

LETTERS

to the EDITOR

Private Experimenter

Sirs:

As a subscriber, I would like to comment that, from the standpoint of the obscure private experimenter, *Physics Today* is not what I expected it to be.

I believe that I am representative of a class of people who long ago grew beyond the ordinary popular science or handicraft magazine. We never saw the inside of a university, are not endowed or recognized in any way. But we have the urge to work and . . . to learn about the fundamental laws [of physics] so that our experimental efforts will be resting on a sound foundation. . . .

When I first learned about *Physics Today* (from pre-publication advertising) I hoped that here at last was a periodical that would prove helpful to my kind. But it seems that it is just going to be another magazine for the big physicists—a sort of house organ. I even went so far as to hope that by some remote chance *Physics Today* might translate into simple language such an article as Dr. Telkes' in the December 1947 *Journal of Applied Physics*, entitled "The Efficiency of Thermoelectric Generators." . . .

I see today, in the July "Letters to the Editor" column, such names as Louis N. Ridenour, L. F. Curtiss, etc. which you proudly print. Alas for me and my little army of unorganized workers! . . . We must be content to wait for our official publication to appear.

Detroit, Michigan

H. E. COTTER

Physics Today hopes to serve the needs of Mr. Cotter's kind, among others interested in physics, by giving a notion of what is going on in the field. But for details, readers must still go to the technical journals.

Errata

Sirs:

In the July issue of *Physics Today* you report quite correctly that I have been appointed associate professor of physics at Temple University but you add, gratuitously, that Temple University is in Texas. This will come as a distinct shock to the many alumni and friends of Temple (one of the nation's larger universities—enrollment about 20,000), who, while supporting the university's desire to move to a new campus, had no idea that a move of 1,500 miles from its present Philadelphia location was contemplated.

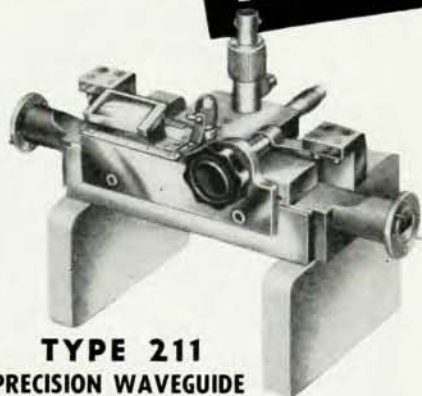
Pasadena, Calif.

BERNARD B. WATSON

Misplacing Temple University was not, unfortunately, the only error that crept into the July issue. The Wilson cloud chamber photographed on page 6, illustrating "The Reality of Neutrinos," was wrongly credited to a 1948 issue of *The Physical Review*. The correct reference is *Phys. Rev.* 72, 705 (1947). For both errors, the editors offer apologies.

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