free end but becomes more abrupt and localized for the load close to the clamped end. It would be expected, therefore, that for equivalent accuracies, N in Eqs. (10) would have to have a larger value for a load near the clamped end than would be required if the load were near the free end. It was found, however, that the conditioning of the simultaneous equations that must be solved for  $a_{mn}$ ,  $b_{mn}$ , and  $c_{mn}$  was poorer for the loads near the clamped end and that this produced erratic results if N was made too large. That is, rounding off errors in the numerical solution of the simultaneous algebraic equations produced serious discrepancies in the results. Improved numerical methods for solving simultaneous equations would alleviate this difficulty. The values of N for the theoretical results of Figs. 5 and 6 are 15 and 12, respectively.

The last four terms inside the second integral of Eq. (2) are usually neglected in thin-shell theory. Computations with the similar expression for the strain energy produced results that differed only slightly from those using all of the terms in Eq. (2), with the latter case producing generally better agreement with the experimental results. It is expected that for a smoother loading, the difference in the two energy expressions would have a negligible effect. It is also felt that for a smoothly varying load, the agreement between theory and experiment, with N = 15, would be satisfactory for engineering computations and would be expected to produce better agreement than has been obtained for the concentrated load. This is evidenced by the satisfactory agreement of the displacements for the load near the free end where the longitudinal variation is smooth.

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Dr. R. E. Gibson, Director of the Applied Physics Laboratory, recently announced a change in the composition of the Editorial Board of the APL Technical Digest, as reflected on the inside cover of this issue. Dr. Albert M. Stone, former Chairman, and Dr. Walter G. Berl have retired from the Board. Dr. Samuel N. Foner has been appointed Chairman and Dr. Alvin G. Schulz and Dr. Donald J. Williams have been named to Board membership.

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Dr. Stone recommended, early in 1961, that the Applied Physics Laboratory establish a journal of science whose purpose would be to disseminate by clear, factual reporting the scientific and technical work of the Laboratory. He can rightly, therefore, be recorded as the founder of the Digest. Under his leadership the APL Technical Digest has become a serious outlet for Laboratory publications and has contributed to a better understanding of the work of the Laboratory.

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