

Gordon O. Pehrson, director, Plans and Programs Division, Special Projects Office, Naval Bureau of Ordnance, Washington, for his contributions to the fleet ballistic missile program.

Paul C. Tompkins, scientific director, Naval Radiological Defense Laboratory, San Francisco, for his contributions to the field of nuclear research.

Albert P. Crary, supervising physicist, Cambridge Research Center, Bedford, Mass., for his research in polar areas.

The following scientists from South Africa are visiting the United States.

R. H. Ford, principal technical officer, South African Bureau of Standards, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Pretoria, will be here until 4 June to see work in microbiology, entomology (insecticides), and mycology (fungicides). His itinerary includes New York, Stamford (Conn.), Princeton, Keyport (N.J.), Wilmington (Del.), Washington, Beltsville (Md.), Baltimore, and Chicago.

F. G. Holliman, professor, University of Cape Town, will be here until mid-July to visit laboratories engaged in bacteriological chemistry. His itinerary includes New York, Boston, Washington, and Peoria (Ill.).

P. G. Odendaal, of the Physico-Chemical Analysis Laboratory, South African Bureau of Standards, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Pretoria, will be here until 8 June to visit laboratories engaged in spectrographic analyses, spectrophotometric analyses, x-ray diffraction, polarography, and gas chromatography. His itinerary includes Washington, Baltimore, Wilmington (Del.), St. Louis, Detroit, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Rochester (N.Y.), and Linden (N.J.).

J. R. Gaillard, chief chemist of the City of Durban, Union of South Africa, will be here until 31 May to study developments in sewage disposal. His itinerary includes New York, Miami, Pittsburgh, Columbus, Chicago, Toledo, Niagara Falls, and Montreal.

T. W. Steele of the Analytical Section, Government Metallurgical Laboratory, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, will be here until 5 June to study analytical methods employed in uranium refining processes. His tour is being arranged through the Atomic Energy Commission, and his itinerary includes New Brunswick (N.J.), Washington, Ames (Iowa), and Weldon Springs (Mo.).

A. M. Mehl of the Mechanical, Civil

Engineering and Packaging Department, South African Bureau of Standards, CSIR, Pretoria, will be here until 11 June to study the operation and control of standardization bodies and laboratories. His itinerary includes Washington, New York, Pittsburgh, Madison (Wis.), and Chicago.

A. J. A. Roux, research director, Atomic Energy Board, South Africa, accompanied by **J. R. Colley** and **Mr. Sandrock** of the Atomic Energy Board, will be here until 11 June to tour Atomic Energy Commission installations. The group's itinerary includes New York, Oak Ridge, Chicago, and Washington.

Chauncey D. Leake, AAAS president and assistant dean of the College of Medicine at Ohio State University, will be the principal speaker at Antioch College's commencement on 18 June.

Paul F. Kerr, Newberry professor of mineralogy at Columbia University, was awarded an honorary degree by Occidental College in Los Angeles, Calif., on 24 March.

Peter H. Rossi has been named director of the National Opinion Research Center of the University of Chicago. He will succeed **Clyde W. Hart**, who is retiring on 30 June after 13 years as director of the center. Rossi, who will retain his academic position as an associate professor of sociology at Chicago, has been a research consultant and a senior study director of the Research Center. He is known for his studies of political behavior, community organization, and the sociology of education.

T. P. Nash, Jr., dean of the School of Biological Sciences of the University of Tennessee, will retire this summer. Nash has served as dean since 1928. **Roland H. Alden**, professor and chief of the division of anatomy, will serve as acting dean of the school.

Carl F. Miller, supervisory physical science administrator, has been promoted to head the Nucleonics Division in the U.S. Naval Radiological Defense Laboratory in San Francisco. Prior to assuming his new position, Miller was head of the Technical Developments Branch of the laboratory, directing contamination-decontamination tests in which simulated fallout is used on different types of surfaces.

William B. Wiegand of New York, research consultant in rubber chemistry and former vice-president and director of research for the Columbian Carbon Company, has won the American Chemical Society's Charles Good-year Medal, highest honor in rubber chemistry. The Rubber Chemistry Division of the Society presented the award in recognition of Wiegand's research on the reinforcement of rubber by carbon black.

William M. Schmidt has been appointed professor and head of the department of maternal and child health of the Harvard School of Public Health. He succeeds **Martha May Eliot**, who will retire on 1 July to become professor emeritus of maternal and child health. With the exception of a period when he served as medical advisor to the American Joint Distribution Committee, Schmidt has been a member of the public health faculty at Harvard since 1949.

Sarah Ratner of the Public Health Research Institute of the City of New York has received the Carl Neuberg Medal of the American Society of European Chemists for her outstanding contributions in the field of nitrogen metabolism.

Recent Deaths

Avila Bedard, Quebec, Canada; 75; deputy minister of lands and forests since 1937; author of a number of books and essays on forest management and conservation; 2 May.

John S. O. Herrlin, Jr., Douglaston, N.Y.; 62; professor of clinical surgery at the New York Medical College; 1 May.

Conrad Limbaugh, Port Mion, France; 35; chief diving officer at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, La Jolla; 20 Mar.

August W. Raspet, Starkville, Miss.; 46; founder and director of the aerophysics department at Mississippi State University; 27 Apr.

Wendell Reeder, Dallas, Tex.; 49; physiological chemist; president of Campbell Taggart Research Corp. and research director for Campbell Taggart Associated Bakeries, Inc.; an authority on cereal chemistry, he was a leader in promoting and testing new varieties of wheat; 10 Apr.