

band, Dr. Clarence E. Ferree, established much of the basic information about the eye and its response to light. They studied speed of vision, improvement of visual activity, and contrast sensitivity of normal and abnormal eyes. Their names have appeared on some 50 technical papers as well as on a number of patents for lighting devices and optical and ophthalmological instruments, including the Ferree-Rand perimeter, the light sense tester, and the central vision scotometer.

Prior to her retirement in 1957, Dr. Rand was for many years associated with the Knapp Foundation of the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. A fellow of the IES and the Optical Society of America, she was awarded the Optical Society's Tillyer Medal in 1959.

Priestley Award

On March 19, during its Priestley Day festivities, Dickinson College presented I. I. Rabi, Higgins Professor of Physics at Columbia University, with its 13th Priestley Memorial Award. The \$1000 award was given to Dr. Rabi "for his contributions to the welfare of mankind through physics".

Coblentz Memorial Prize

The Coblentz Society, organizers of the infrared spectroscopy symposia at the annual "Pittsburgh Conferences" on analytical chemistry and spectroscopy, has established a prize in memory of the late W. W. Coblentz. A physicist with the National Bureau of Standards and one of the pioneers in the study of infrared spectra, Dr. Coblentz died on September 15, 1962.

The first recipient of the prize, which recognizes meritorious contributions by spectroscopists under the age of 36, is Dr. John Overend, who was honored on March 5 at a Coblentz Memorial Session held during this year's Pittsburgh Conference. Born in England in 1928, Dr. Overend took his doctorate at Oxford University, and thereafter spent three years as a research fellow at the University of Minnesota and three years with the Dow Chemical Research Labora-

tories. He has since returned to Minnesota, where he holds the position of associate professor. He is a member of the American Physical Society and the Optical Society of America.

AIP Student Sections

Cash awards totaling \$1400 have been received by six Student Sections of the American Institute of Physics in the second annual competition for grants in support of specific local activities of Student Sections. The awards, made possible by the Bendix Corporation, were given to AIP Student Sections at the following schools:

Johns Hopkins University (\$300 for experiments with an ultrasoft x-ray generator)

Lowell Technological Institute (\$50 for rheological investigation of an air vortex apparatus)

Montana State College (\$250 for a laser project)

Providence College (\$300 for microwave transmission techniques to determine plasma electron density in a plasma produced by an rf plasma torch)

Rose Polytechnic Institute (\$150 for a magnetic mirror)

Spring Hill College (\$350 for a helium-neon laser)

In addition, honorable mention citations for their proposals were awarded to: University of Chattanooga, University of Detroit, Kansas Wesleyan University, St. Mary's University, and Trinity College (Washington).

Officers

This year's slate of officers of the American Crystallographic Association is headed by Howard T. Evans, Jr., of the US Geological Survey, who is serving as president during 1964. Awarded his doctorate from MIT in 1948, Dr. Evans has been with the Geological Survey since 1952, and is currently the leader of an x-ray crystallography group investigating problems related to mineralogy and geochemistry.

Henri A. Levy of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory has been named vice president of the Crystallographic Association and will become the Association's president in 1965. Dr. Levy holds a PhD from the California In-

stitute of Technology and since 1952 has had the post of chief research scientist at Oak Ridge. His work has been in electron, x-ray, and neutron diffraction, crystal and molecular structure, and radiochemistry.

William L. Kehl of the Gulf Research & Development Company, and Benjamin Post of the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn will serve as ACA secretary and treasurer, respectively. The Association's Council now consists of the above officers and the most recent past president, George A. Jeffrey of the University of Pittsburgh.

Officers elected by the Division of Fluid Dynamics of the American Physical Society are Stanley Corrsin (Johns Hopkins University), *chairman*; John Laufer (Jet Propulsion Lab), *vice chairman*; and Raymond J. Emrich (Lehigh University), *secretary-treasurer*. Members of the executive committee include James A. Fay (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Carl Eckart (University of California at La Jolla), François N. Frenkiel (David Taylor Model Basin), and Harold Grad (Institute of Mathematical Sciences).

New officers of the APS High-Polymer Physics Division are Richard S. Stein (University of Massachusetts), *chairman*; H. D. Keith (Bell Telephone Labs.), *vice chairman*; and W. James Lyons (Textile Research Institute), *secretary-treasurer*. Elio Passaglia (National Bureau of Standards), and Anton Peterlin (Research Triangle Institute) were elected to three-year terms on the executive committee.

New AIP Affiliate

The Physics Club of Richmond has joined the American Institute of Physics as the fifteenth AIP-Affiliated Society. Organized two years ago, the Club has a membership of about 70 persons, and its secretary is Dr. Richard E. Grove, Department of Physics, Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va.

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