FETRON, solid state vacuum tube replacement

fet·ron (fet' rän) n. [ModE. < L. - semiconductus < fetum (? akin to FET, transistor), + RON (< Molaysian), orig. with reference to a solid state tube replacement introduced by Teledyne Semiconductor in 1972] 1. An answer to improved performance and 100 year life of existing vacuum tube electronics gear 2. A cost reduction for companies maintaining large vacuum tube systems 3. A method of reducing the cooling requirements in buildings containing large quantities of vacuum tubes 4. A method of reducing electric bills due to elimination of filament current 5. [Adv.] The greatest thing since the winning of the West



