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- 12 THE STORY OF TIME:** No, we're not kidding. If you think about it for a second (or a decimal minute), you'll realise that the passage of time is one of the most significant factors to affect our daily lives. But how *accurate* should our clock-watching be? John Day wondered too...
- 19 EQUIPMENT REVIEW — YAESU FT-26:** Yaesu's line of hand-held transceivers has improved out of sight in the past couple of years, with more features more sensibly laid-out in more attractive and more functional designs. Here's a newcomer which is due soon...
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Cover: Nothing like a bit of excitement to drag 'em out of the woodwork! Simultaneous weather balloon launches from Melbourne and Shepparton carrying two metre transmitters with data and voice announcements saw confirmed reception reports from hundreds of kilometres around. **Inset:** The new Yaesu FT-26 takes over from where the Icom IC-2SA left off — a maximum number of features from a minimum number of controls. Tom Moffat checked it out eight months ago... and we've been sitting on his report while waiting for production to commence.

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