



J. W. Buchta, executive secretary of the American Association of Physics Teachers and editor of the Association's new journal, *The Physics Teacher*.

16 000 high-school physics teachers, to school libraries, and to members of the AAPT who request it. Its editor is J. W. Buchta, professor of physics and dean of the College of Science, Literature, and the Arts of the University of Minnesota and newly appointed executive secretary of the AAPT.

The Physics Teacher will include feature articles written by college and industrial physicists as well as by high-school teachers. Its contents will deal with recent advances in physics, older topics of continuing interest, and matters of special significance to the high-school teacher. Some representative titles from the first issue include Weight and Weightlessness; The Reference Circle in Introductory Physics; Electronic Diffraction, The Work of Davisson and Germer; International Organizations and the Determination and Acceptance of Standards; and Color Experiments in High Schools.

In connection with the executive secretaryship, an office for Dean Buchta has been established at 1201 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington 6, D. C.

Officers

Lists of officers for this year have been announced by the Electron and the Solid-State Physics Divisions of the American Physical Society, by the New England Section of the APS, and by the Electron Microscope Society of America, an affiliated society of the American Institute of Physics.

The APS Electron Physics Division officers are Vernon Hughes (Yale University), *chairman*; Gerhard L. Weissler (University of Southern California), *vice chairman*; J. Arol Simpson (National Bureau of Standards), *secretary-treasurer*; and Erwin Müller (Pennsylvania State University), *past chairman*. The Division's Executive Committee also includes Ronald Geballe of the University of Washington, Arthur V. Phelps of Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Edgar Everhart of the University of Connecticut, and J. M. Richardson of the National Bureau of Standards.

The officers of the American Physical Society's Solid-

State Physics Division for 1963-64 are Robert W. Morse (Brown University), *chairman*; LeRoy Apker (General Electric Research Laboratory), *vice chairman*; and J. Samuel Smart (International Business Machines Research Center), *secretary-treasurer*. Those who were elected to membership on the Executive Committee of the Division were LeRoy Apker, P. W. Anderson, H. P. R. Frederikse, and A. M. Portis.

Officers of the New England Section of the American Physical Society are Gerald Holton (Harvard University), *chairman*; Clarence E. Bennett (University of Maine), *vice chairman*; John M. Davies (US Army Natick Laboratories), *secretary-treasurer*; and Myron A. Jeppeson (Bowdoin College) and John A. Lockwood (University of New Hampshire), *councillors*.

Officers of the Electron Microscope Society are C. M. Schwartz (Battelle Memorial Institute), *president*; Sydney S. Breese, Jr. (Plum Island Animal Disease Laboratory), *president elect*; Keith R. Porter (Harvard University), *past president*; George G. Cocks (Battelle Memorial Institute), *council secretary*; and Walter J. Frajola (E. A. Hoster Research Laboratory, Columbus, Ohio), *treasurer*. The Society's directors now include Luther E. Preuss, W. C. Bigelow, George E. Palade, David B. Scott, Joseph J. Comer, and Albert E. Vatter.

APS Constitution Amended

Recently adopted amendments to the constitution of the American Physical Society, which are to take effect early next year, call for the addition of a new Society officer, the vice president elect, who will be the highest ranking officer to be elected annually by the APS membership. After serving as vice president elect for one year, he will succeed automatically to the vice presidency in the second year and will assume the presidency in the third year. The amendments also provide for the appointment by the Council of one or more regional secretaries of the Society, the enlargement of the Council itself by the addition of several ex officio members, and an increase in the Council's participation in the affairs of the various Sections and Divisions of the Society. Specifically, the Council will be empowered to review and to approve or disapprove the by-laws proposed for Sections and Divisions as well as the definitions of areas of interest proposed for the Divisions. The Council will appoint one member of their nominating committees, and the dates and places of sectional and divisional meetings are to be chosen in consultation with the Council or its designated representative.

Several changes made in the Society's by-laws have already gone into effect. They deal primarily with the procedures to be followed in contributing papers to meetings of the Society and with the terms under which Society journals will be made available to members. The full text of the amendments to the constitution and to the by-laws has appeared in the *Bulletin of the American Physical Society* (Series II, Vol. 8, No. 2, 1963).