

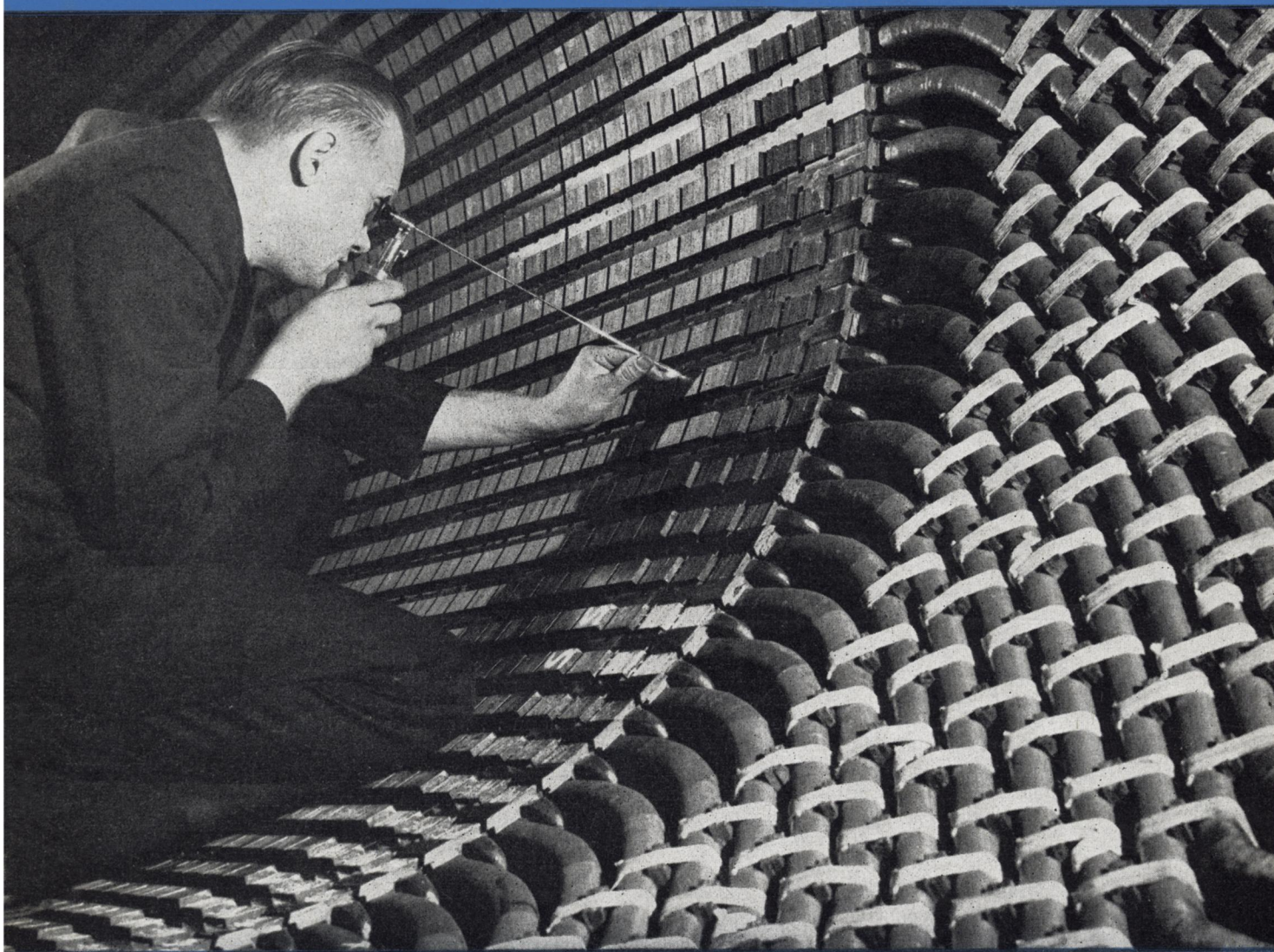
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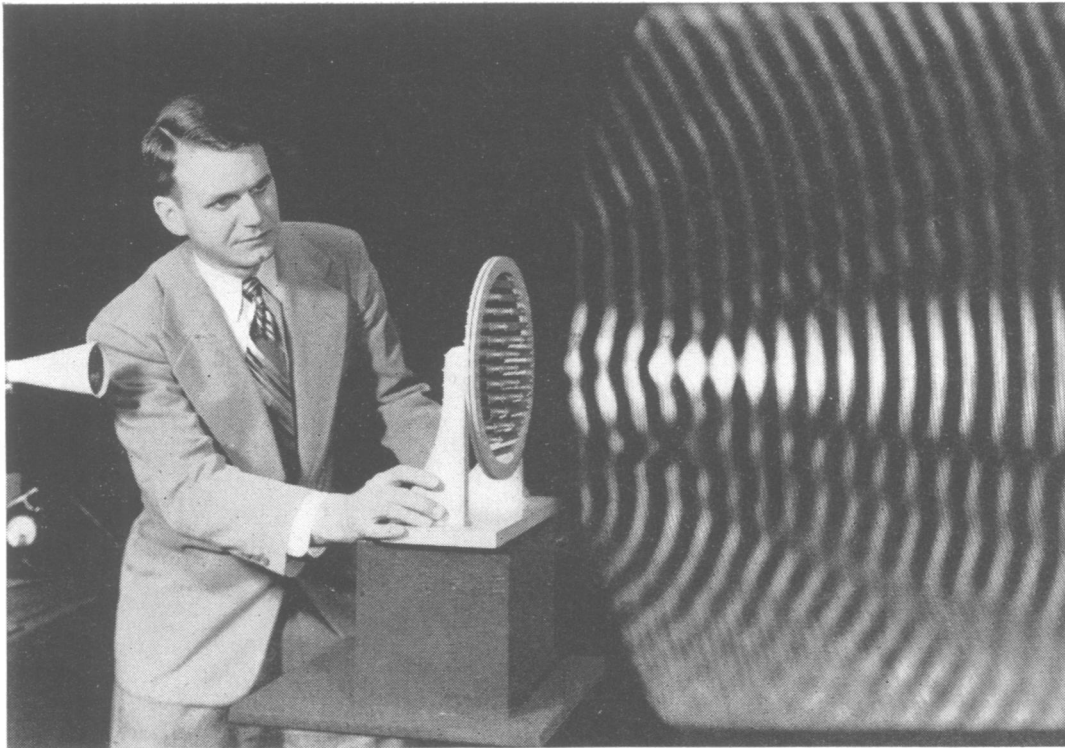
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## WAVE MAKING

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Waves from the sound source at left are focused by the lens at center. In front of the lens, a moving arm (not shown) scans the wave field with a tiny microphone and neon lamp. The microphone picks up sound energy and sends it through amplifiers to the lamp. The lamp glows brightly where sound level is high, dims where it is low. This new technique pictures accurately the focusing effect of the lens. Similar lenses efficiently focus microwaves in radio relay transmission.

At Bell Telephone Laboratories, radio scientists devised their latest microwave lens by copying the molecular action of optical lenses in focusing light. The result was a radically new type of lens—the array of metal strips shown in the illustration. Giant metal strip lenses are used in the new microwave link for telephone and television between New York and Chicago.

The scientists went on to discover that the

very same type of lens could also focus sound . . . thus help, too, in the study of sound radiation . . . another field of great importance to your telephone system.

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