

Meetings of state weights and measures associations have in a few instances been cancelled this year. However, most of the officials of the state associations of weights and measures, which have normally held meetings each year, have held regular meetings during 1942, in Connecticut, Minnesota, Indiana, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Texas and Virginia. Meetings scheduled for the remainder of 1942 include The California Weights and Measures Association, at Bakersfield, Calif., on October 21, 22 and 23, and the Ohio Weights and Measures Association at Columbus, Ohio, on December 1, 2 and 3.

### THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

THE Industrial Research Institute met in Buffalo, N. Y., on September 4 and 5, with headquarters at the Hotel Statler. Seventy-five industrial executives and research directors, representing member companies, and their guests participated in round-table discussions of current research management problems.

Patent trends and pending legislation were reviewed by H. S. Demaree, head of the Patent Department of the Hoover Company, Chicago, at the opening session on Friday morning. Following this, E. R. Schaeffer, chief of the Safety and Technical Equipment Branch, War Production Board, outlined the Production Requirements Plan and its effect on research laboratories. The mass spectrometer as a new research tool was described by Harold Washburn, of Consolidated Engineers, Pasadena.

The group spent Friday afternoon inspecting the new assembly plant of the Curtiss-Wright Corporation in Buffalo, and witnessed performance tests of the P-40 pursuit planes produced by this company. Frederic Flader, chief engineer of Curtiss-Wright, made an address at an informal dinner that evening on research and its trends in the aviation industry.

The principal speaker at the Saturday morning round-table session was C. E. K. Mees, vice-president and director of research of the Eastman Kodak Company, who outlined his philosophy of the direction of research based on thirty-five years' experience. Discussion of other current problems presented from the floor by members and a business meeting concluded the formal program. It is proposed to publish a monograph on the organization of industrial research laboratories. This will be based on member experience and should serve as a reliable reference work.

The institute, an affiliate of the National Research Council, undertakes to promote improvement of methods and more economical and effective management in industrial research through the cooperative efforts of its members. The membership is composed

of forty-six industrial concerns maintaining research laboratories, represented by the executives in charge. The headquarters of the institute are at 60 East 42nd Street, New York, having been moved recently from Chicago.

Harvey S. Benson, administrative engineer, United Shoe Machinery Corporation, Beverly, Mass., is chairman of the executive committee. William R. Hainsworth, vice-president, Servel, Inc., New York, is vice-chairman. Other members of the committee are F. W. Blair, director of the Chemical Division, the Procter and Gamble Company, Ivorydale, Ohio; Caryl P. Haskins, president, Haskins Laboratories, New York; Maurice Holland, Division of Engineering and Industrial Research, National Research Council; R. C. Newton, vice-president, Swift and Company, Chicago; Philip W. Pillsbury, president, Pillsbury Flour Mills Company, Minneapolis; and Harold K. Work, manager of research and development, Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh.

### CLINICAL CONGRESS OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

THE 1942 Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons, originally scheduled for October at the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, which was taken over on August 1 by the U. S. Army Air Corps, will be held from November 17 to 20 in Cleveland, with headquarters at the Cleveland Public Auditorium, according to an announcement from the headquarters of the college in Chicago. The twenty-fifth annual Hospital Standardization Conference sponsored by the college will be held simultaneously.

The program of panel discussions, clinical conferences, scientific sessions, hospital meetings and medical motion picture exhibitions at headquarters, and operative clinics and demonstrations in the local hospitals and Western Reserve University School of Medicine has been centered around the many medical and surgical problems arising out of the prosecution of an all-out effort to win the war, emphasizing the needs of the rapidly expanding medical services of the Army and the Navy, and consideration of special problems related to the increasing activities for civilian defense.

The program of both meetings will begin with a joint general assembly on Tuesday morning, November 17, with addresses by Surgeon General James C. Magee, of the Medical Corps, U. S. Army; Surgeon General Ross T. McIntire, of the Medical Corps, U. S. Navy; Surgeon General Thomas Parran, of the U. S. Public Health Service; Lieutenant Colonel George Baehr, chief medical officer of the U. S. Office of Civilian Defense; Dr. Frank H. Lahey, chairman of the directing board of the Procurement and Assignment Service; Dr. Irvin Abell, chairman of the Board of