

chair of chemistry. The new chair was made possible by a gift to the University of Alabama from the late Erskine Ramsay, industrialist and philanthropist of Birmingham.

H. F. ROBINSON has been appointed head of the newly organized department of genetics at North Carolina State College.

This year's honorary degree recipients include the following:

LYLE T. ALEXANDER, chief, Soil Survey Laboratories, U.S. Department of Agriculture, from the University of Arkansas.

RICHMOND K. ANDERSON, associate director for biological sciences at the Rockefeller Foundation, from Harvard University.

EDGAR H. DIX, JR., assistant director of research, Aluminum Company of America, from Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh.

PAUL B. SEARS, chairman of the Conservation Program at Yale University, from Oberlin College.

HARRY C. TRIMBLE, special consultant to the dean of Harvard Medical School, from Harvard University.

JOHN H. VAN VLECK, professor of mathematics at Harvard University, from Oxford University.

THORNTON PAGE, formerly on the staff of the Operations Research Office, Johns Hopkins University, has been appointed professor of astronomy at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut.

GEORGE D. BEAL will retire as a director of research at Mellon Institute on 31 August, after 32 years of service.

Beal has had a career in chemical research, pharmaceutical investigation and education, and research management in a number of industrial fields, including textiles, paper, leather, waxes, varnishes, and food chemistry. His nearly 100 publications deal with basic chemistry, agriculture, food preservatives, industrial hygiene, glass containers, scientific standards, and the philosophy of research.

RICHARD COURANT, director, Institute of Mathematical Sciences, New York University, has been presented the Navy Distinguished Public Service Award. The award, highest the Navy confers on civilians, was given to Courant for his contribution to the Department of the Navy in the field of mathematical sciences.

RICHARD J. DELONG has been appointed virologist at the Toledo Hospital Institute of Medical Research. He will investigate the relationship of virus to neoplasia.

EDWARD M. PURCELL, Nobel laureate in physics, will be the first Donner Professor of Science at Harvard University.

President Nathan M. Pusey announced appointment of the 45-year-old investigator in nuclear magnetism as the first scientist to hold the new professorship, one of five established this spring at major centers of learning by the Donner Foundation of Philadelphia. An endowment of \$500,000 will be established for each professorship.

In making the grant, the Donner Foundation called scientific education "of utmost importance" in the present age. The new chairs are provided for the field of the physical sciences.

RANDAL M. ROBERTSON, director of the Physical Sciences Division, Office of Naval Research, has joined the staff of the National Science Foundation as assistant director for mathematical, physical, and engineering sciences.

DAVID S. GRICE, assistant clinical professor of orthopedic surgery at Harvard University, has been appointed chairman of the department of orthopedic surgery at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, effective 1 September. He will succeed PAUL C. COLONNA, who will retire 1 September following 16 years as chairman of the department. Colonna will continue his practice in Philadelphia.

EARL A. ALLUISI, former staff member at the U.S. Army Medical Research Laboratory, has joined the staff of the Missile Systems Division, Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, Sunnyvale, California.

DONALD C. GREAVES, associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, has been named chairman of the department of psychiatry of Kansas University Medical Center, Kansas City.

BRIAN MacMAHON, currently of the College of Medicine of the State University of New York in Brooklyn, has been named professor and head of the department of epidemiology at the Harvard School of Public Health. He succeeds JOHN E. GORDON, who retired on 1 July to become professor emeritus of preventive medicine and epidemiology.

The Psychological Corporation has announced that ALBERT K. KURTZ, professor of psychology at the University of Florida, has taken a one-year leave of absence to direct a project on the training of radio code operators under a contract with the Office of Naval Research.

JOHN B. YOUNG, dean of the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, has resigned, effective 30 August, to become head of army medical research.

SAM L. CLARK, professor of anatomy and head of the department at Vanderbilt, has been named acting dean.

GEORGE ST. J. PERROTT, chief of the Division of Public Health Methods, U.S. Public Health Service, retired on 30 June. He has been succeeded by WILLIAM H. STEWART of the staff of the surgeon general.

VYTAUTAS J. BIELIAUSKAS, formerly with the Richmond Professional Institute of the College of William and Mary, has joined the faculty of Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio, as associate professor of psychology.

WILLIAM R. TAYLOR, professor of botany at the University of Michigan, has been elected a foreign corresponding member of the Institut de France, Academie des Sciences.

Recent Deaths

EDWIN G. BURROWS, Storrs, Conn.; 66; professor of anthropology at the University of Connecticut until his retirement in 1957; specialist on South Pacific peoples and their customs; 13 July.

CHARLES E. FRILEY, Ames, Iowa; 70; president of Iowa State College from 1936 until his retirement in 1953 and dean of the college's Science Division from 1932 to 1935; member of the staff of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas for 20 years before he came to Iowa; 11 July.

CATHERINE R. KELLEY, Nashua, N.H.; 82; founder and staff member of Doctors Hospital in New York; was in charge of the newly established heart laboratory of Bellevue Hospital in 1912; operated one of the first electro-cardiographs in existence; 14 July.

ISIDOR C. RUBIN, London, England; 75; former clinical professor of gynecology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University; the College of Medicine, New York University; and New York Medical College, Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals; chief gynecologist of Mount Sinai Hospital from 1937 to 1945; specialist on the problems of childbirth and childless marriages; known for his test for sterility in women; 10 July.

Erratum: In the report by H. Vasken Aposhian on "Protection by D-penicillamine against the lethal effects of mercuric chloride" [*Science* 128, 93 (11 July 1958)], the heading of the last column of Table 1 should have been "Percent," and not "Survival (%)." Mortality, and not survival, is given in this column.