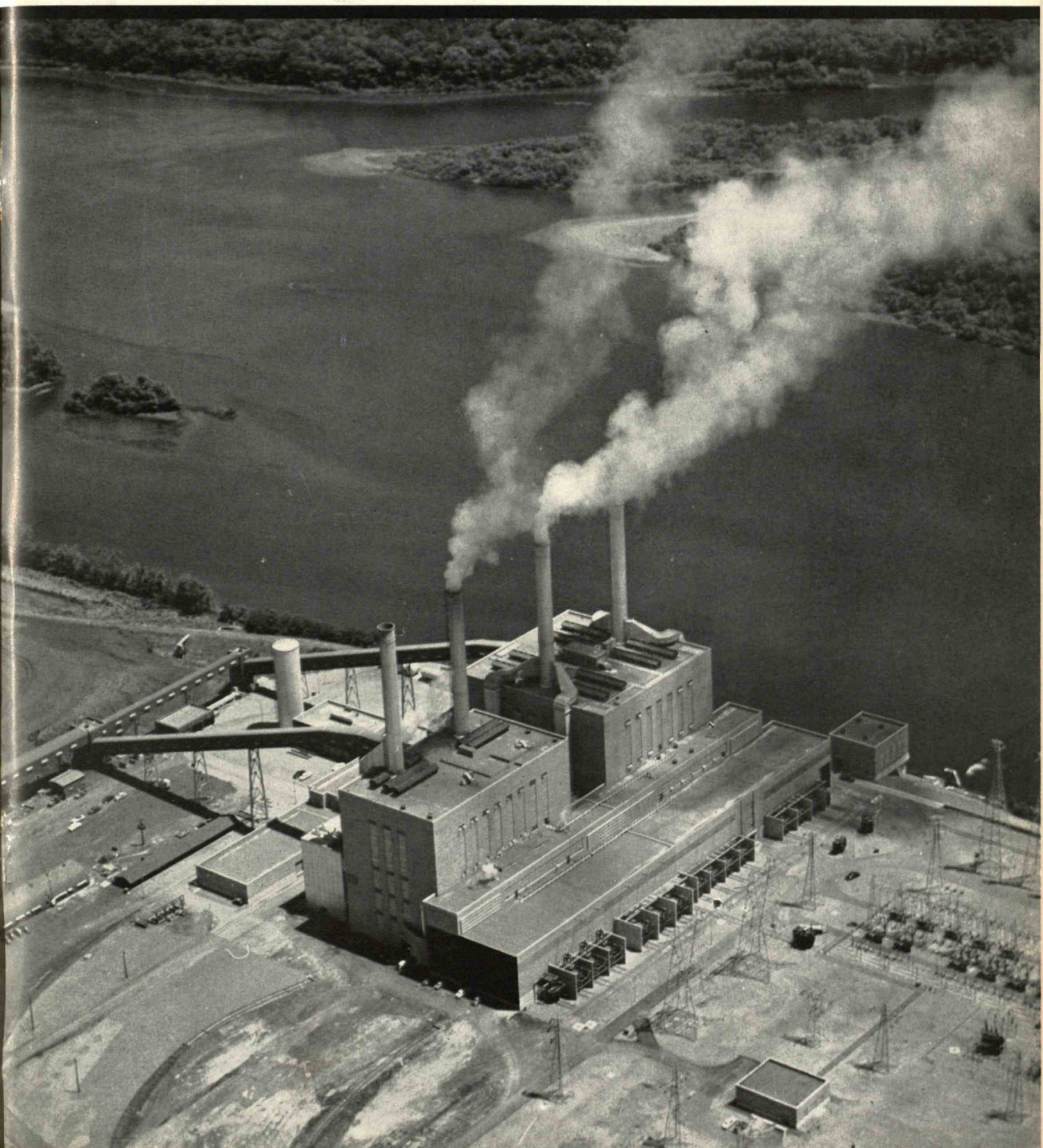


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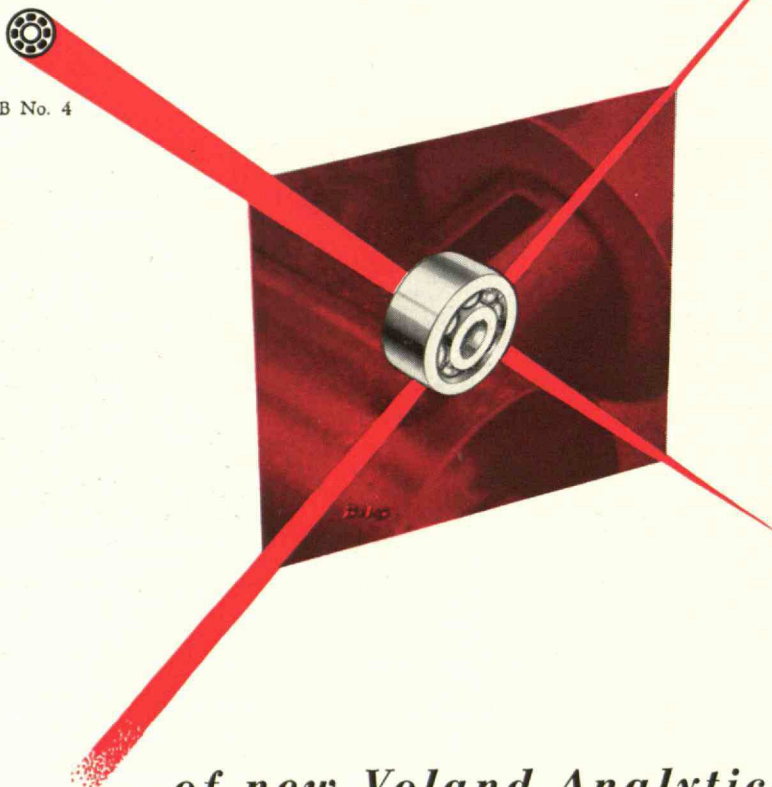
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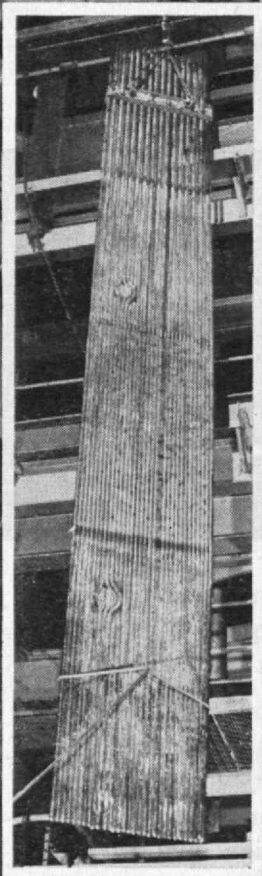
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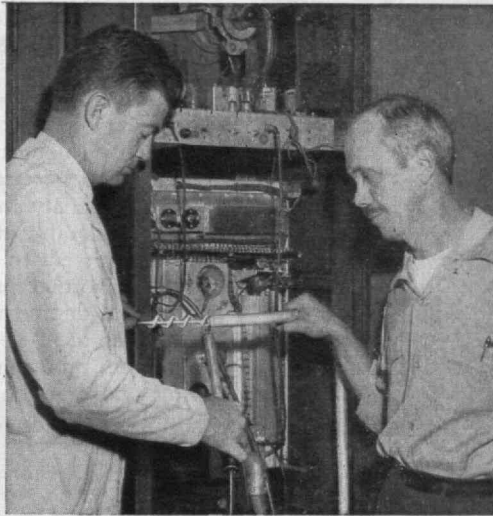
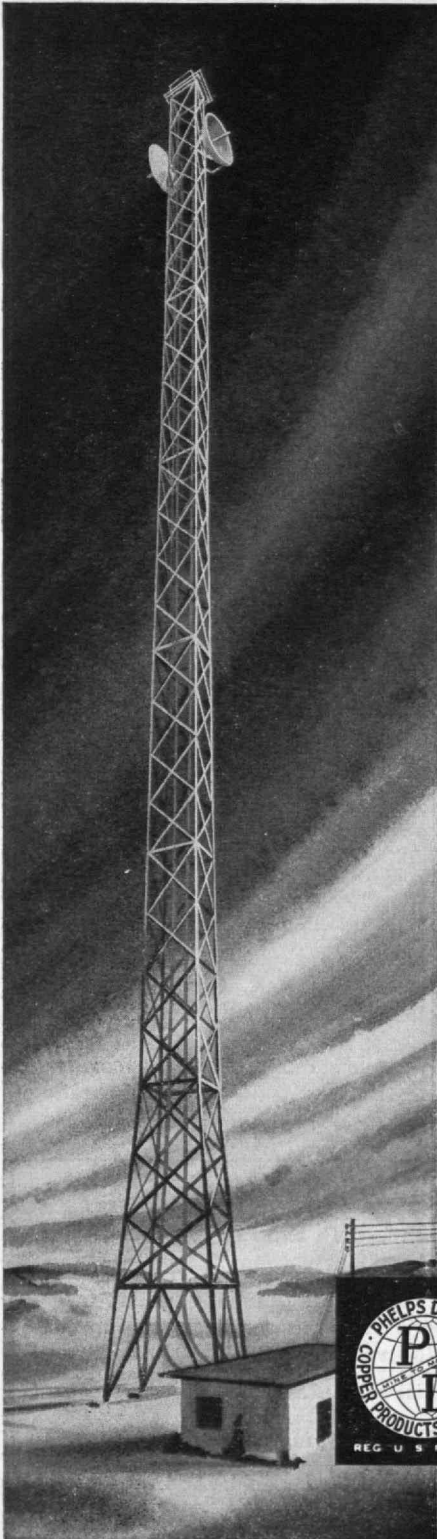
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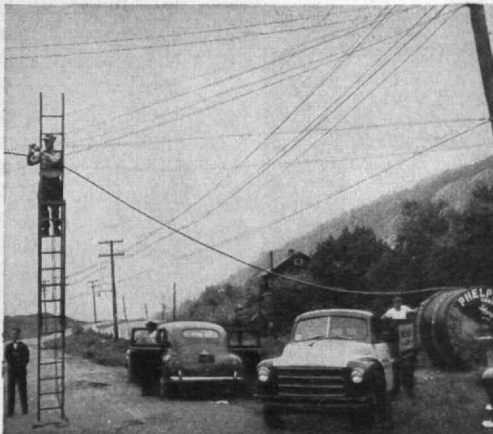


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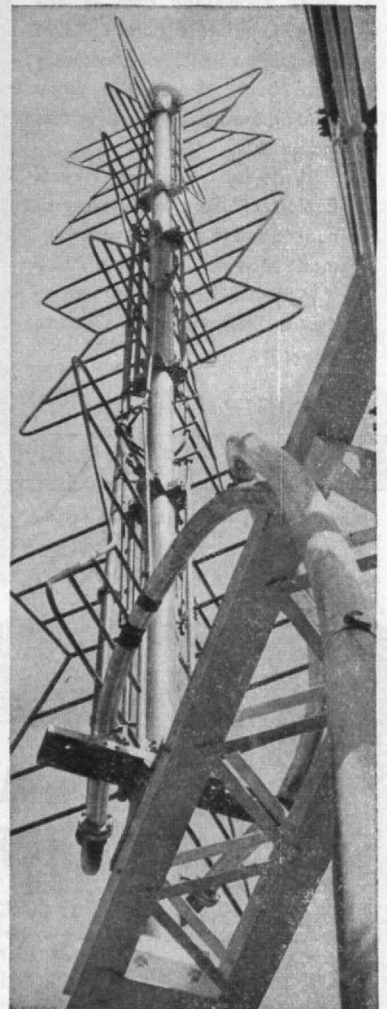
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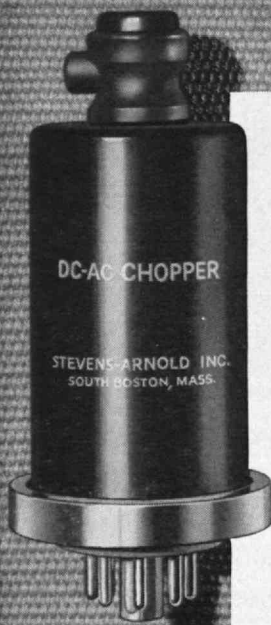
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Maturity.—The second and concluding part of an article, "Maturity through Student Counseling" (page 186), by DR. DANA L. FARNSWORTH describes the system of student counseling now in operation at the Institute. In the present system, which was developed while Dr. Farnsworth was head of the Institute's Medical Department, the difficulties which incoming students face in making the transition from preparatory school, or college life, are minimized through a counseling program that brings the new student into contact with Faculty members, as well as with upperclassmen, and makes full use of the principles outlined by Dr. Farnsworth in the January 1955, Technology Review. Dr. Farnsworth is a native of Troy, W. Va., and as recorded in his biographical data in this section of The Review last month (page 126), he was graduated from the Harvard Medical School in 1933. Technology's loss was Harvard's gain last summer, when Dr. Farnsworth became Henry K. Oliver Professor of Hygiene and Director of the University Health Services.

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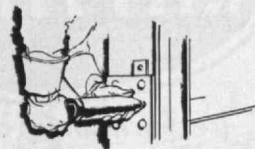
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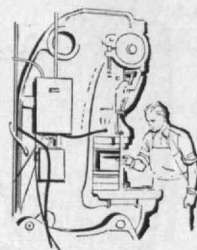
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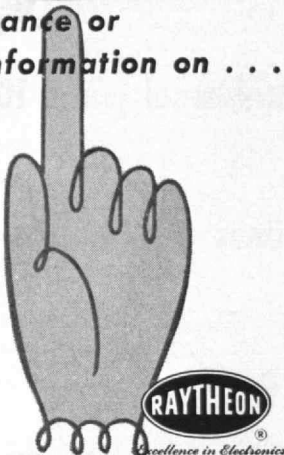


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engineers—as a result of their professional training—is a valuable asset in public life. Engineers are called upon, in increasing numbers, to place their powers of logic, analysis, and objectivity at service in the public welfare through greater participation in political affairs. This exhortation is made in an article "Engineers in Politics" (page 189) by THOMAS C. DESMOND, '09, who was graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard University in 1908 and from the Institute's Course in Civil Engineering the following year. For two decades, thereafter, he headed his own firm of consulting and contracting engineers, until his retirement from engineering work in 1929. Since 1930 he has been a Senator in the New York State Legislature, having recently been elected to serve his 25th consecutive year in that post. Senator Desmond was awarded the degree of doctor of humane letters from Union College in 1939. He has been active in alumni matters, a member of many Visiting Committees and, since 1941, has been a life member of the M.I.T. Corporation. Dr. Desmond's own engineering and legislative life lend convincing emphasis to the views expressed here.

Foresight.—There's more than meets the eye in the study (page 191) which FREDERIC W. NORDSIEK, '31, makes of human vision and the most common of optical aids—eyeglasses. Mr. Nordsiek, a skilled writer with more than 100 articles to his credit in the last decade, outlines the basic mechanism of human vision, discusses optical tests and methods of correcting the more common visual defects, discusses the assembly of eyeglasses—and sends the patient on his way with 20/20 vision. Mr. Nordsiek has been an editorial associate of The Review since 1944. Accordingly, he is well known to Review readers, not alone for the signed feature articles which appear in each volume, but also through the shorter, unsigned pieces in the Trend of Affairs section, which appear in almost every issue. Since his graduation from the Course in Biology and Public Health in 1931, Mr. Nordsiek has had a varied and interesting professional career devoted to various aspects of public health or the food industry. For the past several years he has been engaged in administering research grants for the American Cancer Society.

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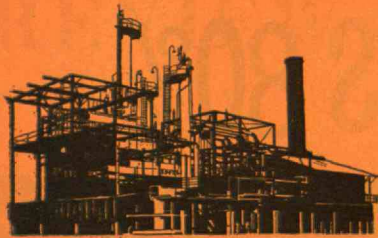
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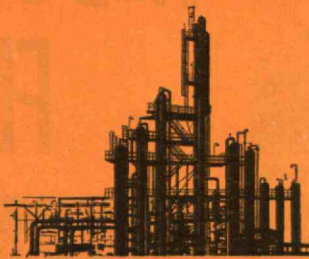
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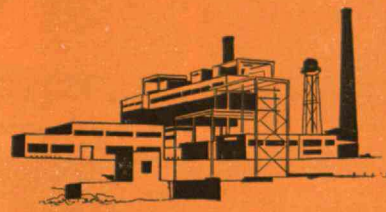
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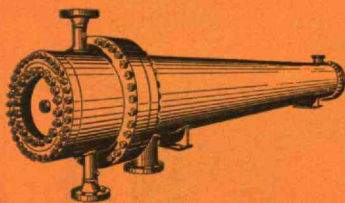


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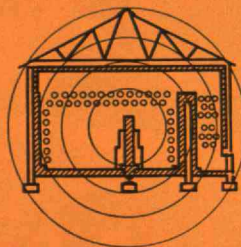


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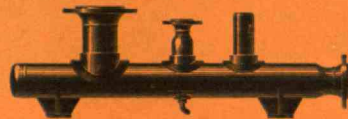
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