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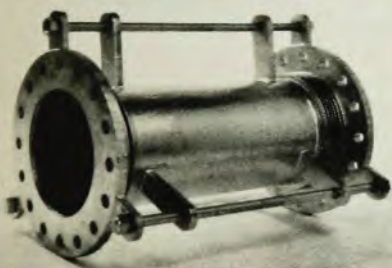
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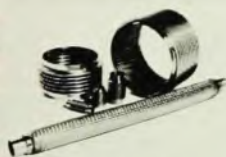
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by lost to most people in the field.

Let me repeat that these papers should constitute only a small fraction of the total content of the *Physical Review*. I have not been aware that they were making a major encroachment into that content—if so, of course, a balance should be sought, but not total exclusion. With wise refereeing, I am convinced these papers can make a useful contribution. Therefore, for the cause of the health and vitality of the pursuit of physics, I urge that this decision be reconsidered and reevaluated.

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Epoxy eater

For many years, low-temperature physicists have used GE-7031 varnish to attach sensors, wires, and a myriad of other applications. It is particularly useful and generally does an excellent job in this application. However, as in the case of most good things, problems can develop and I'm hopeful that through this letter to you, we can alert the physics community. Many manufacturers of temperature sensors utilize epoxy for encapsulation and strain reliefs. This is also an accepted practice and, again, we have no quarrel with it.

We, as a cryogenic manufacturer, participate in at least one conversation a week with a scientist who has used 7031 unwittingly on the epoxy and suddenly acquired failure of the sensor. This is embarrassing to the scientist and to the supplier and, as a supplier, I can assure you of our distress. The culprit is xylene, which is the carrier that the varnish is manufactured with. Xylene is an epoxy eater without peer. We have successfully demonstrated that the varnish can be used without jeopardy when used in small amounts.

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Large array complaint

I was very much impressed by Kenneth Kellerman's description of the Very Large Array radio telescope system in the October 1973 issue (page 38). This large, sophisticated and incredibly costly piece of equipment will undoubtedly do the same thing for radio astronomy, astrophysics and cosmology that the National Accelerator Laboratory has already done for high-energy physics, namely, absorb a large fraction of available federal research funds and thus create more unemployment.

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