

NEWS and Notes

The Executive Committee of the newly-formed Inter-Society Committee for a National Science Foundation has circulated a questionnaire to the delegates of the 70-odd societies which have combined to urge that a National Science Foundation be established in this Congress. The questionnaire is designed to get a vote on the controversial issues, asking specifically about the type of administration preferred, the patent provisions, the inclusion of the social sciences, and the extension of scholarships and fellowships into the undergraduate years. Returns have been received from about 70 per cent of the members. Two-thirds prefer a single administrator as called for in S 525; 20 per cent favor the board type of administration described in S 526; the others prefer a commission form of administration. Practically everyone is willing to accept the S 526 patent provision. Two members voted to exclude the social sciences, and 40 per cent would be willing to accept a Foundation which did exclude them. The final tabulation will become part of the report which will be presented to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, now considering the bill in the House, as an extension of the testimony offered on March 6 by Edmund E. Day, president of the Inter-Society Committee.

About People

Arthur E. Meyer, formerly director of research, Maltine Foundation of Therapeutic Research, is now director of the Research Division, Fellows Pharmaceuticals, 26 Christopher Street, New York City.

Theodore H. Eaton, Jr., has been appointed professor of biology at Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas.

James L. Gamble, professor of pediatrics, Harvard Medical School,

delivered the 6th Harvey Lecture of the current series at the New York Academy of Medicine, March 20. He discussed "Physiological Information Gained From Study on the Life Raft Ration."

Willis Robert Boss has been appointed associate professor of zoology at Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, to begin September 1, 1947. Dr. Boss was formerly at the State University of Iowa and since February has been at State Teachers College, Edinboro, Pennsylvania.

Keith B. McCall, who has just completed work toward the Doctor's degree at the University of Wisconsin, is now instructor in biochemistry at Michigan State College, East Lansing.

Harold F. Blum, who served during the war as principal biophysicist at the Naval Medical Research Institute and spent the past year as a Guggenheim Fellow, has rejoined the staff of the National Cancer Institute to work at the Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, Massachusetts.

Freeman D. Miller has been appointed associate professor of astronomy and **Max Hutt**, associate professor of psychology, at the University of Michigan, Ann Harbor, to begin in the fall of 1947.

Hobart E. Stocking, Department of Geology, Oklahoma A. and M. College, has been awarded the title Professor Honorario of the Faculty of Sciences, University of Costa Rica, by Rubén Torres R., dean of the Faculty. Prof. Stocking served as State Department visiting professor at the University during 1945.

B. O. Dodge, plant pathologist, retired from the staff of New York Botanical Garden, December 31. The *Bulletin* of the Torrey Botanical Club is dedicating Volume 74 to him. Dr. Dodge's principal work has been with *Neurospora*, which he holds to be capable of mutating and hybridizing.

Harry Seneca, with the Army until a few months ago and formerly at Tulane University, is now associated with the Clinical Research Division of the Schering Corporation, 120 East 30th Street, New York City.

George K. Bennett, vice-president of The Psychological Corporation, was re-

cently elected president to succeed Paul S. Achilles, who has become vice-chairman of the board of directors. Dr. Bennett joined the Corporation in 1936 as director of the Test Division, and from 1942 to 1945, in addition to his other duties, was in charge of war research. Dr. Achilles has been with the Corporation since 1929 and president since 1944.

Harvey Lincoln Curtis, physicist at the National Bureau of Standards since 1907 and for 32 years chief of the Inductance Capacitance Section, has retired, according to E. U. Condon, director of the Bureau. He is past-president of both the Philosophical Society of Washington and the Washington Academy of Science.

Eric Thomas Stiller, formerly head of the Department of Organic Chemistry, Wyeth Institute of Applied Biochemistry, has been appointed a member of The Squibb Institute for Medical Research, New Brunswick, New Jersey, in charge of the newly-formed Division of Chemical Development.

Atherton M. Whaley has recently been made president of Halogen Chemicals Incorporated, manufacturers of organic halides, Columbia, South Carolina.

John F. Enders, associate professor of bacteriology and immunology, Harvard Medical School, has been appointed director of the Research Department of Infectious Disease of the newly-organized Children's Medical Center, with laboratories at Children's Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.

Theodor von Brand, formerly professor of biology, Catholic University of America, is now chief of the subsection on physiology, Zoology Laboratory, National Institute of Health.

Colleges and Universities

The Stanford University School of Medicine, San Francisco, California, announces the 65th course of popular medical lectures to be delivered during March and April at Lane Hall, San Francisco. "New Eyes for Old: Corneal Transplants" was discussed by Max Fine March 7; "The War on Cancer," by David A. Wood, L. Henry Garland, and Leonard G. Dobson, is scheduled for March 21; "Delinquency and Mental Health in a Changing World," by Hale F. Shirley, April 11; and "Contagion From Foreign Lands," by Rodney R.

Beard, April 25. The lectures, which are illustrated, are open to the public.

Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois, presented the following scientists at a conference on science, held as part of its centennial celebration February 21-23: Enrico Fermi, professor of physics, University of Chicago, who delivered the Charter Day address; Wendell M. Stanley, Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research; Frank B. Jewett, National Academy of Sciences; Detlev W. Bronk, chairman, National Research Council; Roger Adams, head, Chemistry Department, University of Illinois; Lillian Gilbreth, professor of management, Purdue University; John Torrence Tate, professor of physics, University of Minnesota; Emma Perry Carr, emeritus professor of chemistry, Mount Holyoke College; and Ruth M. Addoms, associate professor of botany, Duke University.

Rockford College was chartered February 25, 1847.

Meetings

A Symposium on Molecular Structure and Spectroscopy will be held at the Mendenhall Laboratory of Physics, The Ohio State University, June 9-14. There will be discussions of the interpretation of molecular spectroscopic data, as well as methods for obtaining such data, and sessions devoted to microwave and Raman spectroscopy. Dormitory rooms will be available. Further information may be obtained from Harald H. Nielsen, Mendenhall Laboratory of Physics, The Ohio State University, Columbus 10, Ohio.

The Midwestern Psychological Association will hold its 19th annual meeting at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, May 2-3. Programs will be mailed to members about April 10. The Chicago Psychological Club is sponsor of the meeting, with Edwin Brye, Chicago Teachers College, chairman of the arrangements committee.

Reorganization of the American Institute of Physics and plans for a new semipopular monthly journal have been announced by the Institute.

Effective immediately, the 7,000 members of the five societies—American Physical Society, Optical Society of America, Inc., Acoustical Society of America, Inc., American Association of

Physics Teachers, and Society of Rheology—will become members of the Institute, whereas before the Institute had no individual memberships. Provision is also made for associate membership in the Institute, open to others interested in physics.

No change is made in the organization, functions, and activities of the five societies, the announcement, published in *The Review of Scientific Instruments*, said.

Although there will be a new journal, technical journals now published by the Institute and member societies will remain unchanged. The new journal is designed "to foster unity among physicists and their societies, as well as understanding of the contribution and implications of physics."

Lowell Observatory, Flagstaff, Arizona, recently received a gift of the optical parts of a large Schmidt telescope from Roger Lowell Putnam, trustee of the Observatory since 1927. The correction plate of the telescope has a clear aperture of 25 inches and the aperture-to-focus ratio is one to four, the observatory disclosed.

Jose C. Mendiola, director of the laboratory, National Psychopathic Hospital, Mandaluyong, Rizal, Philippine Islands, has written that his workers are in need of recent publications on histopathological technique.

NRC News

A Committee on International Scientific Unions has recently been appointed by the NRC. Keeping itself informed on matters relating to unions and ready to advise and assist American scientists and scientific organizations in their relations to these international bodies, the Committee consists of John A. Fleming, president, International Council of Scientific Unions, chairman; and L. V. Berkner, Marston T. Bogert, Karl K. Darrow, J. H. Dellinger, Joel Stebbins, Marshall H. Stone, Alexander Wetmore, and John K. Wright.

Recent Deaths

Charles L. Stevenson, 80, former professor of chemistry at McGill University, Montreal, and research chemist at the Wilmington plant of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company, died in West Long Branch, New Jersey, March 5.

Philip W. Schutz, 38, professor of chemical engineering, University of California, Berkeley, died in Oakland March 7. He was consultant to the Manhattan Engineering District during the war and went to Berkeley to direct the University of California's program in chemical engineering last September.

Sir Halford John Mackinder, 86, English geographer, and holder of the Charles P. Daly Medal of the American Geographical Society of New York, died March 6 in London. One-time professor at the University of London, Sir Halford was also a member of Parliament for 12 years.

Henry M. Pease, 71, first vice-chairman and a director of the International Standard Electric Corporation, and vice-president and director of International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation, died in New York March 6.

Noboru Takahashi, 54, plant breeder on experiment stations in Korea for 21 years under the Japanese, died July 7 in Japan. After graduating from Tokyo Imperial University, he conducted experiments in field crops, particularly rice and soybeans, in Korea from 1919 to 1945, except for years when he took graduate work in the U. S. and Germany. He has contributed generously of plant material to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, according to USDA officials.

Make Plans for—

Midwest Power Conference, March 31-April 2, Palmer House, Chicago.

American Association of Anatomists, annual meeting, April 3-5, Mount Royal Hotel, Montreal, Canada.

The Electrochemical Society, Inc., annual congress, April 9-12, Louisville, Kentucky.

American Chemical Society, spring meeting, April 14-18, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Institute of Mathematical Statistics, meeting on stochastic processes and noise, April 24-25, New York City.

National Academy of Sciences, annual meeting, April 28-30, Academy Building, Washington, D. C.