

News and Notes

About People

Emerson Day, associate professor of public health and preventive medicine at Cornell University Medical College, has been appointed director of the Kate Depew Strang Cancer Prevention Clinic, a part of Memorial Center for Cancer and Allied Diseases, in New York City. Dr. Day will assume his post September 1.

Glenn Glauser has been appointed director of development of Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. Glauser was former director of government liaison and special services for the Community Chests of America and the United Service Organizations, Inc.

Franz Newell Devereux Kurie and **John Milton Miller** have been appointed special consultants to E. O. Hulburt, director of research at the Naval Research Laboratory. Dr. Kurie, at present superintendent of the Nucleonics Division, will plan research programs in the field of nuclear physics and nucleonics. Dr. Miller, superintendent of Radio Division I, will serve as consultant in electronic research and development.

William deBerniere MacNider, Kenan Research Professor of Pharmacology at the University of North Carolina, retired July 1. Dr. MacNider had been a member of the faculty of the School of Medicine for 51 years.

L. Corsan Reid has been appointed as professor of experimental surgery at the New York University Post-Graduate Medical School, a unit of the New York University-Bellevue Medical Center. Dr. Reid has served since 1946 as an associate professor of physiology at the university's College of Medicine.

Tufts College Medical School, Boston, has appointed **Henry Sable**, of the University of Toronto, and **Thomas R. Riggs** as instructors in the Department of Biochemistry and Nutrition.

J. Leon Shereshefsky, professor and head of the Chemistry Department of Howard University, Washington, D. C., will serve as visiting professor of physical chemistry at the Hebrew Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel, for the academic year 1950-51.

Gerald F. Tape, formerly associate professor of physics at the University of Illinois, has joined the scientific staff of Brookhaven National Laboratory to assist Leland J. Haworth, director. Dr. Tape worked on radar development at the Malvern, England, branch of Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Radiation Laboratory during World War II.

Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, recently made five new appointments to its science staff. **Alfred E. Wilhelmi**, formerly of Yale University, will head the Department of Biochemistry, and his wife, **Jane A. Russell**, will be assistant professor of biochemistry. **Rolla Eugene Dyer**, director of the Division of Infectious Diseases, U. S. Public Health Service, has been appointed director of research in the university's Winship Clinic. Other appointments in the School of Medicine are **Richard E. Boger**, assistant in pediatrics, and **Bernard S. Lipman**, assistant in medicine.

William S. Wilson, head of the Department of Chemistry, University of Alaska, has been appointed acting director of the university's Geophysical Institute, College, Alaska.

Visitors

R. T. Bell, of the Department of Chemistry, Balliol College, Oxford University, England, visited Iowa State College's Institute for Atomic Research, June 26-29.

The Connecticut State Department of Health recently has had as visitors the following: **Guillermo Adriaola**, who has been a health officer in Chile, and who expects to take over

maternal and child health services within the National Health Insurance Program on his return to that country; **Ruperto Angodung**, district health officer, of Bacolod, Negros, Occidental, the Philippines; **Masayasu Kusumoto**, chief of the Health Center Section, Public Sanitation Bureau, Japanese Ministry of Welfare; **Eyvind Ek**, medical officer with the Oslo, Norway, Department of Health, and assistant director of Oslo's maternal and child health programs; **Oscar C. Chacon** and **Gerardo B. Neri**, of the Philippines; **Nouhad N. Beyhum**, Lebanon, who will return to the Lebanese Ministry of Health, where he will be in charge of communicable diseases; and **Hildegard Rothmund**, Germany, who will return to that country as a country health officer.

Grants and Awards

The American Chemical Society's Western New York Section has given the 1950 Schoellkopf Medal to Joseph Harrison Brennan, chief metallurgist, Electro Metallurgical Division, Union Carbide and Carbon Corporation, in recognition of his contributions to the metallurgical practices of the ferro-alloy industry.

Awards for 50 new projects were included in **National Cancer Institute** grants totaling \$1,160,818 for support of cancer research in hospitals, universities, and other non-federal institutions. The following institutions received grants of \$10,000 or more: Southern Research Institute, Birmingham, Alabama, \$14,688; Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital Research Institute, Santa Barbara, California, \$10,888; Emory University School of Medicine, Georgia, \$13,176; Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, \$11,804; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, \$22,000; University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, three grants totaling \$29,748; University of Missouri, Columbia, \$10,000; Washington University, St. Louis, two grants

totaling \$17,621; Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, \$15,000; New York State College of Agriculture, Ithaca, \$11,000; Memorial Cancer Center, New York City, three grants totaling \$36,000; University of Rochester, Rochester, New York, two grants totaling \$13,524; University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, three grants totaling \$31,509; and University of Tennessee, Memphis, three grants totaling \$34,146.

Henry G. Booker, professor of electrical engineering at Cornell University, and P. C. Clemmow, of the University of London, have been given the **Kelvin Premium for 1950** of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, London, for two papers in the field of wave propagation.

At its annual convention in June, the **American Medical Association** presented its highest honor—the distinguished service award—to Evarts A. Graham, professor of surgery at Washington University, St. Louis. Dr. Graham is known for his pioneer work in gall bladder disease and in lung surgery. The AMA gold medal for original research went to Lester R. Dragstedt and his associates, from the University of Chicago, for their special operative technique used in the study of the secretion of gastric juices. The silver medal was given to Robert Elman and his team of research workers from Washington University, St. Louis, and the bronze medal went to A. C. Ivy and Louis R. Krasno, University of Illinois.

Eight European women have been given international scholarships and fellowship awards by the **American Home Economics Association**, to study home economics in cooperating U. S. colleges and universities during the academic year 1950–51. Recipients and the institutions at which they will study are: Margaritha Glotz, Vienna, Austria—University of Wisconsin; Eileen M. Herrington, London—Rhode Island State College; Tuovi E. A. Kanninen, Jyväskylä, Finland—Ohio State University; Toini E. Tuomikoski, Kaarela, Finland—University of Illinois; Elisabeth M. Engelken, Frankfurt,

Germany—Texas State College for Women, Denton; Nomiki Tsoukala, Athens, Greece—Winthrop College, Rock Hill, South Carolina; Theodora F. S. M. van Schaik, The Hague, Netherlands—Michigan State College; and Elsa G. Haglund, Stockholm, Sweden—Pennsylvania State College. Miss Haglund has been designated the association's 1950–51 Helen W. Atwater international fellow, and will receive an additional grant.

Colleges and Universities

The **University of California** at Berkeley has received from Hermann O. L. Fischer, of the Department of Biochemistry, the complete working library of his father, Emil Fischer, an early researcher in biochemistry. The collection, which will be the nucleus of a library in the virus laboratory and biochemistry building soon to be constructed at Berkeley, contains a particularly comprehensive group of periodicals covering the fields of chemistry and biochemistry. Many of the sets are complete from the first mid-nineteenth century issue to the present.

The **University of Wisconsin** has established a Department of the History of Medicine in its Medical School. The new department will be headed by Erwin H. Ackerknecht, who came to the university in 1947 as its first professor of the history of medicine.

Florida State University is offering graduate assistantships in the Department of Meteorology for the academic year 1950–51. Minimum requirement for an assistant is a bachelor's degree including two years of mathematics and one year of physics. The stipend is \$125 a month, and students are not required to pay out-of-state tuition. Applications must be filed with the Dean of the Graduate School, Florida State University, Tallahassee, not later than *August 12*.

Several staff members of the **California Institute of Technology** are spending part of the summer in Europe, attending conferences or

conducting research. Fritz Went, professor of plant physiology, and Arthur W. Galston, senior research fellow in biology, attended the International Botanical Congress at Stockholm in July. C. A. G. Wiersma, professor of biology, and A. Van Harreveld, professor of bioorganic chemistry, will attend the International Physiological Congress in Copenhagen, August 15–18. Albert E. J. Engel, associate professor of geology, will attend the 25th anniversary meeting of the Mineralogical and Petrological Institute in Switzerland in August. David Lind, senior research fellow in physics, will go to Stockholm in September, where he will study under a Guggenheim Fellowship at the Nobel Institute of Physics.

Industrial Laboratories

The **E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.**, of Wilmington, Delaware, is making a special survey covering facilities, processes, and technical problems in certain fields of chemical and reactor engineering. The work involves analysis of a number of existing and planned projects in the atomic energy development program including process feasibility studies, developmental projects, and facilities requirements.

Sharp & Dohme, Incorporated, has made two recent appointments to its medical staff: W. E. Askue, who has just completed a 12-month residency in pediatrics at the Norwegian Hospital, Brooklyn, will conduct clinical investigation on new products in the company's Medical Division, at Philadelphia. R. E. Bauer, formerly plant physician at the Glenn L. Martin Company in Baltimore and assistant in pathology at the Maryland University School of Medicine, and more recently resident at the hospital of the School of Medicine, will serve as medical director of the Sharp & Dohme Blood Donor Center, at Baltimore.

The Acetate Research Laboratory of the Du Pont Company's Rayon Department at Waynesboro, Virginia, has been named **Benger Laboratory** in honor of Ernest B. Ben-

ger, former manager of the Rayon Technical Division, who retired three years ago, after 30 years as a research chemist with the company.

Meetings and Elections

The Robert Gould Foundation of Cincinnati will sponsor a symposium on the *Biological Significance of Lipids*, September 13-14, at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. The symposium will be the third in an annual series which the foundation sponsors in the field of nutrition.

The American Astronomical Society elected the following officers at its June 21 meeting in Bloomington, Indiana: vice president (1950-52), C. S. Beals, Ottawa, Canada; secretary (1950-51), C. M. Huffer, Madison, Wisconsin; treasurer (1950-51), J. J. Nassau, East Cleveland, Ohio. Alfred H. Joy, Mount Wilson Observatory, Pasadena, California, remains as president.

The Mississippi Academy of Science elected the following officers for the ensuing year: president, Richard R. Priddy, Millsaps College; vice president, A. B. Lewis, University of Mississippi; and secretary-treasurer and executive officer, Clyde Q. Sheely, Mississippi State College.

Deaths

Alfred Meyer, 96, died July 14 at his summer home in Ogunquit, Maine. Dr. Meyer, a specialist in diseases of the lungs, was one of the founders of the National Tuberculosis Association.

Charles Frederick Bolduan, bacteriologist, died July 5, after a brief illness. He was 77. Dr. Bolduan was a public health official in New York City for many years, and in 1913 he established the Bureau of Health Education. He was also a founder of the American Diabetes Association.

Henry Cuthbert Bazett, professor of physiology at the University of Pennsylvania, died July 11, aboard the *Queen Mary*, on his way to the International Physiological

Congress in Copenhagen. He was 65. Dr. Bazett, a member of the university's faculty since 1921, was an authority on climatology, and had conducted research on under-seas temperature control for the U. S. and British governments during World War II.

Otto A. Beeck, 45, associate director of research at Shell Development Company, Emeryville, California, died July 5. Dr. Beeck, a member of the AAAS, had done research on catalysis, the physics and chemistry of surface phenomena, reaction mechanisms, using tracer methods, and fundamentals of lubrication.

John L. Smith, chemist, and chairman of the board of Charles Pfizer & Co., Inc., died July 10, at the age of 61. Dr. Smith had worked on the development of commercial production and improvement of penicillin.

Miscellaneous

A technical film of the life cycle of *Diphyllobothrium latum*, the fish tapeworm, has been prepared by the Audio-Visual Production Services of the U. S. Public Health Service's Communicable Disease Center at Atlanta. The first public showing of the film, which is intended for public health scientists and laboratory workers, will be at the Fifth International Congress of Microbiologists in Rio de Janeiro, August 17-24.

Declassified and unclassified atomic energy research reports are available in 31 libraries designated as official depositories by the Atomic Energy Commission. Approximately 3,500 reports comprise a full set, and about 1,500 reports are issued each year. The reports, as well as a card catalogue index, will be furnished by the AEC, and the libraries will provide access to the reports, reference service, and photocopies to users. The libraries receiving these materials are: University of California at Berkeley; University of California, Los Angeles; Denver Public Library, Colorado; Yale University; Library of Congress; Geor-

gia Institute of Technology, Atlanta; University of Chicago; John Crerar Library, Chicago; University of Illinois; Iowa State College, Ames; Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge; Harvard University; Massachusetts Institute of Technology; University of Michigan; Detroit Public Library; University of Minnesota; Linda Hall Library, Kansas City, Missouri; Washington University, St. Louis; Princeton University; Cornell University; Columbia University; New York City Public Library; Duke University; Cleveland Public Library; Ohio State University; University of Pennsylvania; Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh; Joint University Libraries, Nashville; University of Texas; University of Washington; University of Wisconsin.

The 1950 Bermuda Zoological Expedition of the Chicago Natural History Museum has begun undersea work from the Bermuda Biological Station for Research, on St. George's. Fritz Haas, curator of lower invertebrates, leader of the expedition, will be assisted by Joseph B. Krstolich, artist in the Department of Zoology. Collecting and research will be carried on for two months.

The New York Academy of Medicine on July 27 began broadcasting a Post Graduate Radio Program to make information on medical progress available to physicians in the New York City area. The programs, which will be broadcast over Station WNYC-FM from 9:00 to 10:00 p.m. each Thursday, will consist of selected lectures on current developments in medical science, delivered before the academy and its affiliated organizations. Communications concerning the programs to be presented or for further information should be addressed to Iago Galdston, Executive Secretary, Committee on Medical Information, 2 East 103rd Street, New York City.

A survey of plague in Venezuela is being conducted by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Regional Office of WHO, at the request of the Ministry of Health. A study unit,

headed by Julius M. Amberson, of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, U. S. Navy, will make an epidemiological rodent and insect survey of the endemic area of the Campamento Rafael Rangel. Ernst Schwarz, of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, will assist Commander Amberson in the eight-week study.

A fisheries research laboratory has been established in Honolulu, Hawaii, by the Fish and Wildlife Service of the U. S. Department of the Interior. The laboratory, headed by Oscar E. Sette, will conduct research supplementing or paralleling the exploratory investigations being carried on at sea by three vessels of the Pacific Oceanic Fishery Investigations. Through this research and experimentation, investigators will

develop and coordinate the basic information for a productive American fishing industry in the Pacific.

A survey of the incidence of infection among laboratory and research workers is being conducted by S. E. Sulkin and R. M. Pike, of Southwestern Medical College, University of Texas. This survey, aided by a grant from the National Institutes of Health, PHS, will compile data on the numbers and types of infections which have occurred in the past 20 years in governmental and private laboratories handling infectious agents. The results of the survey, including information on protective measures, will be presented at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association in St. Louis, October 30–November 3.



Aboard the laboratory ship *Megalopa*, Dr. Hilary B. Moore, associate director of the National Geographic–University of Miami plankton research expedition, helps an assistant attach a bathythermograph to the seining equipment. In addition to exploration of the ocean depths for the microscopic plankton, new information will be sought on the behavior of the Gulf Stream. Dr. F. G. Walton Smith, head of the Marine Laboratory, University of Miami, is director of the expedition, which left Miami July 25.

The Army Medical Library has prepared a *Catalogue of Incunabula and Manuscripts in the Army Medical Library*, listing and describing the library's holdings of three classes of books. The first part of the book lists the incunabula; the second, early Western manuscripts (Latin, German, Italian, and English); and the last, Oriental manuscripts (Arabic, Persian, Turkish, Singhalese, and Hebrew). The catalogue, compiled by Dorothy M. Schullian and Francis E. Sommer, was published by Henry Schuman, Inc., New York City.

A manual of cerebral palsy equipment, containing information regarding use, diagrams for construction, specifications, materials, and directions for making 127 items of equipment, has been completed by the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults. This manual, compiled with the assistance of the American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and other agencies, will aid in construction of equipment that must be designed for the individual patient's needs. It is available from the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults, 11 South La Salle Street, Chicago.

Prevention of Deterioration Abstracts, published by the Prevention of Deterioration Center of the National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, Washington, D. C., are offered for subscription on a yearly basis. Abstracts are classified under the headings: Biological Agents; Electrical and Electronic Equipment; Fungicides and Other Toxic Compounds; Lacquers, Paints, and Varnishes; Leather; Lubricants; Metals; Miscellaneous; Optical Instruments and Photographic Equipment; Packaging and Storage; Plastics; Resins, Rubbers, and Waxes; Textiles and Cordage; and Wood and Paper. One volume is published each year in monthly issues. Subject and author indexes are compiled annually to cover abstracts issued from July through June. The yearly rate of \$50 includes two binders and index tabs. An *Advance List*, a monthly bibliography of all reports received in this field, is available for \$10 a year.