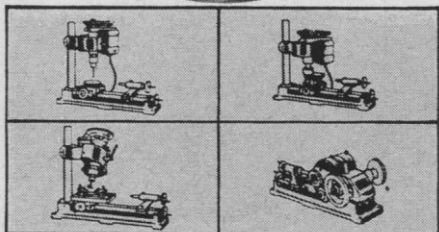
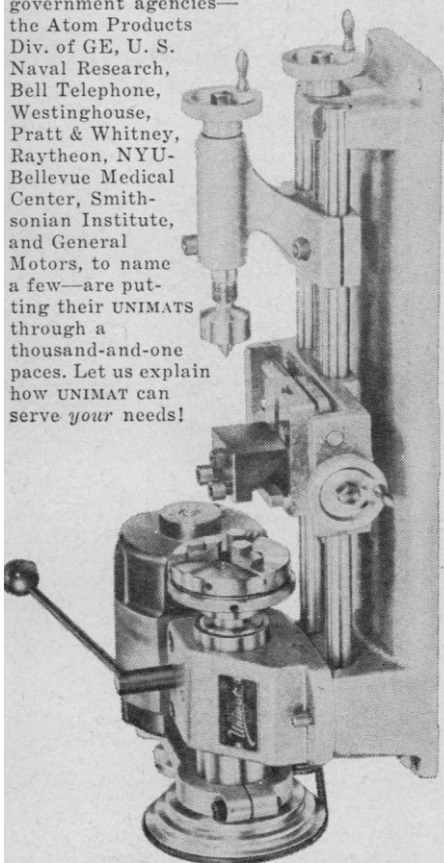


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Meetings

The British Association

The annual meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, with a registration of about 3000 persons, was held this year in the city of York, where the association held its first meeting 128 years ago. At that earlier meeting most of the visiting scientists arrived by stagecoach or on horseback. In the succeeding years the association has held four other annual meetings in York. The objectives of this annual meeting of the British Association are to provide a platform for leading scientists to present current reviews of their areas of specialization, to provide for discussion by workers of problems which cut across scientific divisions, and to provide to nonspecialists and the lay public discussion of scientific advances in a comprehensible form.

Special features of the program included a young people's program, with lectures on atomic energy, giant computing machines, man and insects, and dinosaurs and Darwinism. Given programs, involving 40 separate technical films, constituted the scientific film program. These selected films included contributions from ten foreign countries as well as many from Great Britain. Three new general lectures, known as the Lister, Darwin, and Kelvin lectures, were presented. The Lister lecture was an applied-psychology discussion by D. E. Broadbent, "Time to React"; the Darwin lecture was a botanical discussion by R. G. West, "The Ice Age"; and the Kelvin lecture was a microbiology discussion by S. Brenner, "Building Viruses."

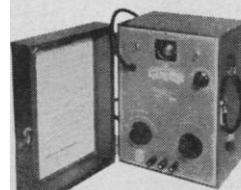
Each of the 14 sections held a series of technical sessions, and numerous excursions were planned for afternoons and for the week-end, which occurred in the middle of the meeting. This is held by custom from Wednesday to Wednesday—a tradition established in the early days so that those traveling by stagecoach would not have to travel on Sunday.

Special entertainment included a garden party given by the city of York, receptions and luncheons for foreign guests, a symphony concert by the Northern BBC orchestra, and a formal banquet in the Muchan Adventurers Hall. The president of the association, Sir James Gray, gave his presidential address, "The Proper Study of Mankind is Man," at the opening session on 2 September. This address and the addresses of the section presidents will appear in the current number of the association's publication, *Advancement of Science*.

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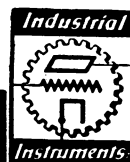
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adopted a number of changes in general organization structure, including membership, meeting, and publication activities, so the current year should provide some interesting developments. The new president for the coming year is to be Sir George Thomson of Cambridge University, who will give his formal presidential address at the Cardiff meeting in 1960. A number of foreign guests attended and these were recognized by the association and by the city of York. The American Association for the Advancement of Science was represented by Wallace R. Brode, retiring president and chairman of the board of directors.

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Forthcoming Events

February

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, AIChE, 25 W. 45 St., New York 36.)

22-25. Technical Assoc. of the Pulp and Paper Industry, annual, New York, N.Y. (J. Winchester, TAPPI, 155 E. 44 St., New York 17.)

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.)

26. Highway Geology, 11th annual symp., Tallahassee, Fla. (W. F. Tanner, Geology Dept., Florida State Univ., Tallahassee.)

28-5. American College of Allergists, Miami Beach, Fla. (E. Bauers, 2160 Rand Tower, Minneapolis 2, Minn.)

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

29-4. Pittsburgh Conf. on Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy, Pittsburgh, Pa. (L. P. Melnich, U.S. Steel Corp., Monroeville, Pa.)

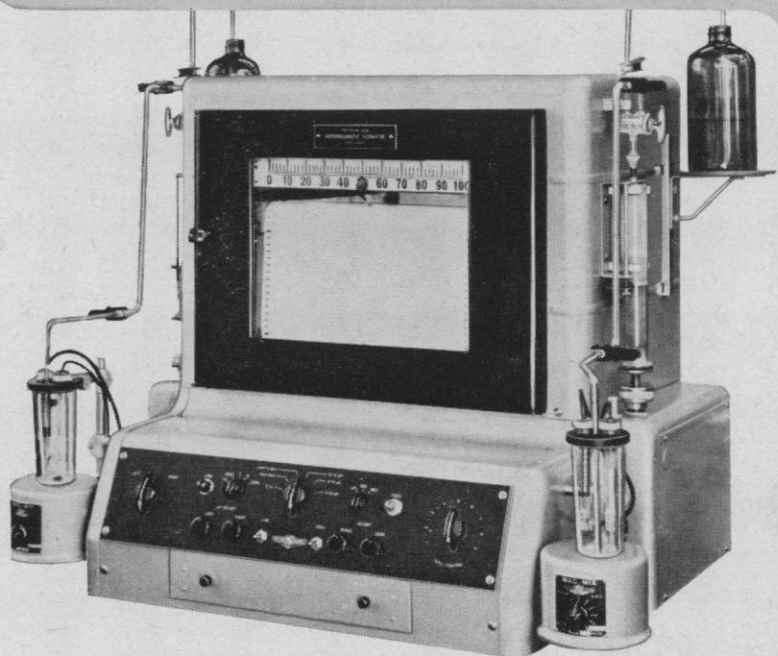
March

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.)

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