

Sir ARNOLD HALL, technical director and scientific adviser and consultant for the Hawker Siddeley Group, Ltd., London, England, delivered the 1956 Wright Brothers lecture of the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences on 17 Dec. in the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Building, Washington, D.C. The 1956 lecturer became director of the Royal Aircraft Establishment in 1951 at the age of 36 and was knighted 3 years later. He gained world recognition for his work in connection with the RAE inquiry into causes of the Comet Airliner crashes. The task of nearly complete rebuilding of a wrecked Comet was undertaken and cause of the accidents found under his direction.

LAWRENCE E. YOUNG, a member of the University of Rochester Medical School faculty since 1943 and widely known for his research in diseases of the blood, will succeed WILLIAM S. McCANN [*Science* 125, 19 (4 Jan. 1957)] as Charles A. Dewey professor of medicine and chairman of the department, effective 1 July 1957. Young also will be physician-in-chief of Strong Memorial Hospital, teaching hospital of the medical school.

LAURENCE McKINLEY GOULD, president of Carleton College and a geologist by profession, has been appointed director of the U.S. Antarctic Program for the International Geophysical Year. Gould, who was a member of the 1928-30 Byrd Antarctic Expedition, will direct the scientific program of geophysical observations during 1957-58 at six stations, including one jointly operated by the U.S. and New Zealand, and will also coordinate the U.S. effort with those of the 11 other nations participating in the Antarctic Program.

EDWARD W. COMINGS, head of the School of Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering, Purdue University, has received the William H. Walker award of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

CLARENCE L. SNYDER, electrical engineer who pioneered in the study of storage batteries, has retired from the National Bureau of Standards after 39 years of service. His career at NBS has been devoted primarily to work on battery separators. Snyder also has made significant contributions to the development of nonspillable aircraft batteries.

Snyder graduated from the University of Colorado in 1914 with a degree in electrical engineering. He taught for 3 years at Eastern State Vocational School in Oklahoma before going to Washington in 1917 to start his government career.

GEORGE W. HOOVER, Navy commander, received the space flight award of the American Astronautical Society at its second annual meeting in New York on 7 Dec. The award was presented in recognition of his efforts in the Project Vanguard earth satellite program.

ARTHUR V. TOBOLSKY of Princeton University has received the Bingham medal of the Society of Rheology for his research on the elastoviscous properties of polymeric materials and the kinetics of polymerization reactions.

FRANCIS C. FLINT, technical director of the Hazel-Atlas Glass Division of the Continental Can Company, has been chosen to receive the 1957 Albert Victor Bleining award of the Pittsburgh Section of the American Ceramic Society. Presentation will be made on 15 Mar. during a dinner at the Penn-Sheraton Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa.

WILLIAM E. ADAMS, Raymond professor of surgery at the University of Chicago, recently spent several months in Scotland as guest professor of surgery at the University of Glasgow. He also gave addresses at the University of Aberdeen, the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh, the Royal Academy of Medicine in Madrid, and the University of Madrid. In November he was made an honorary professor of surgery at the University of Madrid.

### Recent Deaths

SAMUEL H. ANDERSON, Wana-massa, N.J.; 76; retired physicist who served for 24 years at the Fort Monmouth Signal Corps Laboratory; 20 Dec.

FRANK AYDELOTTE, Princeton, N.J.; 76; former director of the Institute for Advanced Study; 17 Dec.

HOWARD M. GIFFT, Ithaca, N.Y.; 48; professor of engineering and newly appointed dean of faculty at Cornell University; 20 Dec.

EDWARD HAMILTON, Morrisville, N.Y.; 48; assistant director of the State University Agricultural and Technical Institute; 20 Dec.

ARTHUR C. MILLARD, Plainfield, N.J.; 57; engineer with the Bell Telephone Laboratories; 18 Dec.

NICHOLAS H. SNYDER, Trenton, N.J.; professor of ceramics at Rutgers University; 18 Dec.

ERWIN VON SCHLICHTEN, Schenectady, N. Y.; 49; assistant professor of psychology at Union College; 20 Dec.

ALBERT E. WHITE, Ann Arbor, Mich.; 82; professor emeritus and former director of the Engineering Research Institute of the University of Michigan; 18 Dec.

### Education

■ The New York Medical College-Metropolitan Medical Center has announced the first American Post-Graduate Assembly in Fertility and Sterility, to be held in New York City at the college and affiliated hospitals from 18 to 31 May 1957. Emphasis in the course will be placed on the clinical aspects of human infertility, including recent advances in diagnosis and therapy. A special feature will be sessions devoted to methods and problems in the organization and administration of sterility clinics, services, and teaching programs. The program of the assembly will consist of lectures, demonstrations, round-tables, operative clinics—including culdoscopy and tubal surgery—ward rounds, and specialty-clinic case presentations.

The course will be conducted by the department of obstetrics and gynecology, and is under the supervision of Abner I. Weisman, chief of the section of fertility and sterility. The faculty of the medical college and 18 guest professors from both North and South America will make up the teaching staff.

The course has been primarily designed for those already interested in infertility. It will afford the opportunity for physicians from other parts of the world (particularly Canada and Latin-America) to learn American methods and discuss their specific problems with leaders in the field in the United States. Arrangements have been made for simultaneous translation from English into Spanish for the benefit of the physicians from Latin-America. All schedules, literature, and outlines of the course will be in both languages.

The course has been arranged at the end of May to allow registrants to attend the annual meetings of the American Society for the Study of Sterility, the Endocrine Society, and the American Medical Association, which will be held in New York starting 31 May. Information and applications may be obtained from Dr. Ralph E. Snyder, Dean, New York Medical College, 1249 Fifth Ave., N.Y. 29, N.Y. Registration is limited, and the tuition is \$150.

■ The X-Ray Diffraction Data Card File that is published by the American Society for Testing Materials under the editorship of G. W. Brindley of Pennsylvania State University is now being offered to colleges and universities at an 80-percent discount from the list prices. The discount is offered only on the basis that the card file will be used for classroom instruction. A certification to this effect will be necessary for the special discount to apply.

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