

REUBEN L. KAHN, originator of the Kahn blood test for syphilis, has retired after 29 years at the University of Michigan. However, he will continue his research as consultant in the department of dermatology and syphilology. Kahn developed his well-known test in 1922 while working as an immunologist at the Michigan State Health Department in Lansing.

THOMAS C. JONES, lieutenant colonel in the Veterinary Corps, U.S. Army, retired on 31 July, after more than 21 years of active duty, to become pathologist at Angell Memorial Animal Hospital, in Boston, Mass. He will also be a part-time faculty member in the department of pathology of Harvard Medical School and consultant to New England Cancer Research Institute. Jones attended the University of Idaho and received his B.S. and D.V.M. degrees from the College of Veterinary Medicine, State College of Washington, Pullman, in 1935. Following his graduation, he was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Army Veterinary Corps and was assigned as assistant station veterinarian at the Presidio of Monterey, Calif., where he remained until 1938. He then studied at the Army Veterinary School, Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C., and at the Army Medical Field Service School, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

During the period 1939 to 1945, he was officer in charge of the Army Veterinary Research Laboratory, Front Royal Quartermaster Depot, Va., and Fort Robinson, Neb. From 1950 to 1953, he was chief of the veterinary department and technical division, Fourth Medical Field Laboratory, U.S.A., in Europe. With Hilton A. Smith, he wrote a textbook on veterinary pathology, and he has recently completed a study of a specific viral disease of animals which produces an inflammation of the arteries believed to have some specific application to cardiovascular diseases in man.

H. TYLER MARCY has been appointed by the International Business Machines Corporation as manager of its Data Processing Division's product development laboratory at Poughkeepsie, N.Y. He was formerly assistant manager of product development at the company's New York headquarters.

SAM R. ALDRICH of Cornell University has been appointed professor of agronomy extension at the University of Illinois College of Agriculture. He will specialize in soil fertility.

PASQUALE J. COSTA, instructor in pharmacology at the Harvard Medical School, has been appointed associate professor of pharmacology at Seton Hall College of Medicine and Dentistry.

W. A. PEARSON, professor of biology and biological chemistry at Ferris Institute, Big Rapids, Mich., retired in June after 52 years of teaching. Following his graduation from the University of Michigan in 1898, Pearson was a research chemist for Parke, Davis and Company until 1904, when he began his teaching career at Ferris. He left Ferris in 1906 for Hahnemann Medical College and taught there until 1949. Pearson received his M.D. degree from Hahnemann in 1915 and later earned the Ph.D. degree from Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and the Sc.D. degree at LaSalle College. In the meantime, he served as dean of Hahnemann Medical College until 1944.

WOLFGANG R. WASOW, a member of the staff of the U.S. Army Mathematics Research Center at the University of Wisconsin, has been appointed a professor in the university's department of mathematics.

Another appointment at Wisconsin is that of DAVID T. GRAHAM, at present on the faculty of Washington University School of Medicine, as associate professor of medicine.

GLADYN H. PUTT, long associated with missile research and development, has been appointed executive assistant to L. Eugene Root, vice president of Lockheed Aircraft Corporation and general manager of its Missile Systems Division. Putt will be based at the division's Sunnyvale, Calif., plant. For the past 9 years he has been at Rand Corporation, a nonprofit organization formed by a group of scientists and engineers to carry on studies of advanced weapons and operations for the Air Force.

HAROLD R. DETTELBACH has joined Smith, Kline and French Laboratories, Philadelphia, Pa., as an assistant to the director of exploratory development in the Research and Development Division. He was formerly a pharmacologist-biologist for G. D. Searle and Company, Chicago.

DAVID B. STEINMAN, designer of the Mackinac Bridge in Michigan, the world's largest suspension bridge, will receive the 1957 Louis B. Levy medal of Franklin Institute for his paper, "The design of the Mackinac Bridge for Aerodynamic stability" [*J. Franklin Inst.* 262 (Dec. 1956)].

HAROLD S. DIEHL, dean of the College of Medical Sciences, University of Minnesota, will become senior vice president for research and medical affairs and deputy executive vice president of the American Cancer Society on 1 Nov. For the time being he will be on leave of absence from the university.

HARRY McPHERSON, an engineer who has been technical design test coordinator for Convair in Forth Worth, Tex., has been chosen to head the testing program for the missile weapons system being developed by Temco Aircraft Corporation, Dallas, Tex.

WILLIAM D. STEWART, of Vancouver, Canada, has become the first recipient of the new Maurice Husik prize for his outstanding investigative work while he was a matriculate with the department of dermatology and syphilology of New York University Post-Graduate Medical School. Stewart was the senior investigator and, with VICTOR H. WITTEN, was coauthor of "The measurement of x-radiation received by the gonads during dermatologic therapeutic x-radiation techniques." The paper will appear in the *Journal of Investigative Dermatology*.

MAURICE HUSIK, for whom the prize was named, has been on the staff of the New York Skin and Cancer Unit for 25 years. During this period grateful patients established a fund under his jurisdiction to provide treatment for indigent patients. In July 1956 the Maurice Husik prize was established. The cash amount will vary from year to year, depending on the amount available as income from the Husik Fund, which has endowed the prize.

Recent Deaths

RALPH CHRISTIE, Long Beach, Calif.; 74; first Army flight surgeon; wrote first military manual on physical requirements for flying; 3 Aug.

WILLIAM R. BIRGE, Troy, N.Y.; 37; associate professor of psychology at the School of General Studies at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; 4 Aug.

CHARLES McCRACKEN, Eustis, Fla.; 75; author and former president of Connecticut State College; former U.S. Office of Education specialist; 3 Aug.

DONALD P. SMITH, Princeton, N.J.; 78; associate professor of physical chemistry at Princeton University; 2 Aug.

WARD V. EVANS, Lancaster, Pa.; 74; retired chairman of the Northwestern University chemistry department and the lone member of the Atomic Energy Commission's special three-man Personal Security Board of 1954 who ruled that J. R. Oppenheimer was a "loyal citizen"; 2 Aug.

FRANCIS E. DRAKE, Pelham, N.Y.; gas engineer and partner in Drake and Townsend, gas plant engineers, New York; 5 Aug.

JUNIUS D. EDWARDS, Highland, N.C.; 67; former assistant director of research for the Aluminum Company of America; 5 Aug.