

tween structure and auxin activity, with special reference to requirements for reaction with the necessary binding sites, were discussed in separate papers by K. V. Thimann and J. van Overbeek.

A feature of the conference was a memorial dinner in honor of the late P. W. Zimmerman. It was in his laboratory at the Boyce Thompson Institute, in cooperation with his associate, A. E. Hitchcock, that 2,4-D was first found to have marked effects on plant growth and development. Indolebutyric acid and 1-naphthaleneacetic acid were also first investigated as growth regulants by Zimmerman and Hitchcock. Extensive investigations by these authors were also carried out with derivatives of benzoic acid and a variety of substituted aryloxyacetic acids, in addition to 2,4-D.

Major addresses at the conference were given by William J. Robbins, director emeritus of the New York Botanical Garden, who spoke at the memorial dinner for P. W. Zimmerman on expanding concepts of plant growth regulation, and by James Bonner of California Institute of Technology, who delivered an address on the probable future of auxinology.

The day after the scientific sessions of the conference ended, the participants were taken on a chartered boat around Manhattan Island, where they had an opportunity to meet members of the botany departments of Columbia and Rutgers universities and staff members of the three sponsoring institutions who were not directly interested in plant growth substances and, therefore, were not participants in the scientific sessions.

George L. McNew, managing director of the Boyce Thompson Institute, was chairman of the organizing committee for the conference, and A. J. Vlitos, who originally suggested that such a conference be held, served as secretary. Vlitos, formerly at the Institute, is now with Caroni Ltd., in Trinidad.

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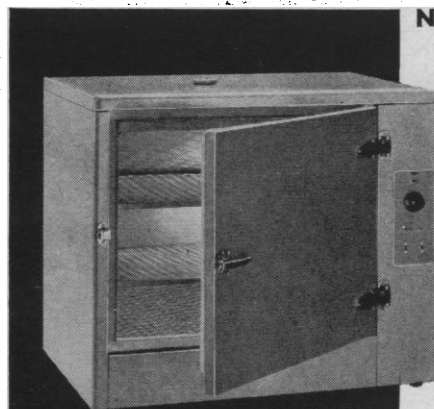
February

1-4. American Soc. of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers, semi-annual, Dallas, Tex. (Miss J. I. Szabo, ASHRAE, 234 Fifth Ave., New York 1.)

1-4. Instrument-Automation Conf., Houston, Tex. (Director, Technical and Educational Services, Instrument Soc. of America, 313 Sixth Ave., Pittsburgh 22, Pa.)

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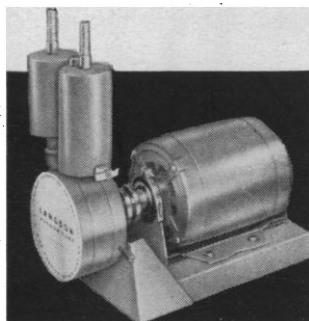
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2-4. Haemopoiesis—Cell Production and Its Regulation, Ciba Foundation symp. (by invitation only), London, England. (G. E. W. Wolstenholme, Ciba Foundation, 41 Portland Pl., London, W.1, England.)

2-4. Society of the Plastics Industry (Reinforced Plastics Div.), Chicago, Ill. (W. C. Bird, SPI, 250 Park Ave., New York 17.)

3-5. Military Electronics, IRE winter

conv., Los Angeles, Calif. (G. B. Knoob, Motorola, Inc., Military Electronics Div., 1741 Ivar Ave., Hollywood 28, Calif.)

3-6. American College of Radiology, New Orleans, La. (W. C. Stronach, 20 N. Wacker Dr., Chicago 6.)

3-6. Parathyroid Research, symp., Houston, Tex. (R. V. Talmage, Dept. of Biology, Rice Inst., Houston.)

4-6. American Soc. for Metals, San Francisco, Calif. (R. Huggins, ASM, Stanford Univ., Stanford, Calif.)

4-6. Congress on Administration, 3rd annual, Chicago, Ill. (R. E. Brown, American College of Hospital Administrators, 840 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago 11.)

5. Parenteral Drug Assoc., New York,

N.Y. (H. E. Boyden, PDA, 4865 Stenton Ave., Philadelphia 44, Pa.)

7-9. Congress on Medical Education and Licensure, Chicago, Ill. (CMEH, AMA, 535 N. Dearborn St., Chicago 10.)

7-10. Radioactive Isotopes in Clinical Medicine and Research, 4th intern. symp., Bad Gastein, Austria. (R. Höfer, 2nd Medical Univ. Clinic, 13 Garnisonsgasse, Vienna 1X, Austria.)

10-11. Gas Cooled Reactor, symp., Philadelphia, Pa. (F. L. Jackson, Franklin Inst., Philadelphia, Pa.)

10-12. American Acad. of Occupational Medicine and Research, 4th intern. symp., Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Navy Dept., Washington 25.)

10-12. Solid States Circuit Conf., Philadelphia, Pa. (T. R. Finch, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Murray Hill, N.J.)

10-13. National Assoc. for Research in Science Teaching, 33rd annual, Chicago, Ill. (C. M. Pruitt, Univ. of Tampa, Tampa, Fla.)

10-13. National Soc. of College Teachers of Education, Chicago, Ill. (E. J. Clark, Indiana State Teachers College, Terre Haute.)

11. Protein and Amino Acid Requirements of Swine, Chicago, Ill. (J. T. Sime, Assoc. of Vitamin Chemists, Evaporated Milk Assoc., 228 N. La Salle St., Chicago 1.)

11-13. Society of Univ. Surgeons, Minneapolis, Minn. (B. Eiseman, 4200 E. Ninth Ave., Denver 20, Colo.)

14-18. American Inst. of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers, annual, New York, N.Y. (E. O. Kirkendall, AIME, 29 W. 39th St., New York 18.)

16. Astronomical Soc. of the Pacific annual, San Francisco, Calif. (S. Einarsson, Leuschner Observatory, Univ. of California, Berkeley 4.)

18-19. Chemical Inst. of Canada (Protective Coatings Div.), Toronto, Ont., and Montreal, Que., Canada. (Scientific Liaison Office, National Research Council, Sussex Drive, Ottawa, Canada.)

18-20. National Soc. of Professional Engineers, winter, Wichita, Kan. (P. H. Robbins, NSPE, 309 Bancroft Bldg., Univ. of Nebraska, Lincoln.)

21-24. American Inst. of Chemical Engineers, Atlanta, Ga. (F. J. Van Antwerpen, AICE, 25 W. 45 St., New York 36.)

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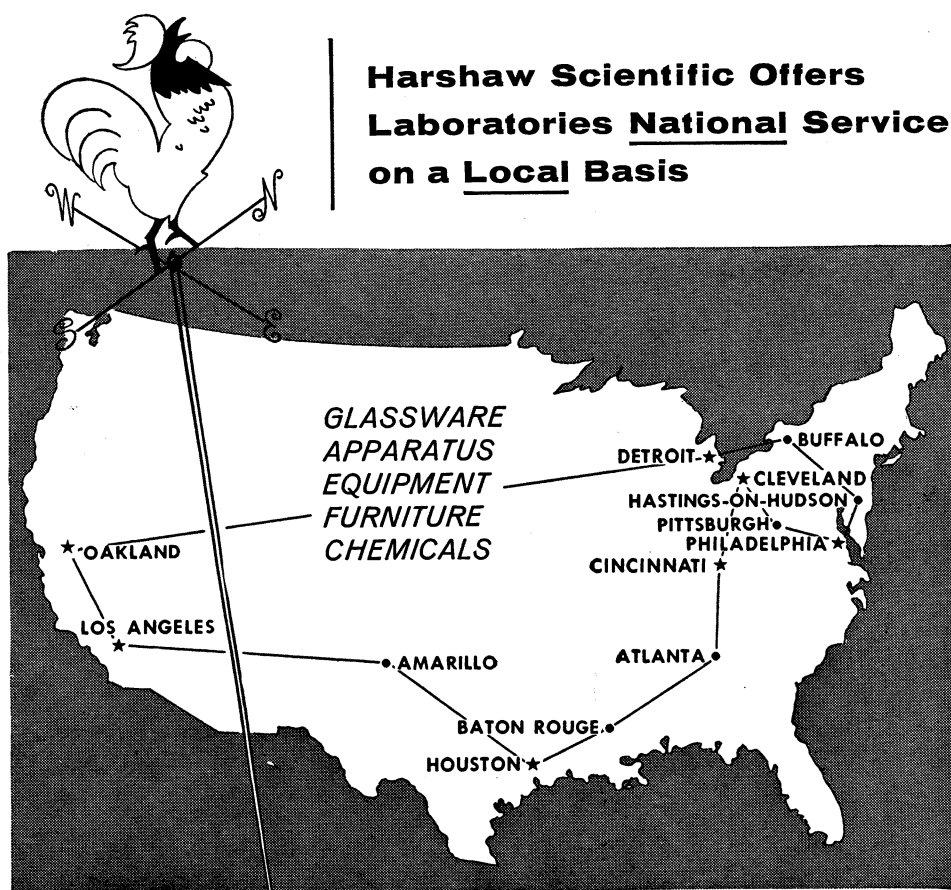
22-4. Scientific Management, 12th intern. cong., Sydney and Melbourne, Australia. (C. M. Gray, Federal Council of the Australian Inst. of Management, Western House, 83 William St., Melbourne, C.1, Victoria, Australia.)

24-26. Biophysical Soc., 4th annual, Philadelphia, Pa. (O. H. Schmitt, Biophysical Soc., Chairman, Program Committee, Univ. of Minnesota, Minneapolis.)

25-27. American Orthopsychiatric Assoc., Chicago, Ill. (Miss M. F. Langer, 1790 Broadway, New York 19.)

25-27. Cell Physiology of Neoplasia (14th annual symp. on fundamental cancer research), Houston, Tex. (Editorial Office, Univ. of Texas M. D. Anderson Hospital, Texas Medical Center, Houston 25.)

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29-3. American College of Surgeons, Boston, Mass. (H. P. Saunders, 40 E. Erie St., Chicago, Ill.)

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3-5. American Acad. of Forensic Sciences, Chicago, Ill. (W. J. R. Camp, AAFS, 1853 W. Polk St., Chicago 12.)

4-6. National Wildlife Federation, Dallas, Tex. (C. H. Callison, 232 Carroll St., NW, Washington 12.)

6-13. American Otorhinologic Soc. for Plastic Surgery, Miami Beach, Fla. (J. G. Gilbert, 75 Barberry Lane, Roslyn Heights, N.Y.)

7-9. Wildlife Management Inst., Dallas, Tex. (C. R. Gutermuth, 709 Wire Bldg., Washington 5.)

7-11. American Soc. of Civil Engineers, New Orleans, La. (E. S. Kirkpatrick, ASCE, 33 W. 39 St., New York 18.)

10. Recent Developments in Poultry Nutrition (Assoc. of Vitamin Chemists), Chicago, Ill. (J. T. Sime, Director of Research, Evaporated Milk Assoc., 228 N. La Salle St., Chicago 1.)

13-14. American Otological Soc., Miami Beach, Fla. (L. R. Boies, University Hospital, Minneapolis 14.)

14-16. American Railway Engineering Assoc., annual conv., Chicago, Ill. (N. D. Howard, AREA, 59 E. Van Buren St., Chicago 5.)

14-17. Positive Health of Older People, forum, Miami Beach, Fla. (A. Mallach, National Health Council, 1790 Broadway, New York 19.)

15-16. American Broncho-Esophagological Assoc., Miami Beach, Fla. (F. J. Putney, 1712 Locust St., Philadelphia 3.)

15-21. Nondestructive Testing, 3rd intern. conf., Tokyo and Osaka, Japan. (S. Ishizaka, Scientific Attaché, Embassy of Japan, 2514 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington 8.)

17. Congress for Pharmacists, 2nd annual, Jamaica, N.Y. (Congress for Pharmacists, Public Relations Office, St. John's Univ., Jamaica 32.)

17-19. American Radium Soc., conf., San Juan, Puerto Rico. (ARS, 635 East Union, Pasadena, Calif.)

17-19. Blood Platelets, intern. symp. (by invitation only), Detroit, Mich. (Miss S. A. Johnson, Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit 2.)

17-20. International Assoc. for Dental Research, Chicago, Ill. (D. Y. Burrill, Northwestern Univ. Dental School, 311 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago 11.)

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