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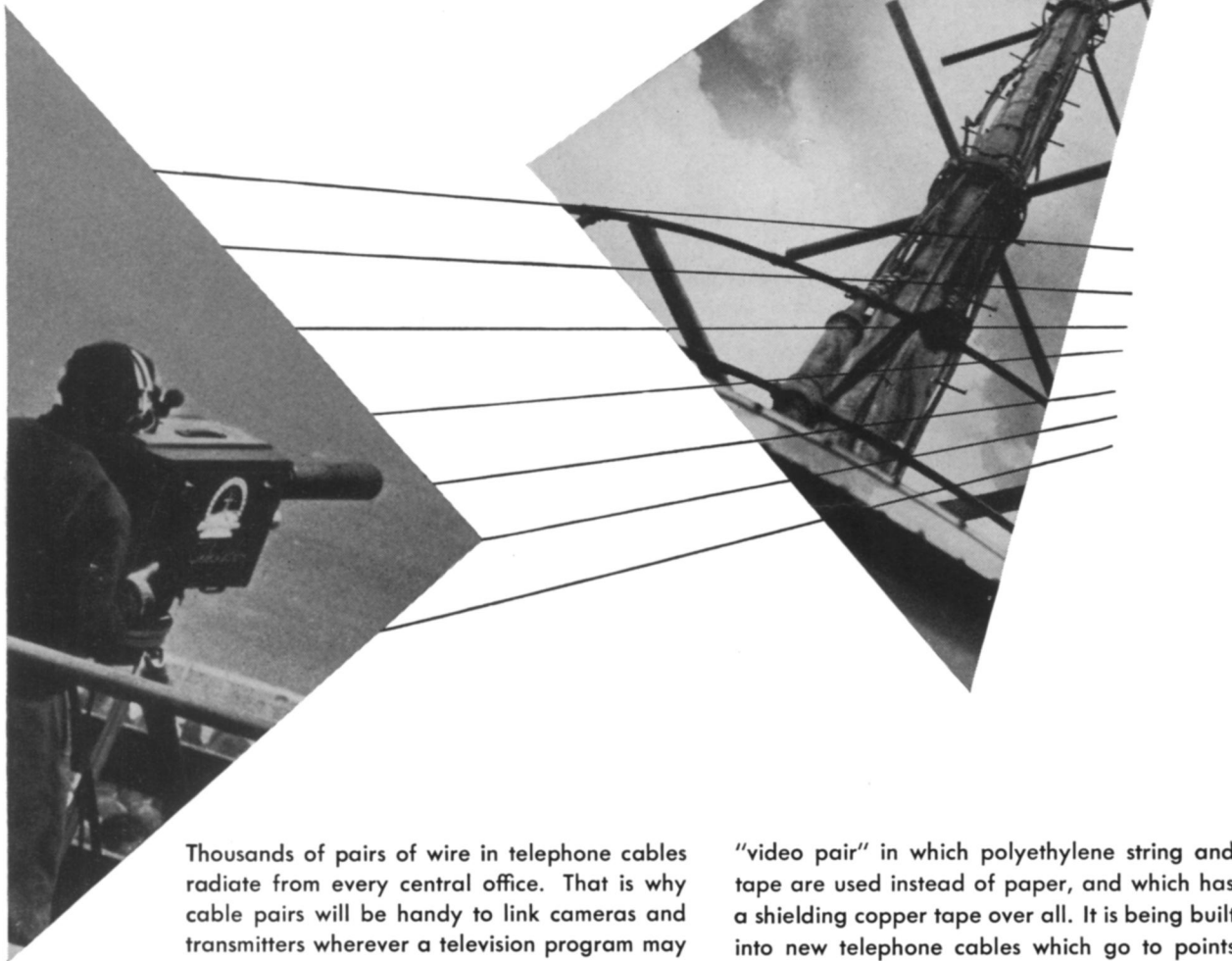


**Long-Necked Immigrants**

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# Television stations get programs by telephone lines, too



Thousands of pairs of wire in telephone cables radiate from every central office. That is why cable pairs will be handy to link cameras and transmitters wherever a television program may originate.

Since cable pairs are designed first for voice transmission—top frequency, about 3200 cycles per second—the loss at picture frequencies up to 4,000,000 cycles is high, so an amplifier is inserted about every mile. Equalizing networks are also needed to bring the losses at all frequencies to the same value.

Recently, the Laboratories have developed a

“video pair” in which polyethylene string and tape are used instead of paper, and which has a shielding copper tape over all. It is being built into new telephone cables which go to points where television programs are certain to originate. Losses are so much less that amplifiers can be four miles apart.

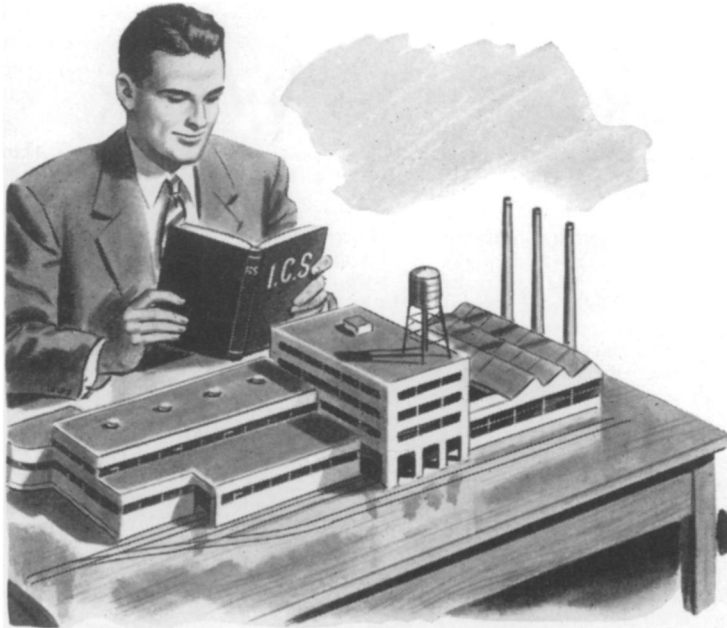
Inside an all-weather sheath, “video” travels safely and reliably alongside your telephone call, a sound program, telegraph signals, pictures for tomorrow’s papers. This service of the telephone cable was ready when television needed it because of Bell Laboratories activity.



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