

tors of this series are producing (and intend to continue to produce) two such review volumes a year.

There are five articles in the present volume, two of them being of considerably greater length than the others. In the first of these, Werner Känzig treats the subject of "Ferroelectrics and Antiferroelectrics". This is a field in which the accumulation of experimental data has kept well ahead of virtually any theoretical attempts at the construction of an over-all view. Dr. Känzig has assembled this experimental information in systematic fashion, and introduces theoretical analyses wherever possible. At the same time, he has not hesitated to point out—at nearly every turn of the page—the avenues along which fruitful research is possible. The result should be a continued growth of the field.

The article "Theory of Mobility of Electrons in Solids" by Frank J. Blatt, the second of the long papers, is a truly excellent account of electronic motions in both metals and semiconductors. The mathematical details of many standard calculations are given, and the results compared with experiment. The article is well worth a careful study by any physicist interested in the solid state.

In "The Orthogonalized Plane Wave Method", Truman O. Woodruff outlines the basic procedures involved in this method, working out a series of problems in numerical detail for the silicon crystal.

"Bibliography of Atomic Wave Functions", by Robert S. Knox is just what it claims to be, the completest possible bibliography of atomic and ionic wave functions. In each case, the character of the calculations (relativistic, with exchange, etc.) is specified.

The final article in the volume, "Techniques of Zone Melting and Crystal Growing", by W. G. Pfann is an elaborate account of what appears to the reviewer to be a much narrower field than those touched on earlier in the volume. Nevertheless, the problem of controlled crystal growing is of such fundamental importance to experimental solid-state work that a study of the techniques involved deserves a place in a review volume of this sort.

While these five articles do not themselves cover the entire range of solid-state physics, so that the review volume (like all such today) cannot claim completeness, they do form a part of the larger whole that is the review series, so that, over a period of several years, all pertinent topics will be treated.

Correction:

In B. T. Feld's review of *Elementary Theory of Angular Momentum* by M. E. Rose (*Physics Today*, Nov. 1957, p. 30) the next to last sentence should have read: "Indeed, a thorough treatment of what, adopting the standards of this text, might be called 'Elementary Elementary Theory of Angular Momentum' would still be a useful addition to the literature." The second "Elementary" in the above was inadvertently omitted in printing the review.

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