

9-13. Eastern Joint Computer Conf., Washington, D.C. (H. H. Goode, Dept. of Electrical Engr., Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor.)

9-22. Southeast Asia Soil Science Conf., 1st, Manila, Philippines. (I. G. Valencia, Bureau of Soils, P.O. Box 1848, Manila.)

13-14. Association for Research in Nervous and Mental Disease, 37th annual, New York, N.Y. (R. J. Masselink, 700 W. 168 St., New York 32.)

17-19. Nuclear Sizes and Density Distributions Conference, Stanford, Calif. (R. Hofstadter, Stanford Univ., Stanford, Calif.)

19-21. American Physical Soc., Stanford, Calif. (W. A. Nierenberg, Univ. of California, Berkeley 4.)

26-27. Northwest Scientific Assoc., annual, Spokane, Wash. (W. B. Merriam, Geography Dept., State College of Washington, Pullman.)

26-30. American Assoc. for the Advancement of Science, annual, Indianapolis, Ind. (R. L. Taylor, AAAS, 1515 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington 5.)

27. Association for Symbolic Logic, Cambridge, Mass. (J. Barlaz, Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, N.J.)

(See issue of 20 September for comprehensive list)

EQUIPMENT NEWS

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■ **PROJECTING MICROSCOPE**, manufactured in Switzerland, displays image on a 7-in.-diameter ground-glass screen. Magnifications are selectable from 7 to 2000. The image may be seen through an eyepiece as well as on the ground-glass screen without making any changes in the instrument. Features and accessories include bright- and dark-field illumination by transmitted or reflected light, polarizing equipment, mechanical stages, and photographic attachments. Available models include a comparing projector for direct comparison of two specimens on the same screen. Projection onto an outside screen for classroom demonstration can also be accomplished. (Alfred Hofmann and Co., Dept. S653)

■ **CAPACITANCE MEASURING DEVICE** is used with the manufacturer's pressure and displacement transducers. Frequency response is ± 5 percent from 0 to 15 kcy/sec. Capacitance is sensed by its effect on the resonance of a tuned circuit of which it is a component. The device is designed to plug into the Tektronix-530 and -540 series oscilloscopes. (Photocon Research Products, Dept. S656)

■ **GAS PURIFIER**, automatic in operation, delivers hydrogen with an oxygen content of less than 1 part per million and a dew point better than -100°F . Water is removed by two drying towers that are alternately switched into the gas stream. Oxygen is removed by catalytic reaction with hydrogen at room temperature. The equipment can be used with nitrogen, argon, helium, carbon dioxide, and saturated hydrocarbons. (Baker and Co., Inc., Dept. S658)

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sult in deviations of the gate from 1 sec. These deviations of gate time are measured by corresponding variations in the count displayed by the 1-Mcy/sec counter. Long-term stability is 3 parts per million, per week. (Computer Measurements Corp., Dept. S630)

■ **MAGNETIC-FIELD METER** measures static magnetic fields with an accuracy of ± 1 percent. The most sensitive range is 1 moer full scale; the least sensitive is 1 oer full scale. Four probes are supplied. Operation is on 115-v, 60-cy/sec power. (Magnaflux Corp., Dept. S643)

■ **DIGITAL RECORDER** works directly from the manufacturer's counters to record counts up to five times per second. The device also acts as a digital-to-analog converter, furnishing a current or a voltage proportional to the count for input into strip-chart recorders. The analog output corresponds to any three consecutive digits of the count. Digit capacity is either 6 or 11 digits per line. Data are printed out on 3-in. roll or folded paper. (Hewlett-Packard Co., Dept. S652)

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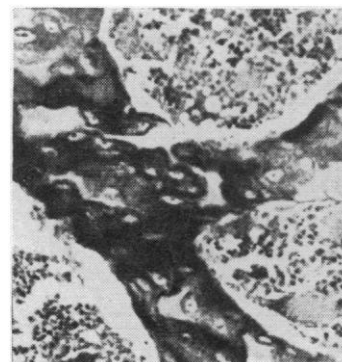


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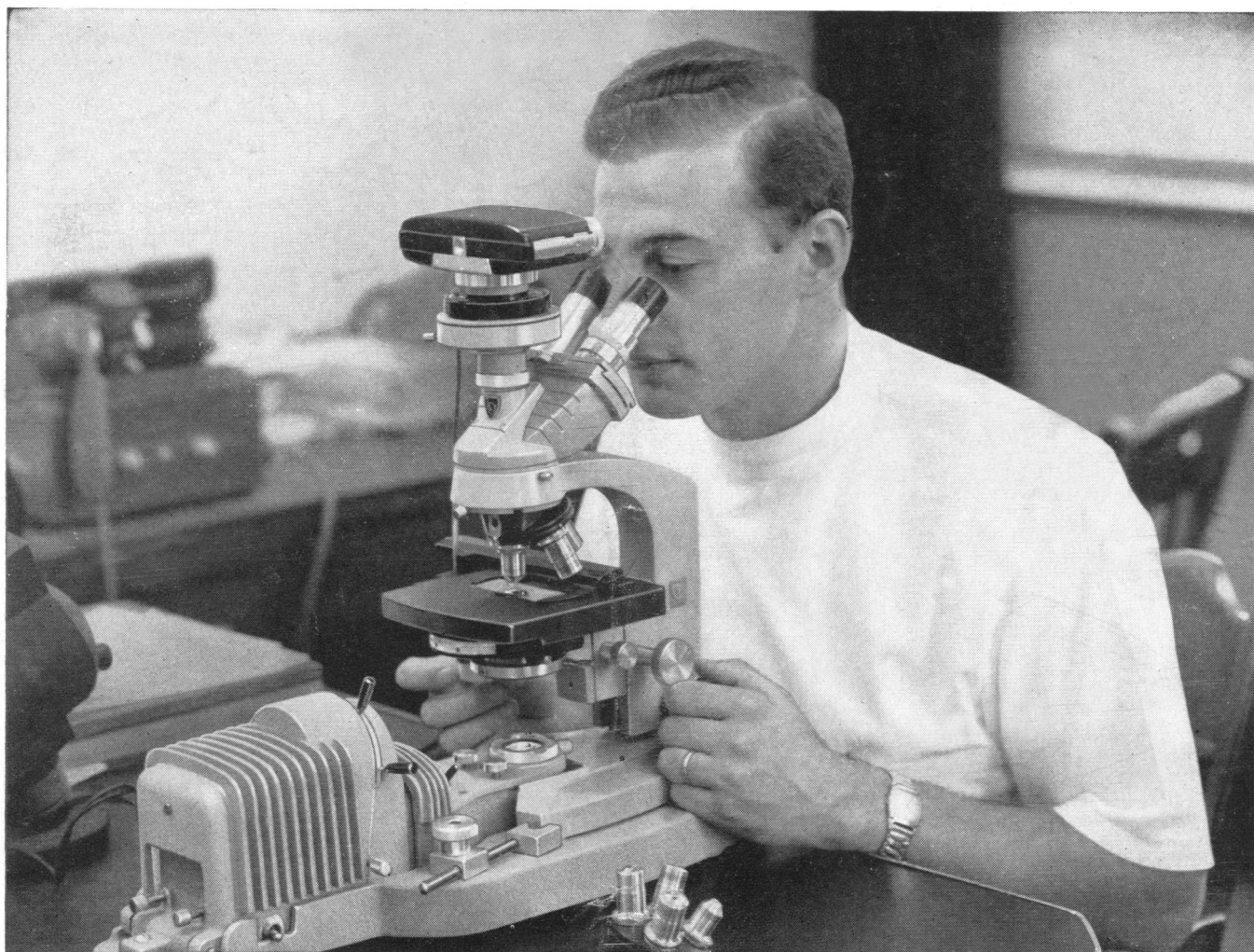
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