

WILLIAM R. HAWTHORNE has been appointed to the new faculty post of Jerome Clarke Hunsaker professor of aeronautical engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology for the current academic year. Hawthorne is on leave from Cambridge University, England, where he holds the Hopkinson and Imperial Chemical Industries professorship in applied thermodynamics. His principal interests are aircraft propulsion and advanced fluid mechanics; at M.I.T. Hawthorne will divide his teaching efforts in these fields between the departments of mechanical and aeronautical engineering.

VINCENT DU VIGNEAUD, professor of biochemistry at Cornell University Medical College, is to receive the Chandler medal from Columbia University in recognition of his contributions to the knowledge of biochemistry, his most recent achievement being the first synthesis of certain polypeptide hormones. The medal will be presented during a dinner-meeting at the Men's Faculty Club of Columbia on 9 Nov., when du Vigneaud will discuss the "Isolation and proof of structure of the vasopressins and the synthesis of octapeptide amides with pressor-antidiuretic activity."

ALBERT CAROZZI of the University of Geneva, Switzerland, is visiting lecturer in geology at the University of Illinois for the current academic year. He is teaching an undergraduate course in structural geology and a graduate course in tectonics.

MURIEL E. WARNER, former director of the American Medical Association microbiological laboratory, has recently joined the staff of Foster D. Snell, Inc., New York, consulting chemists, engineers and biologists. The firm plans to extend its services in the microbiological and pharmaceutical fields, especially in production control, process and product development, stability tests, legal problems, and assignments involving the various regulatory bodies.

ALBERT H. COOPER, professor of chemical engineering at the University of Maryland, has been named chairman of the department of chemical engineering at Pratt Institute. Cooper is also manager of the Pilot Engineering Co. and vice president and technical director of Chemchron Corp.

HENRY C. SMITH, associate professor of psychology at Michigan State University, has been granted a Fulbright award for 1955-56 to engage in research in industrial psychology at Società Umanitaria, Milan, Italy.

FREDERICK L. STONE, assistant for professional services to the vice chancellor, School of the Health Professions, University of Pittsburgh, and a member of the executive committee of the medical advisory board of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, has been appointed director of the society's medical and scientific department. His primary responsibility will be to develop expanded research and medical programs; he will also administer all research grants and fellowships.

MELSON BARFIELD-CARTER of the radiology department of Alabama Medical Center, and **JAMES R. GARBER**, of the department of obstetrics, retired on 1 Aug. Both men had served since 1945 as chairmen of their respective departments.

ROGER H. CHARLIER of Chester, N.J., president of the New Jersey Academy of Science, has been appointed special lecturer in geology and physical geography at Hofstra College.

WALTER H. ZIMPFER, of the civil engineering staff of the University of Florida, has been granted a 1-year leave of absence to serve as assistant in the University Relations Division of the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies. He succeeds **WADE T. BATSON**, who has resumed his post as associate professor of biology at the University of South Carolina.

SIMON RODBARD, former assistant director of the Medical Research Institute at Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago, Ill., has been appointed professor of experimental medicine at the University of Buffalo and director of its Chronic Disease Research Institute. He will conduct an intensive program of research and training in the cardiovascular field.

Necrology

RICHARD R. DEIMEL, Englewood, N.J.; 74; retired head of the mechanical engineering department of Stevens Institute of Technology; 28 Sept.

THOMAS MACKIE, Westport, Conn.; 60; tropical disease specialist, former professor at Columbia University, Cornell University, and Bowman-Grey School of Medicine; consultant in tropical medicine to the Secretary of War during World War II; 5 Oct.

KARL PAECH, Tübingen, Germany; 46; botanist and plant chemist, professor at the University of Tübingen; 28 July.

REV. LOUIS B. SNIDER, Chicago, Ill.; 42; psychologist, professor at Loyola University; 28 Sept.

ZATAE L. STRAW, Manchester, N.H.; 89; physician, first woman graduate of Dickinson College; 1 Oct.

LOUIS L. THURSTONE, Chapel Hill, N.C.; 68; retired professor of psychology at the University of Chicago and a member of the staff there for 28 years; president of the American Psychological Association in 1932; 29 Sept.

Education

■ University of California Extension is offering a course in aviation medicine this fall. The course, which is open to graduates of approved medical schools, will meet 26, 27, and 28 Oct. in the Religious Conference Building adjoining the university's Los Angeles campus. In addition to lectures by authorities on such subjects as aviation toxicology, psychology, and otolaryngology, the course will include a field trip to the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation in Burbank, Calif.

■ A research building designed for studies of the Khapra beetle, a serious pest of stored food products, will be constructed shortly on the Riverside campus of the University of California. The new structure will provide isolated facilities that will permit entomologists to observe the beetle without any danger of contaminating other buildings.

Facilities will include rooms for raising mass cultures of the pest, laboratories for checking the effectiveness of various control techniques, fumigation chambers, and equipment for formulating the many insecticides that will be tested. Experiments will be directed by David L. Lindgren and Glenn E. Carman.

■ The department of dentistry and division of dental research of the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry celebrated its 25th anniversary on 8 Oct. Day-long scientific sessions brought together a majority of the 58 former dental research fellows at the Rochester Medical Center, many of whom have since become deans, professors, and research directors in many parts of this country and abroad. The celebration was dedicated to George H. Whipple, emeritus dean of the School of Medicine and Dentistry and emeritus professor of pathology, who originated the dental research program.

About 20 reports were given describing new developments in dental research and education. Among the participants in the sessions in Whipple Auditorium were Alan Gregg, vice president of the Rockefeller Foundation, and A. LeRoy Johnson, emeritus dean of Harvard Dental School. They, as well as Whipple, spoke on the early history of the dental research and training program, which was begun and supported for 5 years by a substantial grant from the Rockefeller Foundation.