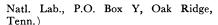
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24-29. First All-India Cong. of Zoology, Jabalpur. (B. S. Chauhan, Zoological Survey of India, 34 Chittaranjan Ave., Calcutta 12.)

27-27. Griseofulvin and Dermatomycoses, intern. symp., Miami, Fla. (H. Blank, Dept. of Dermatology, Univ. of Miami School of Medicine, Miami 36.)

26-28. Aeronautical and Navigation Electronics, IRE conf., Baltimore, Md. (L. G. Cumming, IRE, 1 E. 79 St., New York 21.)

26–28. Analytical Chemistry in Nuclear Reactor Technology, 3rd conf., Gatlinburg, Tenn. (C. D. Susano, Oak Ridge



26-28. Gas Lubricated Bearings, 1st intern. symp., Washington, D.C. (S. W. Doroff, Power Branch, Office of Naval Research, Washington 25.)

26–28. National Rehabilitation Assoc., Boston, Mass. (E. D. Callahan, 14 Court Square, Boston 8.)

26-28. Society of Automotive Engineers, natl. transportation meeting, Chicago, Ill. (R. W. Crory, SAE, 485 Lexington Ave., New York 17.)

26-30. Society of Photographic Scientists and Engineers, natl. conf., Chicago, Ill. (SPSE, Box 1609, Main Post Office, Washington, D.C.)



New Products

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• VECTOR IMPEDANCE LOCUS PLOTTER is a portable laboratory instrument designed to measure continuously and plot automatically and simultaneously the rectangular components, resistance and reactance, of the equivalent complex impedance of any passive electrical element. (Chesapeake Instrument Corp., Dept. 1)

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■ RESONANT REED RELAY responds by contact closure, for a fraction of each cycle, to signals of proper frequency. A typical relay provides 32 channels from 30 to 1000 cy/sec with bandwidths less than 1.5 percent and sensitivity of 1.5 mw. Frequency variation with temperature is less than ± 0.5 percent from -60° to $+150^{\circ}$ F. The device is resistant to vibration up to 10 g in the plane of reed motion and to 20 g in the other axes for vibration frequencies between 20 and 800 cy/sec. Size is $\frac{1}{2}$ in.² by $\frac{1}{8}$ in. (Wurlitzer, Dept. 8)

■ FUNCTION GENERATOR contains up to ten curves, each printed on a thin plastic sheet, all of which are pressed together into a single laminated sheet approximately 3/64 in. thick. The laminated sheet is made to fit the manufacturer's recorder-curve follower. A cable-connected switch unit permits selection of individual curves to be followed. Any desired function can be printed. An initial model contains ten common functions. (F. L. Moseley, Dept. 6)

• X-Y RECORDER consists of an 11-by-17in. plotter with separate input modules for general-purpose, computer, low-level differential, time-base, curve-following, and other specialized functions. Function modules are remotely operated. Internal calibration, accurate to ± 0.05 percent, is provided by a Zener diode reference. Record paper is held down by vacuum. (Electro Instruments, Dept. 5)

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• ESTERS are described in 48-page booklet which outlines the properties and applications of 26 esters. Basic reference data are provided by 27 graphs and tables which show evaporation rates, viscosities of solutions, dilution ratios, specific gravities, constant boiling mixtures, and other properties. A detailed bibliography is included (Union Carbide Chemicals, Dept. 15)

• ENVIRONMENTAL TEST CHAMBER is designed to fit into a standard 19-in. relay rack. Chamber volume is 1.5 ft³. The unit is furnished with indicating controller, forced-air circulator, electric heating, and direct refrigeration; it is available mounted or separate. (Conrad, Dept. 14)

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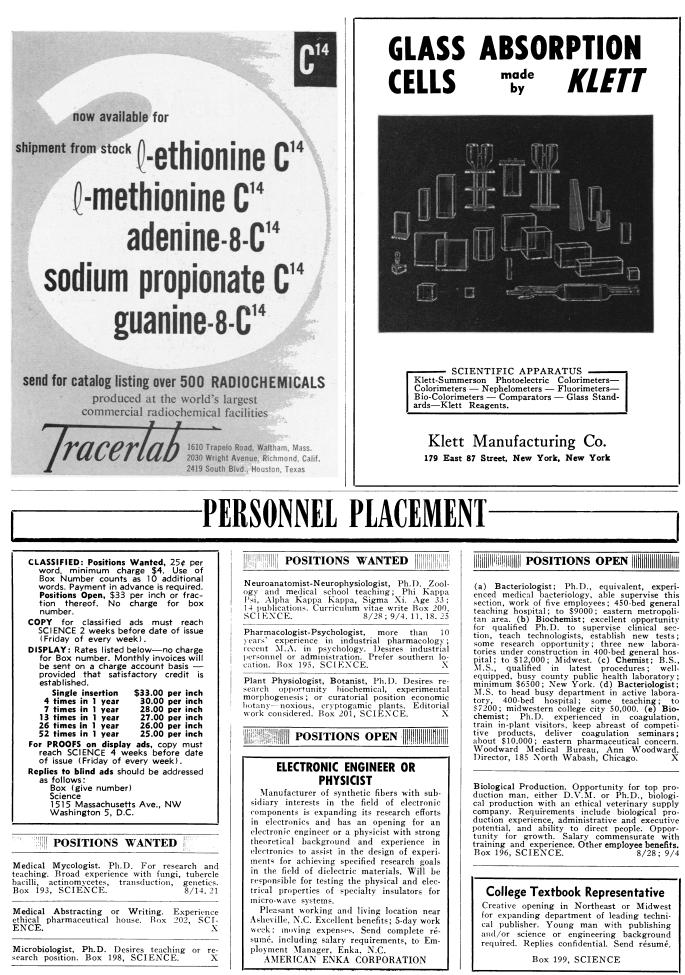
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