

BENJAMIN B. WELLS, director of the department of medicine at Creighton University (Omaha) has been appointed to the newly established position of director of clinical investigation at the Lynn Clinic, Detroit, Mich. He will assume his post on about 1 Sept.

PETER L. KAPITSA, Soviet nuclear physicist, has been restored to his post as director of the Institute for Physical Problems, Moscow, after 7 years of house arrest suffered because he refused to devote himself to nuclear weapons research. Western physicists who visited the U.S.S.R. this summer to attend conferences say that Kapitsa and a number of other scientists who had been arrested, including some who had been exiled to Siberia, have been returned to their laboratories and are being permitted to mingle freely with visiting foreign scientists.

Richard M. Bozarth of Bell Telephone Laboratories, a participant in the recent conference on magnetism of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, said in a statement to the press:

"At present, there seem to be no barriers to personal and scientific contacts. [Soviet] . . . scientists want to be friends. They want to get together with us. They would like to visit the United States."

Bozarth commented further that he was shown every piece of apparatus that he desired to see and that every scientific subject that he raised was discussed with apparent freedom.

Recent Deaths

REUEL A. BENSON, New York, N.Y.; 78; professor of graduate pediatrics and retired professor of pediatrics at New York Medical College; founder of the Frederick S. Wheeler Laboratory; member of the editorial board of *Archives of Pediatrics*; 6 Aug.

GLENN BRIGGS, Washington, D.C.; 65; research agriculturist in charge of technical assistance training programs, Department of Agriculture; former professor at Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College; 4 Aug.

SAMUEL BRODY, Columbia, Mo.; 66; professor of dairy science at the University of Missouri; 6 Aug.

GUSTAVO CUMIN, Catania, Italy; 60; volcanologist who was an authority on Mount Etna; 7 Aug.

GEORGE H. HOGEBOOM, Bethesda, Md.; 43; pioneer investigator of the biochemistry of subcellular particulates; head, cellular biology section, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health; 5 July.

WILLARD N. HOLMES, Ocala, Fla.; 93; expert in oil chemistry; Patent Office official from 1908 to 1934, who was re-

called to government service in the office of the Alien Property Custodian at the age of 80; 2 Aug.

HAROLD G. LITTLER, Montreal, Canada; 55; former manager of the plastics division of Canadian Industries, Ltd.; 2 Aug.

WILLIAM J. MALLORY, Lovettsville, Va.; 81; professor emeritus of medicine at George Washington University; 1 Aug.

WILLIAM MEADOWCROFT, New York, N.Y.; 80; retired civil engineer; 6 Aug.

Rev. JOSEPH J. MOLLOY, Philadelphia, Pa.; 52; head of the chemistry department at St. Joseph's College; 2 Aug.

CHARLES F. MORSE, Patchogue, N.Y.; 85; civil engineer; 4 Aug.

IVAR T. TIDESTROM, St. Petersburg, Fla.; 91; retired Agriculture Department botanist and retired botany teacher at Catholic University; 2 Aug.

JOSEPH A. TRENT, Shawnee, Okla.; 56; professor of biology and chairman of the department at Oklahoma Baptist University; 21 July.

SIDNEY WILLIAMS, Chicago, Ill.; 70; safety engineer; 5 Aug.

Education

■ The Department of Agriculture will open a new forest research center this fall at Sewanee, Tenn., in cooperation with the University of the South. The center will be one of several branches of the Forest Service's Southern Forest Experiment Station, New Orleans, La., but it will be augmented and strengthened by access to the university's forest, library, and laboratories, as well as by the availability of faculty members with special skills and knowledge.

■ The Ohio State University College of Medicine has become the first civilian institution to offer graduate training in aviation medicine. A 3-year program has just been established in the department of preventive medicine that is open only to medical graduates who have completed their internship. A similar program will be instituted at Harvard University in September.

■ Former President Herbert Hoover has announced the establishment of a \$42 million Stanford Medical Center Fund, which initially will raise \$21,950,000. The fund is an organized effort by civic leaders, alumni, and Stanford University to finance the Stanford Medical Center. The project involves construction of buildings to permit consolidation of the School of Medicine on the university campus at Palo Alto, as well as modernization of Stanford Hospital facilities in

San Francisco with a view to their eventual use in supplemental medical education and research. Hoover, a Stanford alumnus and a trustee of the university since 1912, is honorary chairman of the new organization.

■ The Manufacturing Chemists Association plans to spend \$1 million in the next 5 years in carrying out a program designed to attract more American youths into scientific and engineering careers. During the coming school year, printed matter and visual aids will be provided for students and teachers in 3600 junior high schools, and a pilot program will be begun in senior high schools. This program will later be extended to the 11,700 high schools that offer chemistry courses and is expected to reach about 400,000 students. Next year a start will be made in attempting to interest sixth-graders in science by emphasizing the significance of science in daily life.

■ A new course in practical English for foreign physicians will be offered during the 1956 autumn semester at New York University's division of general education. The course is open to doctors, interns, and hospital administrators whose native tongue is not English. Particular emphasis will be given to vocabulary commonly used in medical histories, consultations, evaluations, case reports, progress notes, and patient interviews.

There has been a sharp increase in the number of foreign doctors in the United States. At present, more than 30 percent of all house staff physicians in New York, Ohio, and Illinois are aliens, and in New Jersey the figure is 69 percent.

■ The Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn has begun the conversion of the \$2 million industrial plant that it purchased in 1954 for a modern center of scientific and engineering education. The eight-story industrial structures and five-story administration buildings will house Polytechnic's 6000 students and \$2 million research program. The institute's facilities are now scattered throughout downtown Brooklyn at 15 locations. It is hoped that the new quarters will be ready for use in September 1957.

Most of the 83 laboratories in the new building will be enlarged, more adequate versions of present facilities, and the increase in the amount of classroom space by more than 35 percent should permit an enrollment increase of one-third or more in the institute's day and evening sessions.

■ The Navy has begun construction of a \$2 million guided missile school at the Dam Neck Fleet Air Defense School, Norfolk, Va. The school, to be called the Navy Guided Missile School, will