scale. Output accuracy can be held to ± 0.1 percent of full scale when potentiometers with 0.05 percent linearity are used. (Litton Industries, Dept. S543)
- oscillator furnishes a 1-Mcy/sec signal stable to 1 part in 108 per day. Output waveform may be either sinusoidal (3 v root-mean-square across 50 ohm) or pulse (40-v peak across 250 ohm). The pulse has a rise time of 20 musec. Usable harmonics extend to the kilomegacycle range. The fundamental frequency of the oscillator can be adjusted ± 25 cy/sec without loss of stability. Accuracy of setting is ± 0.01 cy/sec. A balanced mixer for determining unknown external frequencies is incorporated as an integral part. (Manson Laboratories, Inc., Dept. S544)
- WAVE-METER AND POWER-METER SET measures power and frequency from 500 to 1500 Mcy/sec at power levels of 0.5 to 2 w. The test set consists of a transmission line comprising a coaxial step attenuator and a coaxial direct-reading frequency meter. The line is terminated in a power-measuring thermistor mount and bridge. (Narda Corporation, Dept.
- ■IMPACT TESTER measures the energy lost by a swinging pendulum when it breaks through a sample. Pendulum swing distance is calculated from swing time measured to within 0.001 sec. Interchangeable striking heads permit simulation of different kinds of impact, while detachable pendulum weights provide for a wide range of impact strengths. (United States Testing Co., Inc., Dept. S548)
- POWER SUPPLY furnishes 100 ma at voltages variable from 200 to 325 v. Voltage is constant to better than ± 0.07 percent from zero to full load and to better than ± 0.005 percent for line-voltage variation of 105 to 125 v. Ripple is less than 200 µv root-mean-square. Internal impedance is less than 0.2 ohm from 5 cy to 10 kcy/sec and less than 3 ohm at any frequency and at direct current. (L.E.E. Inc., Dept. S510)

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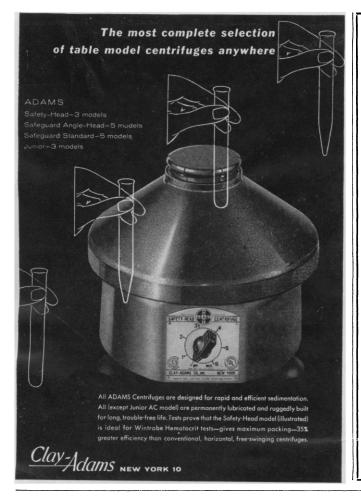
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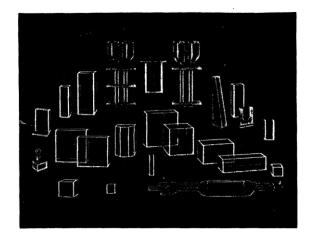
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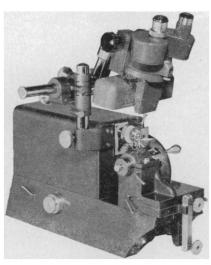


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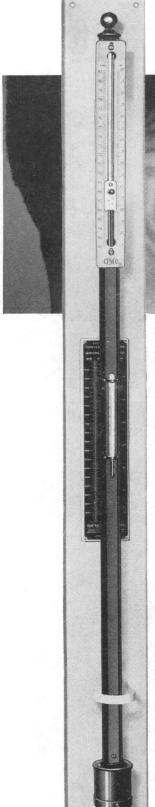


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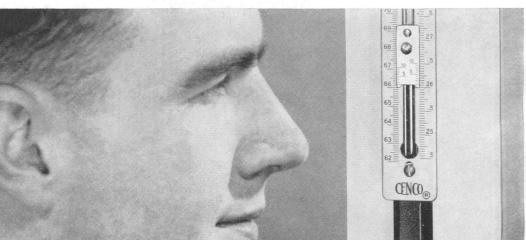
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