

Princeton University. Robert W. Frase, social science analyst on leave from the U. S. Department of Commerce, was granted a fellowship for a study of the international control of atomic energy.

FELLOWSHIPS AT ARMOUR

Fellowships for industrial research in physics and mechanics at Armour Research Foundation of the Illinois Institute of Technology have been awarded to Dwight E. Bishop of Michigan College of Mining and Technology, Robert B. Lewis of Kansas State College, Leo A. Schmidt of Illinois Institute of Technology, Donald K. Skoog of the University of California, and Clinton A. Stone of the University of Montana.

WILLARD GIBBS MEDAL

Nobel Prize winner Peter J. W. Debye, head of Cornell's chemistry department and former director of the Max Planck Institute in Berlin, has been awarded the Willard Gibbs Medal by the American Chemical Society.

EDITORIAL ACHIEVEMENT

Physics Today has received two awards in an editorial achievement competition sponsored by Industrial Marketing magazine. The first was a certificate of merit for "Best Single Article in Field" for Thornton Page's "Origin of the Earth" (October, 1948); the second a special award for editorial approach and manner of illustration.

NATURE OF LIGHT PRIZE

Julian S. Schwinger, professor of physics at Harvard University, has received the Charles L. Mayer Nature of Light prize of \$2,000 for his contributions to the theory of the interaction of charged particles with an electromagnetic field. The award was made by Harlow Shapley, director of the Harvard College Observatory and chairman of the National Science Fund of the Academy of Sciences.

SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

METROPOLITAN APS

Officers elected by the Metropolitan Section of the American Physical Society for 1949-50 are as follows: J. B. Johnson, president; W. W. Havens, Jr., vice-president; I. Fankuchen, secretary-treasurer; O. S. Duffendack and Y. Beers, committee members. The election was held at the sixteenth annual meeting of the section at Murray Hill, N. J. on March 25.

SOUTHEASTERN

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Southeastern Section of the American Physical Society was held April 15 and 16 at Clemson Agricultural College, Clemson, South Carolina. It was attended by about three hundred members. Officers elected for the year 1949-50 are: J. H. Howey, chairman; W. G. Pollard, vice-chairman; D. Callihan, secretary; H. F. Henry, treasurer; and F. G. Slack, member of the executive committee.

NEW ENGLAND OSA

The New England Section of the Optical Society of America was installed on the evening of May 5th, 1949 at a meeting held in the lecture hall of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in Boston and attended by over one hundred persons. Stanley S. Ballard, secretary for local sections of the Optical Society, officiated at the installation and was assisted by two former presidents of the Optical Society, George R. Harrison and Arthur C. Hardy. The speech of the evening, "Color Translation and Ultraviolet Microscopy," was given by Edwin H. Land, president and director of research of the Polaroid Corporation of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The following have been elected officers of the New England Section: president, Duncan E. Macdonald of the Boston University Optical Research Laboratory; vice president, David S. Grey of the Polaroid Corporation; secretary, John T. Watson of the Boston University Optical Research Laboratory; treasurer, Russell P. Mahan of Baird Associates, Inc.; and councillors, Walter S. Baird of Baird Associates, Inc., Stanley S. Ballard of Tufts College, Elkan R. Blout of Polaroid Corporation, and Richard C. Lord of Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

ROYAL SOCIETY

The following foreign members of the British Royal Society were elected at a meeting held May 12th: P. W. Bridgman of Harvard, N. L. Bowen of Carnegie Institution's Geophysical Laboratory in Washington, M. von Laue of the Max Planck Institute, Göttingen, Germany, and E. Schrödinger of the Dublin Institute of Advanced Studies, Dublin.

WILLIAM W. HANSEN

William W. Hansen, professor of physics and director of the microwave laboratory at Stanford University, died May 23 at his home in Palo Alto, California. A member of the staff of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's radiation laboratory during the war, he was responsible for important contributions to radar and microwave research. Following the war he returned to the Stanford faculty where he was instrumental in the design program for the billion-volt linear accelerator now under construction at the University's laboratory. He was elected a member of the National Academy of Sciences in April of this year. Dr. Hansen was a member of the American Physical Society.

EDWARD B. STEPHENSON

Edward B. Stephenson, superintendent of the Naval Research Laboratory's mechanics division, died May 6 at the age of sixty-seven while visiting in San Francisco. Dr. Stephenson has been on the NRL staff since 1924. In 1931 he received the Navy Department's Beneficial Award of \$2,000 for quartz crystal research, and in 1945 received the Meritorious Civilian Service Award for his work in NRL's sound division, where he served as associate superintendent.