

committee between the IUBS and the International Union of Biochemistry. The committee is specifically concerned with chemical biology within the framework of the unions federated in the International Council of Scientific Unions. An important function of the committee will be to make proposals for international symposia to both IUBS and IUB. It is hoped that a full committee meeting will shortly be held, perhaps during the 4th International Congress of Biochemistry in Vienna in September 1958.

The committee, as at present constituted, consists of M. Florin (Liège), president; O. Lindberg (Stockholm); R. Brunel (Toulouse); F. Lynen (Munich); P. Boyer (Minneapolis); and T. W. Goodwin (Department of Biochemistry, University of Liverpool), secretary.

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A colony of 12,000 mice, representing 20 to 30 inbred pure genetic strains, will be maintained at the University of Michigan Laboratory of Mouse Genetics when renovations for converting the Laboratory of Vertebrate Biology are completed. A grant of \$111,843 from the National Institutes of Health, U.S. Public Health Service, has supported the renovation. Five similar centers will be set up throughout the country with NIH support.

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Southern Methodist University has opened a computing laboratory. A new building houses a Univac scientific 1103 computer, the Remington Rand Service Bureau, and the S.M.U. Computing Laboratory offices and classrooms. The computer is operated jointly by Remington Rand as a service to industry and by S.M.U. as an academic service for research and teaching. The S.M.U. operation is associated with the university's new Graduate Research Center. Professors and students may use the machine for academic research and training. Computing projects are now under way in the fields of engineering, mathematics, psychology, law, religion, management and others.

Scientists in the News

RAYMOND M. G. BOUCHER, former head of the Aerosols Department, Experimental Laboratory, National Conservatory of Arts and Sciences in France, has been appointed head of a new research program in airborne ultrasonics at the Vibro-Ceramics Division of Gulton Industries, Inc., Metuchen, N.J.

VLADIMIR HAENSEL, director of refining research, Universal Oil Products Company, Des Plaines, Ill., has received the Professional Progress Award of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers for his "important contributions to

the development of catalytic processes for the treatment of petroleum products."

Also, THOMAS J. HANRATY, assistant professor of chemical engineering at the University of Illinois, has received the A.I.Ch.E. Junior Award for excellent contributions to A.I.Ch.E. publications by a younger member of the Institute.

BRUNO OETTEKING has retired from Columbia University and from the Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation, New York. Also, he has been named a corresponding member of the German Anthropological Association.

ANTONI K. OPPENHEIM, associate professor of mechanical engineering at the University of California, Berkeley, has been appointed visiting professor of engineering in the department of chemical and metallurgical engineering at the University of Michigan.

R. G. ORELLANA, after completing an assignment in Peradeniya, Ceylon, for the Food and Agricultural Organization's Technical Assistance Program, has resigned his position with the Inter-American Institute of Agricultural Sciences in Costa Rica. He has been appointed plant pathologist in the Oilseed and Industrial Crops Research Branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the division of plant pathology, University of Florida, Gainesville. He is now investigating diseases of castorbean and sesame.

PAUL A. SIPLE, antarctic explorer, has received the Army's Distinguished Civilian Service Award for his scientific leadership at the South Pole. Siple has just returned from Antarctica, where he has been serving since October 1956 as deputy to the officer in charge of the United States antarctic programs for the International Geophysical Year.

C. E. DAVIS has retired as secretary of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers after 23 years of service in that office and nearly 38 years in the service of the society. Davis will continue to serve as coordinator for the United Engineering Center. He is succeeded in the secretaryship by O. B. SCHIER, II.

The last three in the series of five William Pyle Philips Lectures on advances in microbiology will take place at Haverford College as follows: 13 Feb., DAVID M. BONNER of Yale University, "Genes and Their Action"; 12 March, JOSHUA LEDERBURG of the University of Wisconsin, "Reproductive Versatility in Bacteria"; and 11 Apr., ARTHUR KORNBERG of Washington University, "Enzymatic Approaches to the Chemical Basis of Heredity." The two first lectures

were delivered by S. E. LURIA of the University of Illinois and ROGER Y. STANIER of the University of California.

HOWARD P. McCOLLUM has recently been appointed supervisor of science for the state of Louisiana. Similar appointments affecting science teaching have been made in North Carolina, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, and New Mexico.

PAUL E. BROWN, formerly a senior engineer with the General Electric Company, has accepted a position with Argonne National Laboratory as an associate engineer in the reactor engineering division.

CLARK T. ROGERSON, assistant professor of botany at Kansas State College and assistant mycologist at the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station, has been named curator of the cryptogamic herbarium of the New York Botanical Garden, effective 1 February. Dr. Rogerson's special studies have been on the parasitic fungi of Kansas and the taxonomy of Ascomycetes and the Hypocreales.

Recent Deaths

F. A. BANKS, San Marino, Calif.; 74; U.S. Reclamation Bureau engineer, became responsible in 1933 for the construction of Grand Coulee Dam; supervised the dam's operation until 1950; 14 December.

C. F. BECKWITH, New York; 70; mechanical engineer and cofounder of Aqua Systems, Inc., manufacturers of equipment for gasoline service stations; 17 December.

HENRY C. CORTES, Dallas, Tex.; 65; vice-president and director of Magnolia Petroleum Company; 6 December.

H. ELIASBERG, New York; 67; associate clinical professor of pediatrics at Cornell University Medical College; codiscoverer in 1920 of epituberculosis; 16 December.

GUSTAF W. ELMEN, Englewood, N.J.; 80; former metallurgist at Bell Telephone Laboratories and specialist in magnetic research; 10 December.

EARL T. ENGLE, Suffern, N.Y.; 61; professor of anatomy at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University; 17 December.

HARVEY A. K. WHITNEY, Ann Arbor, Mich.; 63; founder of the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists; 15 December.

Erratum: On page 1173 of the 6 December issue of Science, it was stated incorrectly that Floyd H. Allport is professor emeritus at the University of Oregon. He is professor emeritus at Syracuse University.