

ROME F. GELLER, who retired in 1956 as chief of the porcelain and pottery section of the National Bureau of Standards, has received the Albert Victor Bleining Award. The award, presented annually, is the highest honor conferred in this country for outstanding achievement in the field of ceramics.

GEORGE G. SIMPSON, curator of fossil mammals and birds at the American Museum of Natural History in New York, will join the faculty of Harvard University this summer as Alexander Agassiz professor of vertebrate paleontology in the Museum of Comparative Zoology. He will devote himself to research and will have no teaching or curatorial duties.

FELIX BLOCH, physicist at Stanford University and cowinner of the Nobel Prize in 1952, will lecture at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, under a Fulbright scholarship on a year's leave of absence, beginning in September.

Vice Admiral HYMAN G. RICKOVER has received a special gold medal, authorized by Congress, in recognition of his work in directing the development and construction of the world's first nuclear-powered ships and the first large-scale nuclear power reactor devoted exclusively to the production of electricity. Senator Clinton P. Anderson, chairman of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, presented the medal at a public session of the Joint Committee.

GRACE A. GOLDSMITH, professor of medicine at Tulane University Medical School, received the \$1000 Osborne-Mendel Award of the Nutrition Foundation at the annual dinner of the American Institute of Nutrition. On the same occasion HARRY E. STEENBOCK, emeritus professor of biochemistry of the University of Wisconsin, received the \$1000 Borden Award in Nutrition.

J. BJERKNES, professor of meteorology at the Bergen Geofysiske Institut, Norway, and at the University of California, Los Angeles, was awarded the International Meteorological Organization Prize for 1959 at a special session of the Executive Committee of the United Nations. The prize (\$1200 and a gold medal) was established in 1955 by the World Meteorological Organization.

MURRAY GELL-MANN, professor of physics at the California Institute of Technology, has been named the 1959 winner of the Dannie Heineman Prize for Mathematical Physics. The \$2500 award will be made during the spring meeting of the American Physical Society, 1 May, in Washington.

HADLEIGH MARSH, veterinary pathologist at Montana State College, and consultant to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, has received the third annual Distinguished Service Award of the Animal Health Institute. The award, which consists of \$1000 and an engraved plaque, was presented during the annual meeting of the Animal Health Institute in Washington, D.C.

ARTHUR L. SCHIPPER, member of the staff of the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies, has joined the National Institute of Health as a biologist in the research grants branch of the National Cancer Institute.

WALTER R. BEAM, manager of advanced microwave development in the Electron Tube Division of the Radio Corporation of America, has been named head of the department of electrical engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, effective 1 July. Beam will succeed HAROLD N. TREVETT, who has been acting head of the department since 1955.

LAWRENCE H. GAHAGAN, former assistant professor of psychology at the University of California, Los Angeles, has been appointed head of the department of psychiatry and neurology at the Beverly Hills Medical Clinic, Beverly Hills, Calif.

GEORGE H. MICKEY, chairman of the department of zoology at Louisiana State University, has been appointed dean of the graduate school. He succeeds RICHARD J. RUSSELL, who has been appointed director of the Coastal Studies Institute.

GEORGE P. FULTON, chairman of the department of biology at Boston University College of Liberal Arts, has been named the first Shields Warren professor. The professorship was established in honor of Shields Warren, noted pathologist and chairman of the executive committee of the Boston University board of trustees, on his 60th birthday.

JOSEPH L. MCCARTHY, professor of chemical engineering at the University of Washington, has been appointed dean of the university's graduate school, as of 1 July. He will succeed HENRY A. BURD, professor emeritus in marketing, who has been acting dean since September 1955.

EDWARD DIAMOND has resigned as associate general counsel of the Atomic Energy Commission, and has joined the Stromberg-Carlson Division of the General Dynamics Corporation at Rochester, N.Y., as secretary and general counsel.

## Recent Deaths

WILLIAM J. BAUMGARTNER, New York; 87; retired in 1949 as professor of zoology of the University of Kansas; staff member of the Puget Sound Marine Station, University of Washington, 1908-15; had taught at the University of Chicago; 12 Apr.

JOHN P. DELANEY, Baltimore, Md.; 64; emeritus professor of physics at Loyola College; led a student expedition to Athens, Palestine, and Turkey in 1933; president of the eastern section of the American Association of Jesuit Scientists; 11 Apr.

GERHART K. GROETZINGER, Baltimore, Md.; 51; principal scientist at the RIAS Division of the Martin Company since 1956; had been associated with the University of Illinois, Ohio State University, the Enrico Fermi Institute for Nuclear Studies at the University of Chicago, the Lewis Laboratory of the National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics, and the Los Alamos Laboratory of the Atomic Energy Commission; faculty member of the University of Vienna, 1931-38; 30 Mar.

ADOLPH JACOBY, New York; 71; retired in 1952 as director of the Health Department's Bureau of Social Hygiene, after having been with the department for 36 years; had been associate clinical professor of obstetrics at New York University Medical School; had taught at Post-Graduate Medical School and at Columbia University; 9 Apr.

DAVID A. KREIDER, Stamford, Conn.; 88; associate professor emeritus of physics of Yale University; was affiliated with the university from 1893 until his retirement in 1936; 9 Apr.

J. BRADLEY LONG, San Francisco, Calif.; 36; assistant clinical professor of medicine at the University of California and vice president of the San Francisco Heart Association; 9 Apr.

JAMES E. MAYNARD, Syracuse, N.Y.; 60; petrographer and economic geologist; professor of geology at Syracuse University, where he had been a member of the staff since 1930; 9 Apr.

GERALD H. MATTHES, New York; 85; retired consulting engineer and a specialist in flood control; inventor of the tetrahedral block revetment for river banks, the topographic slide rule for plane-table surveying, and a mechanically controlled aerial camera; 8 Apr.

JOSEPH STAMBUL, Philadelphia, Pa.; 64; cardiologist; had performed research in the field of atherosclerosis for the last 20 years; author of *The Mechanisms of Disease*; 11 Apr.

MARVIN J. UDY, Niagara Falls, N.Y.; 66; metallurgist; vice president and consultant of Strategic-Udy Processes, Inc.; developed new methods for separating or refining chromium, nickel, cobalt, and bismuth; 11 Apr.