

tive service classifications, describes the functions of state advisory committees on scientists and engineers, and explains the procedures for screening reservists who have critical civilian occupations and are working in essential activities. "Critical occupations" include professional work in mathematics, physical and most biological sciences, and engineering, and teaching in any of these fields. "Critical activities" are in the production or maintenance of aircraft, chemical and allied products; educational services, electronic equipment, electronic and electrical communication equipment, health and welfare services, missile and space systems, ordnance, precision and scientific instruments and apparatus, research and development services, ship and boat engineering, and water and sewerage systems. (Draft Act, regulations governing Selective Service classifications, deferments, and appeals. Scientific Manpower Commission, 2101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington 20418. 25 cents a copy, special rates for large quantities)

### New Journal

*Salamandra*. Vol. 1, No. 1, September 1965. Erhard Thomas, Editor. Papers on biology of amphibians and reptiles; in German, with English summaries. (Available only to members of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Herpetologie und Terrarienkunde; membership for U.S. applicants, \$4. The Society, 6 Frankfurt am Main-Niederrad, Gerauer str. 69 B, Germany. Quarterly)

### Scientists in the News

**Nathan W. Riser**, chairman of the biology department at Northeastern University, has been named to head the university's marine science research center, being built in Nahant, Massachusetts.

**William F. Pounds**, associate professor of industrial management at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has become dean of MIT's Sloan School of Management, succeeding **Howard W. Johnson**, who will become president of the institution at the end of this academic year.

**Andrew A. Benson** has been appointed associate director of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography

at the University of California, San Diego. He will continue as chairman of the department and division of marine biology at Scripps.

The Transplantation Society has elected **Sir Peter Brian Medawar** president. He is director of the National Institute for Medical Research, London.

**Johns W. Hopkins, III**, assistant professor of biology at Harvard, has been appointed associate professor and chairman of the biology department at Washington University. He will succeed **Viktor Hamburger**, who has reached the university's mandatory age of retirement for department chairmen. Hamburger, a zoology professor at the university since 1941, will continue to teach advanced biology courses and to conduct research.

**Frederick C. Neidhardt**, professor and associate head of the department of biological sciences at Purdue, has received the Eli Lilly award in microbiology and immunology from the American Society for Microbiology. He was cited for his work in several areas of cell physiology. The award carries a medal and \$1000 honorarium.

Vanderbilt University has named **Nicholas Hobbs** as provost, responsible for academic affairs, effective in June 1967.

The University of California, San Diego, has appointed **Y. C. Fung**, former professor of aeronautics at Caltech, as professor of bioengineering and applied mechanics. **B. W. Zweifach**, at Caltech on leave from his post as professor of pathology at NYU medical center, has joined the San Diego campus as professor of bioengineering.

**J. Calvin Brantly**, director of research for the mining and metals division of Union Carbide Corporation, has been elected president and chief executive officer of Nuclear Science and Engineering Corporation.

### Recent Deaths

**Gosta C. Akerlof**, 68; senior scientist at the Textile Research Institute, Princeton, New Jersey and former president of the Radiation Chemistry Laboratory in Princeton; 8 May.

**John M. Marshall**, 46; anatomy professor at the University of Pennsylvania medical school; 19 April, in a car accident in Uganda.

**William H. Radford**, 56; director of the Lincoln Laboratory at MIT; 9 May.

**Robert J. Terry**, 95; professor emeritus and former head of the department of anatomy at Washington University; 18 April.

**Van Zandt Williams**, 50; director of the American Institute of Physics; 13 May.

### Major Contracts and Grants

The Carnegie Corporation of New York recently granted the Southern Regional Education Board \$300,000 for a project designed to improve the 118 predominantly Negro colleges in the South. The grant will provide staff assistance for SREB's new Commission on Higher Educational Opportunity in the South, which will direct the project. The commission will have two major tasks, the first of which is to prepare a report on the general status of the predominantly Negro institutions, both public and private, and their changing roles and relationships; and to set guidelines for their future development. The other job will be to advise SREB on projects designed to help the Negro institutions in specific areas; emphasis here will be on stimulating cooperative programs among them. The commission is comprised of university educators and state officials; its chairman is George Watts Hill, Jr., of Durham, president of a life insurance company and chairman of the North Carolina State Board of Higher Education.

The University of Southern California has received a 5-year, \$650,000 grant from the Public Health Service for graduate education and research in **gerontology**. Initially, graduate students in the departments of architecture, physiology of exercise, psychology, social work, and sociology may apply for fellowships under the grant; other departments are to be included later. Stipends will be \$2400 to \$3600, plus tuition and dependents' allowances. The new program is being administered by USC's Rossmoor-Cortese Institute.

*Erratum:* In the technical comment "Sarcomlemma: tension transmission" by H. Lampert [150, 1846 (31 Dec. 1965)] the reference given in the last sentence should have read, "Proc. Intern. Physiol. Cong. 20th (1956)."