

SOCIETIES AND AWARDS

High-Polymer Physics Prize

Suggestions are currently being solicited for names of candidates to receive the 1964 American Physical Society High-Polymer Physics Prize, sponsored by the Ford Motor Co.

The \$1000 prize, established in 1961, is awarded "for outstanding accomplishment and excellence of contributions in high-polymer physics". It is not necessary that the recipient be a member of the American Physical Society, and there are no restrictions with regard to his nationality or the place where the cited work was carried out. Nominations for the prize are made by the Executive Committee of the APS Division of High-Polymer Physics and the final decision is the responsibility of the Council of the American Physical Society.

Suggestions, together with supporting material, must be sent before September 25 to Dr. T. W. DeWitt, Scientific Laboratory, Ford Motor Co., Dearborn, Michigan.

Acoustical Society

More than one thousand registrants took part in the 65th meeting of the Acoustical Society of America in New York City in May. The four-day program included the formal announcement of the election of Society officers and the presentation of some 250 contributed and invited papers as well as the traditional banquet, the presentation of the Society's Gold Medal, and an exhibit of acoustical instruments.

C. Paul Boner of the University of Texas succeeded Robert W. Leonard of the University of California at Los Angeles as president of the Society. Dr. Boner, who has been associated with the University of Texas for more than forty years, first as a student, and later as teacher and administrator, received his doctorate in physics there in 1929. He is a former vice president of the University and dean of its College of Arts and Sci-

ences. He currently holds the posts of professor of physics, executive director of the Office of Government Sponsored Research, and director of the Defense Research Laboratory. During World War II, Dr. Boner was associate director of the Underwater Sound Laboratory at Harvard University. He has also served as a consultant in the acoustical design of radio studios and auditoriums, and he is a specialist in the construction of pipe organs.

Cyril M. Harris, director of the Acoustics Laboratory and associate professor of electrical engineering at Columbia University, has been named president-elect of the Society. Dr. Harris was awarded his PhD in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1945. Prior to joining Columbia in 1952, he was a member of the staff of the Bell Telephone Laboratories.

Martin Greenspan of the National Bureau of Standards was elected vice president of the ASA. He is currently attached to the Bureau's Sound Section, where he is engaged in research in the elastic properties of materials and in the propagation of sound in fluids.

The Society has also announced the re-election of Wallace Waterfall as secretary, Herbert A. Erf as treasurer, and R. Bruce Lindsay as editor-in-chief of the Society's publications. ASA councilmen for the coming year include, in addition to the officers mentioned above, Robert W. Leonard, Vincent Salmon, James L. Stewart, Edward E. David, Jr., Horace M. Trent, Gordon E. Peterson, and Kenneth N. Stevens.

During the ASA banquet on the evening of May 16, outgoing President Leonard presented the Society's Gold Medal to R. Bruce Lindsay, dean of the Graduate School at Brown University. Dr. Lindsay was cited "for major contributions to the knowledge of physical acoustics through research and authorship; for the



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