

lumbia Universities. In 1958, he became a staff physicist in the radiological research laboratories of Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons, where he was responsible for radiological measurements and design of electronic equipment used in medicine.

He joined the NYU School of Medicine early in 1962 and, during the two years prior to his death, was principally engaged in the development of new approaches in stereotactic neurosurgery—a method of reaching deep masses of nerve cells in the brain tissue which are beyond the reach of usual surgical techniques. This type of surgery, which is used in the treatment of Parkinson's disease and similar problems, is dependent upon the determinations of the exact position of these masses of nerve cells based upon the calculations of their location from external and internal landmarks. Mr. Fox contributed to this procedure by his design for new equipment and by his application of computer techniques to determine more accurate methods of placing a lesion at a predicted spot.

Mr. Fox was a member of the American Physical Society.

Oscar W. Baird

Oscar W. Baird, professor emeritus of physics and retired chairman of the Department of Physics at San Diego State College, died in San Diego on April 13. He was 81 years old.

Born in River Falls, Wis., he was graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1910 and later received an MA degree from the University of California in Berkeley. He spent the next several years engaged in postgraduate work at the Universities of Oregon and Minnesota.

He joined San Diego State College as an instructor in physics in 1921 and, in the same year, established the College's Department of Physics. Three decades later he retired as professor and head of the Department. Professor Baird came out of retirement in 1957, when he founded the Physics Department at the College for Women of the University of San Diego and taught there for two years.

He was a member of the American Association of Physics Teachers and the American Physical Society.

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