

DALE R. CORSON has been appointed chairman of the department of physics at Cornell University. Corson joined the Cornell faculty in 1946. He is a consultant to the General Electric Advanced Electronics Center and to several panels and study groups in the Department of Defense. For two periods recently he has been on the research staff at California Institute of Technology.

JULIUS A. STRATTON, now vice president and provost of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has been appointed to the newly established post of chancellor of the institute. As chancellor, he will administer the academic program in all its parts, and all academic officers will come under his jurisdiction. In addition, he will act as deputy to the president, who is the institute's chief executive officer. Stratton will serve as the general executive officer for all institute affairs, and in the absence of the president, he will perform all the duties and functions of that position.

JULIAN S. SCHWINGER, professor of physics at Harvard University, will be a visiting professor of physics and mathematics at Stanford University this summer. He will lecture on "Differential equations of field theory."

The following are among those who have recently received honorary doctoral degrees.

Princeton University: HENRY EYRING, dean of the graduate school and professor of chemistry at the University of Utah; RAJKUMARI A. KAUR, Minister of Health for India.

Rutgers University: WILLIAM SHOCKLEY, director, Shockley Semiconductor Laboratory of Beckman Instruments, Inc.

Wayne University: GEORGE RIEVESCHL, JR., scientific assistant to the president of Parke, Davis and Company; LAWRENCE REYNOLDS, chief of staff and chairman of the executive committee of Harper Hospital, Detroit.

Denison University: GEORGE M. LYON, manager of the Veterans Administration hospital at Huntington, W.Va.

MAURICE EWING, professor of geology and director of Lamont Geological Observatory, Columbia University, has been elected to foreign membership by the Royal Netherlands Academy (Section for Sciences).

The New York Academy of Medicine has announced the appointment of GERTRUDE L. ANNAN as librarian, succeeding JANET DOE who is retiring. Miss Annan has been associate librarian for the past 3 years and previous to that

was curator of the Malloch Rare Book and History Room of the academy library.

Miss Doe is retiring from her position as librarian after 30 years of service to the New York Academy of Medicine and to the library profession. Her outstanding leadership has won her recognition in many forms. She has served as president of the Medical Library Association and as a member of the committee that surveyed the Armed Forces Medical Library. She was presented with the Marcia C. Noyes award for outstanding achievement in medical librarianship. Among her many professional contributions are her bibliography of Ambroise Paré and her editorship of two editions of the *Handbook of Medical Library Practice*.

Recent Deaths

NICHOLAS C. ARTSAY, Valhalla, N.Y.; 68; mechanical engineer; 20 June.

WILLIAM S. BRYANT, New York, N.Y.; 95; retired authority on otology and otolaryngology; 26 June.

ALBERT W. CLAFIN, Providence, R.I.; 71; president of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy and Allied Sciences; 18 June.

PASQUALE V. DI COSMO, Wildwood Shores, N.J.; 51; president and chief engineer of Cosmo Engineering Laboratories, Inc.; 25 June.

PAUL H. DIKE, Huntington Valley, Pa.; 78; retired assistant director of research for Leeds and Northrup; 25 June.

CHANNING R. DOOLEY, Summit, N.J.; 78; expert on industrial training; president of the *Training Within Industry Foundation*; 25 June.

CECIL E. EDDY, Melbourne, Australia; 56; director of the X-ray and Radium Laboratory of Melbourne; chairman of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the effects of atomic radiation; 27 June.

P. MAURICE GLASOE, Northfield, Minn.; 82; professor emeritus of chemistry at St. Olaf College; 15 June.

FRANK E. MALLON, Brooklyn, N.Y.; 61; clinical associate professor at the College of Medicine of the State University of New York; 24 June.

JAMES M. NAUL, Plainfield, N.J.; 68; electrical engineer; 23 June.

VLADIMIR A. OBRUCHEV, Moscow, U.S.S.R.; 93; leading Soviet geologist and geographer; president emeritus of the Geographical Society of the U.S.S.R.; research authority on the permafrost phenomenon; 19 June.

WILLIAM B. PLANK, Morgantown, Pa.; 70; mining engineer and founder of the mining engineering department of Lafayette College; 19 June.

HOWARD E. PULLING, Kennebunk, Me.; 70; plant physiologist; pro-

fessor of botany at Wellesley College; 24 April.

RUDOLF RUEDEMANN, Albany, N.Y.; 91; former paleontologist of the State Museum (New York); 18 June.

FRANKLIN A. STEVENS, New York, N.Y.; 65; associate in medicine at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons; 19 June.

Education

■ St. John's University, Brooklyn, N.Y., has broken ground for a Science-Pharmacy Hall on its Long Island Division Campus at Hillcrest, Jamaica. Approximately \$4 million has been allocated for the construction and partial equipment of the new unit, which will accommodate 1200 students at one time with 600 classroom seats and 600 laboratory stations. The building is expected to be ready for occupancy for the start of the fall term in 1958.

■ Lowell Technological Institute will participate in the observance of the Perkin Centennial by holding a celebration, 26-28 Sept. During that period a lecture and display of rare books will be featured, and at a special convocation honorary degrees will be conferred. There will be a dedication ceremony for one of the institute's newest buildings, and the program will culminate in a day-long open house.

■ The U.S. Atomic Energy Commission has announced that it will make available plutonium-beryllium neutron sources for subcritical assemblies used by nonprofit educational institutions engaged in training and research in the nuclear sciences. Loan of plutonium-beryllium neutron sources is an extension of a current AEC policy to make available certain materials for subcritical assemblies without a user-charge to the institution involved.

■ The use of entomology as a teaching medium in high-school biology courses was studied recently at Michigan State University. A survey questionnaire sent to 200 Michigan high schools brought replies from 135 teachers. Of the 135 schools represented by the replies, 97 percent include an average of 2½ weeks of insect study in biology courses, 93 percent study "the place insects have in our lives," 90 percent study "basic insect structure," 81 percent study various individual insects, 65 percent use some of the order names, and 15 percent study methods of insect control.

Although 81 percent of the schools have collecting equipment and 68 percent have laboratory equipment such as cages and aquaria, only 51 percent take field trips regularly, only 41 percent