

Award for his technological services to nutrition and public health. The award was presented to him in Chicago on 27 May during the 18th annual meeting of the Institute of Food Technologists.

WILLIAM GUY has received the Distinguished Service Award of the Virginia Section of the American Chemical Society "in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the professional standing of chemists." A dinner in his honor was held at the Officers Club of Virginia in Richmond on 6 June.

LILLIAN H. MEYER has been named head of the department of chemistry at Western Michigan University, effective 1 September.

WILLIAM BRUECKHEIMER is the new head of the university's department of geography and geology.

CHESTER N. FRAZIER, head of the department of dermatology at Harvard Medical School, will retire from active service at Harvard on 30 June, when he will become Edward Wigglesworth professor emeritus of dermatology. Simultaneously, Frazier will retire as chief of the Dermatological Service at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston.

Frazier's contributions to research in dermatology have included studies on the relationship of skin disease to nutrition. He was the first to describe a skin disease caused by Vitamin A deficiency. During 19 years in China (1922-1941), while teaching at the Peiping Union Medical College, he carried on research in skin diseases of the Chinese, and trained Chinese doctors in the treatment of skin disease and syphilis. His studies have also included the biology of syphilis; the effects of race, sex, and hormones in resistance to syphilis; and the mode of action of penicillin.

Frazier attended Wooster College and received the S.B. (1915) and the M.D. (1917) degrees from Indiana University. In 1947 he was awarded the doctor of public health degree by Johns Hopkins University. He also did postgraduate work at the University of Munich, Germany.

AIKOH KAWAHATA, professor of hygiene, Mie Prefectural University School of Medicine, Mie-Ken, Japan, has recently completed a year as Fulbright fellow in the department of physiology and pharmacology of the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery, Kirksville, Mo. Until February 1959 he will work in the department of physiology and biophysics, University of Washington, Seattle. Kawahata's studies have been in the field of sweat gland physiology.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture honored 182 employees recently in special ceremonies at the sylvan theatre on the Washington Monument grounds in Washington. Eight of these received Distinguished Service Awards, 127 were given Superior Service Awards, and 47 were cited for 40 years or more of service. Those who received Distinguished Service Awards are:

CHARLES DRECHSLER, mycologist, Agricultural Research Service, Beltsville, Md.

GWYNN GARNETT, administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

SHERMAN E. JOHNSON, advisor to Agricultural Research Service Administrator.

PAUL V. KEPNER, deputy administrator, Federal Extension Service.

NICHOLAS T. MIROV, plant physiologist, Forest Service, Berkeley, Calif.

ROBERT T. O'CONNOR, physical scientist, Agricultural Research Service, New Orleans, La.

R. LYLE WEBSTER, director of information.

DONALD A. WILLIAMS, administrator, Soil Conservation Service.

Another feature of the ceremonies was the presentation of the William A. Jump Memorial Award to **ROBERT S. SHARMAN**, a veterinarian of the Agricultural Research Service, for his work in the eradication of foot-and-mouth disease in Mexico following the second outbreak there within the past 11 years.

HARLOW SHAPLEY of Harvard College Observatory has completed his tour as visiting scholar to 50 American colleges and universities. Fourteen of the visits were under the auspices of the American Astronomical Society, underwritten by the National Science Foundation; most of the others were sponsored by the National Organization of Phi Beta Kappa.

RALPH E. HIATT, chief of the Antenna Laboratory at the Air Force Cambridge Research Center, has been appointed research physicist in the University of Michigan Engineering Research Institute, effective 1 July. He will be head of the experimental part of the Radiation Laboratory, which is conducting research in basic electronics, radar and associated devices, antimissiles systems, camouflage techniques, and mathematics.

ARTHUR R. CADE, a member of the L. B. Evans' Son Co. staff, has retired after 18 years of service as chief bacteriologist for the Givaudan Corporation and its subsidiary the Sindar Corporation, of Delawanna, N.J., and New York, manufacturers of organic (synthetic aromatic) chemicals.

F. W. WENT, professor of plant physiology at California Institute of Technology, has been appointed director of the Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, and professor of botany at Washington University, effective 1 September.

Recent Deaths

WILLIAM DENNIS, Middletown Township, N.J.; 85; chairman of the Atlantic Coast Section, Shell Fisheries Division, New Jersey State Department of Conservation and Economic Development, and specialist on the tides and channels of Sandy Hook Bay and the North Jersey coast; 1 June.

Rev. GUSTAVE DUMAS, New York, N.Y.; 59; dean of the Fordham University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 1938-51; 28 May.

WILLIAM H. EISENMAN, Cleveland, Ohio; 73; national secretary of the American Society for Metals for 40 years; former head of the chemistry department of Racine (Wis.) College; superintendent of schools in Elmhurst, Ill.; 30 May.

AARON FREILICH, New York, N.Y.; 65; lecturer at Brooklyn College and former chairman of the mathematics department at Lafayette High School, Brooklyn; author of many mathematics textbooks; 1 June.

DANIEL LASZLO, New York, N.Y.; 55; chief of the division of neoplastic diseases at Montefiore Hospital; served at the universities of Freiburg and Cologne, Germany, and the University of Vienna before coming to the United States in 1938; led an investigation of radioactive strontium for the Atomic Energy Commission and the U.S. Public Health Service at Montefiore; 1 June.

KARL PRESSER, New York, N.Y.; 60; radiologist; formerly taught x-ray diagnosis and therapy at the University of Vienna Medical School; 1 June.

GEORGE J. SHIPLE, Detroit, Mich.; 66; professor of chemistry and director of the department of chemistry at the University of Detroit; 18 May.

C. E. SKINNER, Pullman, Wash.; 61; chairman of the department of bacteriology and public health, State College of Washington; 10 May.

IEKOUSSIEL G. TCHERTKOFF, New York, N.Y.; 73; consultant and former visiting physician at the Metropolitan Hospital and at the Sea View Hospital, West New Brighton, N.Y.; specialist in lung diseases; author of many papers on pulmonary tuberculosis; 1 June.

Lord WEBB-JOHNSON, London, England; 77; surgeon to the late Queen Mary of England for 17 years and president of the Royal College of Surgeons for 8 years; 25 May.