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29-1. Society of Exploration Geophysicists, annual, New Orleans, La. (G. A. Grimm, Tide Water Associated Oil Co., Box 2131, Midland, Tex.)

29-2. Convention on Ferrites, Institution of Electrical Engineers, London, England. (Secretary, IEE, Savoy Place, London, W. C.2.)

31. Society of Vertebrate Paleontology, Minneapolis, Minn. (J. T. Gregory, SVP, Peabody Museum of Natural History, Yale Univ., New Haven, Conn.)

31-1. Western Area Development Conf., 3rd, Phoenix, Ariz. (C. Green, Mountain States Office, Stanford Research Inst., Phoenix.)

31-2. Geological Soc. of America, annual, Minneapolis, Minn. (H. R. Aldrich, GSA, 419 W. 117 St., New York 27.)

31-2. Mineralogical Soc. of America, Minneapolis, Minn. (C. S. Hurlbut, Jr., 12 Geological Museum, Oxford St., Cambridge 38, Mass.)

31-2. Soc. of Economic Geologists, annual, Minneapolis, Minn. (O. N. Rove, 30 E. 42 St., New York 17.)

31-2. Society for Experimental Stress Analysis, annual, Columbus, Ohio (W. M. Murray, Massachusetts Inst. of Technology, Cambridge 39.)

31-3. American Soc. of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, New Orleans, La. (J. E. Larsh, Jr., School of Public Health, Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.) 31-3. Gaseous Electronics Conf., 9th annual, Pittsburgh, Pa. (A. V. Phelps, Westinghouse Research Laboratories, Beulah Rd., Pittsburgh 35.)

November

1-2. Society for Applied Spectroscopy, 11th annual, New York, N.Y. (F. M. Biffen, Johns-Manville Research Center, Manville, N.J.)

1-3. Association of Geology Teachers, annual, Chicago, Ill. (C. E. Prouty, Dept. of Geology, Univ. of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh 13, Pa.)

5-7. Paleontological Soc., annual, Minneapolis, Minn. (H. B. Whittington, Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard Univ., Cambridge, Mass.)

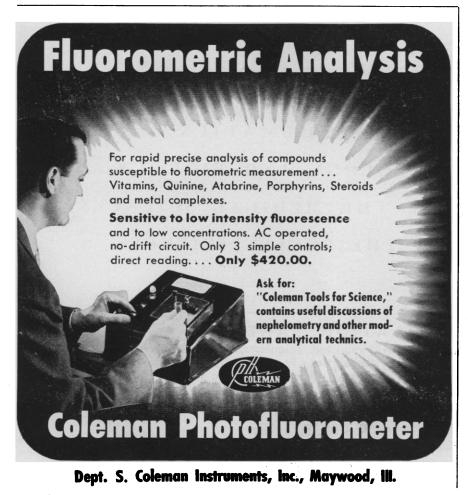
6-15. International Grassland Cong., 7th, Palmerston, New Zealand. (S. H. Saxby, P.O. Box 2298, Wellington, New Zealand.)

7-9. Electrical Techniques in Medicine and Biology, 9th annual conf., New York, N.Y. (E. D. Trout, X-Ray Dept., General Electric Co., Milwaukee 1, Wis.)

7-9. Society of Rheology, annual, Pittsburgh, Pa. (W. R. Willets, Titanium Pigment Corp., 99 Hudson St., New York 13.)

8–9. Canadian High Polymer Forum, 7th, Sarnia, Ont. (M. H. Jones, Ontario Research Foundation, 43 Queen's Park, Toronto 5, Ont.)

8-10. Gerontological Soc., annual, Chi-



cago, Ill. (N. W. Shock, Baltimore City Hospitals, Baltimore 24, Md.)

10. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, fall meeting, Cambridge, Mass. (R. W. Burhoe, American Acad. of Arts and Sciences, Cambridge 36.)

11-12. American Soc. for the Study of Arteriosclerosis, annual, Chicago, Ill. (R. G. Gould, P.O. Box 1663, Los Alamos, N.M.)

11-17. Cardiology, 5th Inter-American cong. of, Havana, Cuba. (I. Chavez, Calzada de la Piedad 300, Mexico, D.F., Mexico.)

12-14. Association of Military Surgeons of the U.S., annual, Washington, D.C. (S. E. Womeldorph, AMSUS, Suite 718, 1726 Eye St., NW, Washington 6.)

12-15. American Petroleum Inst., 36th annual, Chicago, Ill. (API, 50 W. 50 St., New York 20.)

12-16. American Public Health Assoc., 84th annual, Atlantic City, N.J. (R. M. Atwater, 1790 Broadway, New York 19.)

12-16. American Soc. of Agronomy, annual, Cincinnati, Ohio. (L. G. Monthey, 2702 Monroe St., Madison 5, Wis.)

13-15. Historical Development of Physiological Thought, symposium, Brooklyn, N.Y. (E. Goodwin, State Univ. of New York, College of Medicine, Brooklyn 3.)

14-16. Optics and Microwaves, symp., Washington, D.C. (Symp. on Optics and Microwaves, P.O. Box 355, Falls Church, Va.)

14-16. Newer Developments in the Diagnosis and Management of Cancer, symp., Duarte, Calif. (J. Love, Director, Div. of Postgraduate Medical Education, City of Hope Medical Center, Duarte.)

15-16. American Philosophical Soc., Philadelphia, Pa. (APA, 104 S. 5 St., Philadelphia 6.)

15-16. Operations Research Soc. of America, 10th natl., San Francisco, Calif. (T. E. Oberbeck, U.S. Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, Calif.)

15-16. Society of Technical Writers, jointly with Assoc. of Technical Writers and Editors, New York, N.Y. (S. F. Shapiro, STW, P.O. Box 22, Newton Centre 59, Mass.)

15-17. Acoustical Soc. of America, Los Angeles, Calif. (W. Waterfall, ASA, 57 E. 55 St., New York 22.)

18-25. National Meeting of Surgeons, Mexico City, Mexico. (Intern. Acad. of Proctology, 147-41 Sanford Ave., Flushing, N.Y.)

19-20. Entomological Soc. of America, Eastern Branch, Atlantic City, N.J. (B. F. Driggers, Experiment Station, New Brunswick, N.J.)

22-23. Calder Hall Nuclear Power Station, conf., London, England. (Secretary, British Nuclear Energy Conference, 1-7 Great George St., London, S.W.1.)

22-3. International Cong. of Industrial Chemistry, 29th, Paris, France. (J. Gerard, Société de Chimie Industrielle, 28, rue Saint-Dominique, Paris VII⁰.)

23-24. American Mathematical Soc., Evanston, Ill. (E. G. Begle, 207 Leet Oliver Memorial Hall, Yale Univ., New Haven 11, Conn.)

23-24. American Physical Soc., Chicago, Ill. (K. K. Darrow, APS, Columbia Univ., N.Y. 27.)



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25-30. American Rocket Soc., annual, New York, N.Y. (J. J. Harford, ARS, 29 W. 39 St., New York 18.)

25-30. American Soc. of Mechanical Engineers, annual, New York, N.Y. (C. E. Davies, ASME, 29 W. 39 St., New York 18.)

26-28. American Soc. of Refrigerating Engineers, Boston, Mass. (R. C. Cross, ASRE, 234 Fifth Ave., New York 1.)

26-30. Automation Exposition, 3rd intern., New York, N.Y. (TIAE, Richard Rimbach Associates, Inc., 845-A Ridge Ave., Pittsburgh 12, Pa.)

27-30. American Medical Assoc., clinical, Seattle, Wash. (G. F. Lull, AMA, 535 N. Dearborn St., Chicago 10, Ill.)

27-30. National Chemical Exposition, 9th, Cleveland, Ohio. (American Chemical Soc., 1155 16 St., NW, Washington 6.)

28-30. American College of Cardiology, 5th interim, Pittsburgh, Pa. (P. Reichert, ACC, Empire State Bldg., New York, N.Y.)

28-30. International Conf. on Ozone, 1st, Chicago, Ill. (C. E. Thorp, Armour Research Foundation, 35 W. 33 St., Chicago 16.)

30. American Rheumatism Assoc., Be-

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thesda, Md. (E.F. Hartung, 580 Park Ave., New York, N.Y.)

30-1. Oklahoma Acad. of Science, Stillwater. (D. E. Howell, Entomology Dept., Oklahoma A. & M. College, Stillwater.)

30-1. Tennessee Acad. of Science, Murfreesboro. (D. Caplenor, Dept. of Biology, Peabody College, Nashville 4, Tenn.)

December

2. American Acad. of Dental Medicine, 11th mid-annual, New York, N.Y. (A. Reiner, 114-01 201 St., St. Albans 12, N.Y.)

2-7. Radiological Soc. of North America, Inc., annual, Chicago, Ill. (D. S. Childs, 713 E. Genesee St., Syracuse 2, N.Y.)

5-7. Instrumentation Conf., 2nd, Inst. of Radio Engineers, Atlanta, Ga. (M. D. Prince, Engineering Experiment Station, Georgia Inst. of Technology, Atlanta.)

6-7. American Astronautical Soc., 3rd annual, New York, N.Y. (N. V. Petersen, AAS, 516 Fifth Ave., New York 36.)

6-8. American Phytopathological Soc., annual, Cincinnati, Ohio. (G. S. Pound, Dept. of Plant Pathology, Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison.)

6-9. American Psychoanalytic Assoc., New York, N.Y. (J. N. McVeigh, APA, 36 W. 44 St., New York 36.)

7-11. American Acad. of Optometry, annual, Houston, Tex. (C. C. Koch, 1506 Foshay Tower, Minneapolis 2, Minn.) 9-12. American Inst. of Chemical Engineers, annual, Boston, Mass. (F. J. Van Antwerpen, AICE, 25 W. 45 St., New York 36.)

9-12. American Soc. of Agricultural Engineers, Chicago, Ill. (J. L. Butt, ASAE, St. Joseph, Mich.)

10-12. American Nuclear Soc., winter meeting, Washington, D.C. (ANS, P.O. Box 963, Oak Ridge, Tenn.)

10-12. Eastern Joint Computer Conf., New York, N.Y. (J. R. Weiner, Remington Rand, Inc., 315 Fourth Ave., New York, N.Y.)

13-15. Texas Acad. of Science, annual, Brownwood, Tex. (G. C. Parker, Texas A.&M. College, College Station.)

26-31. American Assoc. for the Advancement of Science, annual, New York, N.Y. (R. L. Taylor, AAAS, 1515 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington 5.)

The following 55 meetings are being held in conjunction with the AAAS annual meeting.

AAAS Academy Conference (L. Taylor, West Virginia Univ., Morgantown). 29– 30 Dec.

AAAS Cooperative Committee on the Teaching of Science and Mathematics (M. Meister, Bronx High School of Science, New York 68). 27 Dec.

AAAS-Gordon Research Conferences (W. G. Parks, Univ. of Rhode Island, Kingston). 27 Dec.

Alpha Chi Sigma (H. G. Seavey, 30

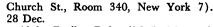
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American Assoc. of Hospital Consultants (E. D. Barnett, School of Public Health, Columbia Univ., New York 32.)

American Assoc. of Scientific Workers (R. J. Rutman, 6331 Ross St., Philadelphia 44, Pa.). 29 Dec.

American Astronomical Soc. (J. A. Hynek, Harvard College Observatory, Cambridge 38, Mass.). 26-29 Dec.

American Documentation Inst. (J. Hilsenrath, National Bureau of Standards, Washington 25). 27–29 Dec.

American Educational Research Assoc. (A. G. Wesman, Psychological Corp., 522 Fifth Ave., New York 36). 29 Dec.

American Meteorological Soc. (R. J. Roth, Crop-Hail Insurance Actuarial Assoc., 209 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill.). 28 Dec.

American Museum of Natural History (G. Reekie, AMNH, Central Park West at 79 St., New York, N.Y.). 26 Dec.

American Nature Study Soc. (R. L. Weaver, Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor). 26-30 Dec.

American Philosophical Assoc., Eastern Div. (J. Wild, Harvard Univ., Cambridge 38, Mass.). 27 Dec.

American Psychiatric Assoc. (B. Pasamanick, Ohio State Univ., Columbus 10). 28-29 Dec.

American Soc. of Hospital Pharmacists (G. E. Archambault, U.S. Public Health Service, Washington 25). 29 Dec.

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American Statistical Assoc. (R. E. Johnson, Western Electric Co., New York 7). Association for Computing Machinery

(J. P. Nash, Univ. of Illinois, Urbana). Association of American Geographers

(P. M. Stern, Conservation Foundation, 30 E. 40 St., New York, N.Y.).

Astronomical League (H. B. Davidson, 812 Park Ave., New York 21.)

Conference on Scientific Editorial Problems (J. G. Adashko, Ford Instrument Co., Long Island City, N.Y.). 26-28 Dec.

Conference on Scientific Manpower (T.

J. Mills, National Science Foundation, Washington 25). 26 Dec.

Ecological Soc. of America (M. F. Buell, Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, N.J.). 26-30 Dec.

Entomological Soc. of America (P. W. Oman, Plant Industry Sta., Beltsville, Md.). 27-30 Dec.

Genetics Soc. of America (A. W. Pollister, Columbia Univ., New York 27). 28 Dec.

History of Science Soc. (Miss P. Kibre, Hunter College, New York, N.Y.). 27-29 Dec.

Institute of Mathematical Statistics (Miss E. Scott, Univ. of California, Berkeley 4).

International Council for Exceptional Children (M. H. Fouracre, Columbia Univ., New York 27). 26 Dec. International Union for the Study of Social Insects, North American Section (T. C. Schneirla, American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79 St., New York, N.Y.). 26-27 Dec.

Mountain Lake Biological Sta. (B. D. Reynolds, Univ. of Virginia, Charlottes-ville).

Mycological Soc. of America (L. S. Olive, Columbia Univ., New York 27). 26 Dec.

National Acad. of Economics and Political Science (D. P. Ray, George Washington Univ., Washington, D.C.). 27 Dec.

National Assoc. for Gifted Children (Miss A. F. Isaacs, 409 Clinton Springs Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio).

National Assoc. for Research in Science Teaching (N. Washton, Queens College, Flushing 67, L.I., N.Y.). 27 Dec.

National Assoc. of Biology Teachers (J. Breukelman, State Teachers College, Emporia, Kan.). 26-30 Dec.

National Assoc. of Science Writers (J. E. Pfeiffer, New Hope, Pa.).

National Geographic Soc. (W. R. Gray, NGS, 16 and M Sts., NW, Washington 6). 29 Dec.

National Speleological Soc. (Brother G, Nicholas, LaSalle High School, Cumberland, Md.). 29 Dec.

New York Acad. of Sciences (R. F. Nigrelli, New York Zoological Soc. and M. Kopac, New York Univ., Washington Sq., New York, N.Y.). 29 Dec.

Philosophy of Science Assoc. (C. W. Churchman, Case Inst. of Technology, Cleveland, Ohio). 29-30 Dec.

Pi Gamma Mu (B. H. Williams, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington 25). 26 Dec.

Scientific Research Soc. of America (D. B. Prentice, Yale Univ., New Haven, Conn.). 26-27 Dec.

Sigma Delta Epsilon (C. Chandler, Boyce Thompson Inst. for Plant Research, 1086 N. Broadway, Yonkers 3, N.Y.). Sigma Pi Sigma (M. W. White, Penn-

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Society for the Advancement of Criminology (D. E. J. MacNamara, New York Inst. of Criminology, 2109 Broadway, New York, N.Y.). 29 Dec.

Society for the Advancement of General Systems Theory (L. von Bertalanffy, Mt. Sinai Hospital, Los Angeles 48, Calif.). 29-30 Dec.

Society for the Study of Evolution (H. Lewis, Univ. of California, Los Angeles 24). 27-29 Dec.

Society of General Physiologists (A. Shanes, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md.).

Society of Systematic Zoology (R. E. Blackwelder, Box 500, Victor, N.Y.). 27-30 Dec.

Society of the Sigma Xi (T. T. Holme, Yale Univ., New Haven, Conn.). 27 Dec.

Society of Vertebrate Paleontology, annual (J. T. Gregory, Peabody Museum of Natural History, Yale Univ., New Haven, Conn.). 28-30 Dec.

Torrey Botanical Club (David Keck, New York Botanical Garden, Bronx Park, New York 58). 26-27 Dec.

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This characteristic makes separation difficult, but it also makes the rare earths ideal subjects for the study of the magnetic properties of materials and to test various theories of physical chemistry and physics. The rare earths may hold the combination that will unlock many of the secrets of nature.

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Rare earth chloride is a combination of the chlorides of cerium, lanthanum, neodymium and praseodymium with smaller amounts of samarium, gadolinium and less common rare earth chlorides. From this material comes misch metal used in lighter flints and as an additive in many grades of steel. Rare earth chloride also serves in the production of chrome, dentifrices, silk, aluminum, fertilizer and catalysts.

Cerium, most common of the rare earths, is widely used, in its oxide form, as a polishing agent for optical and other forms of glass. Cerium hydrate is an ingredient in the production of the special glass used to view highly radioactive operations.

The rare earths have drying properties that can be useful in the production of better paints. And, neodymium and praseodymium have potential value as colorants in the manufacture of ceramics.

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