

MARIO STEFANINI, a specialist in hematology, is the director of Joseph Stanton Memorial Research Laboratories, which were recently opened at Saint Elizabeth's Hospital in Boston, Mass. He will directly supervise research in blood. ROBERT SPELLMAN has been appointed to supervise surgical research. The \$500,000 laboratories will offer facilities for research to members of the visiting and resident staffs, as well as to medical students from Tufts University School of Medicine.

MARTIN A. ELLIOTT, research professor at Illinois Institute of Technology, has been appointed director of the Institute of Gas Technology. The institute, education and research facility of the nation's gas utility industry, is affiliated with I.I.T. and has headquarters at the I.I.T. Technology Center. The gas institute's staff of 62 scientists and technicians provide specialized education for present and future employees of the industry and perform research relating to the production, transmission, distribution, and utilization of natural and manufactured gas.

ERNEST C. HERRMANN, JR., formerly head of the virus laboratory of E. R. Squibb and Sons, and a research associate in the Institute of Microbiology at Rutgers University, has been appointed chief of the newly established virology and tissue culture section of the Schering Corporation's biochemical research department in Bloomfield, N.J.

EDGAR A. POST, former superintendent of navigational aids for United Air Lines, has been appointed manager of the radio systems laboratory at Stanford Research Institute. He will supervise the engineering division's research in electronic communication and navigation equipment and direct the studies in systems engineering.

MORRIS F. KETAY, an electrical engineer and president of the Norden-Ketay Corporation, has received the Cooper Union Alumni Association's Gano Dunn medal for outstanding professional achievement.

J. P. McKENZIE, technical director of the Copolymer Rubber and Chemical Corporation, Baton Rouge, La., and J. D. SUTHERLAND, a chemical engineer in the company's research and development division, are winners of the Best Paper award of the American Chemical Society's Division of Rubber Chemistry for their paper, "A glass polymerization vessel for small-scale laboratory studies," which described an apparatus made from a standard industrial electric light globe.

## Recent Deaths

THOMAS D. ALLEN, Evanston, Ill.; 67; associate clinical professor of ophthalmology at the University of Illinois; 14 Feb.

ROBERT S. BREED, Geneva, N.Y.; 78; internationally known authority on dairy bacteriology and professor emeritus of bacteriology at Cornell University; 10 Feb.

J. HOWARD BROWN, Baltimore, Md.; 71; professor emeritus of bacteriology at Johns Hopkins Medical School; 9 Feb.

WARNER BROWN, Berkeley, Calif.; 73; professor emeritus of psychology at the University of California, Berkeley; 3 Feb.

A. BURTON COHEN, East Orange, N.J.; 73; consulting engineer; 12 Feb.

EMMETT DUNN, Haverford, Pa.; 61; professor of biology at Haverford College; internationally known herpetologist; 13 Feb.

HENRY P. GAGE, Corning, N.Y.; 69; retired head of the Corning Glass Works optical laboratory; 9 Feb.

ERNST A. HAUSER, Cambridge, Mass.; 59; professor of chemistry at Massachusetts Institute of Technology; 10 Feb.

G. MORTON ILLMAN, Philadelphia, Pa.; 78; associate professor of medicine at Temple University; 12 Feb.

JULIUS A. KOCH, Ocala, Fla.; 91; dean emeritus of the Pittsburgh College of Pharmacy; 10 Feb.

JOSEPH LE PRINCE, Memphis, Tenn.; 83; sanitary engineer who aided Gorgas to combat malaria and yellow fever during the construction of the Panama Canal; 10 Feb.

FRED MULLER, Saint Petersburg, Fla.; 65; electrical engineer; 6 Feb.

CORNELIUS L. SHEAR, Monroe, La.; 90; plant pathologist; 2 Feb.

KURT G. STERN, New York, N.Y.; internationally known biochemist; 3 Feb.

MICHAEL STREITCHER, Chicago, Ill.; 58; associate professor of medicine at the University of Illinois; 9 Feb.

WALTER TIMME, Saint Petersburg, Fla.; 81; first professor of neuroendocrinology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University; 12 Feb.

ESTHER G. UHRBROCK, Cincinnati, Ohio; 62; psychologist; 11 Feb.

ROBERT WIDMER, Hawthorne, N.J.; 69; retired textile chemist; 10 Feb.

NATHANIEL W. WINKELMAN, SR., Philadelphia, Pa.; 64; professor of neuropathology at the University of Pennsylvania; 13 Feb.

ROBERT M. YERKES, New Haven, Conn.; 79; professor emeritus of psychology at Yale University; originator of the World War I psychological ex-

amination program for the Army; founder of the Yale Laboratories of Primate Biology at Orange Park, Fla., and a pioneer in psychobiology; vice-president of AAAS Section H in 1919; 3 Feb.

## Education

■ Twelve technical writers from business and industry will be among the lecturers in the fourth annual Technical Writing Institute that is to be conducted at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute from 11 to 15 June by members of the institute's faculty in language and literature. Jay R. Gould is the director. Nearly 200 representatives of 100 large companies have attended the previous annual sessions of the institute. The seminar of lectures and workshop testing is designed to bring help to those who supervise technical writing in business and industry and to those who are entering the technical writing field.

■ There are more dental students in the United States today than ever before in the history of the profession, according to the new 1955-56 *Dental Students' Register* published by the American Dental Association. This year's total of 12,730 students represents an increase of more than 50 per cent in the past 10 years.

■ A long-range study program, designed to determine the methods by which a medical center can best relate its programs of medical teaching, research, and patient care to the current and future needs of the community, has been launched at New York University-Bellevue Medical Center. The numerous facets of the study program will be correlated by a newly formed study group that will function with Allen O. Whipple, educator and surgeon, as consultant. Whipple will serve on a part-time basis. Two members of the faculty have been assigned to the study group on a full-time basis: William N. Hubbard, Jr., associate dean of the N.Y.U. College of Medicine, and Raymond S. Jackson, associate professor of medicine, N.Y.U. Post-Graduate Medical School.

Members of the faculties of the center will supply the basis for the study program by evaluating the present activities of the Medical Center and by submitting recommendations for improvements based on their findings, judgment, and experience. These will in turn be applied to pilot experiments at the Medical Center. The study program, which will also include a comparison of developments in medical education throughout the United States, has been made possible through a recent grant from the Commonwealth Fund.