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INSTRUMENT CLINIC

PRECEDES INSTRUMENT CONFERENCE

A three-day clinic on the maintenance of industrial instruments has been scheduled by the Instrument Society of America for September 9-12 in the Statler Hotel, St. Louis. Over three hundred instrument men will participate in the clinic, which will be held in advance of the fourth National Instrument Conference and Exhibit. The latter is sponsored by the Instrument Society of America, in cooperation with the Industrial Instruments and Regulators Division, American Society of Mechanical Engineers; Instruments and Measurements Committee, American Institute of Electrical Engineers; American Institute of Physics; Institute of Radio Engineers; National Telemetering Forum; and the Scientific Apparatus Makers Association. The expected attendance at the exhibit will exceed ten thousand. About thirty technical sessions will be held during the week and will cover every phase on instrumentation in science and industry.

SEMICONDUCTORS

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED

Preliminary announcement has been made of a conference on the properties of semiconducting materials to be held at the British University of Reading from July 11 to 14, 1950. The conference is to be sponsored by the International Union of Physics in cooperation with the Royal Society and will cover topics in electrical conduction in nonmetallic solids, properties of barrier layers, crystal valves, etc. It has been noted that thermionic emission from oxide coated cathodes, luminescence, and dielectric loss are not considered within the scope of the conference. N. F. Mott of Bristol, K. Lark-Horovitz of Purdue University, G. Busch of Zurich, and A. E. Sandström of Upsala all have accepted invitations to present papers. Accommodations for both British and other visitors will be available in two halls of residence of the University. Further information concerning applications for attendance, program, and registration will be published at a later date. The announcement was made by R. S. Ditchburn, Department of Physics, The University, Reading, Berks., England.

CORRECTION

GUGGENHEIM GRANT IN PHYSICS

In listing Guggenheim Memorial Foundation grants in physics for 1949 in the July issue of *Physics Today*, the name of Harald H. Nielsen, chairman of the Ohio State University's department of physics and astronomy, was inadvertently omitted. His fellowship award was made

for the study of higher order interactions in polyatomic molecules.

SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

NEW BOARD OF GOVERNORS AT ARGONNE

According to a recent announcement by the Argonne National Laboratory, Paul E. Klopsteg, director of research at Northwestern University's Technological Institute, has been elected to serve as chairman of the Laboratory's board of governors for the year 1949-50; Warren C. Johnson, associate dean of the division of physical sciences at the University of Chicago, has been named vice president. Elected to membership on the board of governors at a recent meeting were the following: Ernest F. Barker of the University of Michigan; A. C. G. Mitchell of Indiana University; and Edward Creutz of the Carnegie Institute of Technology. Other members of the board are Andrew C. Ivy of the University of Illinois and Louis A. Turner of Iowa State University. Retiring members of the board are: John T. Tate of the University of Minnesota; Reuben G. Gustavson of the University of Nebraska; and Farrington Daniels of the University of Wisconsin. Dr. Daniels has been elected chairman of the council of participating institutions for the coming year.

CHICAGO PHYSICS CLUB

The Physics Club of Chicago, at a meeting held on May 10, elected: H. A. Leedy, president; F. T. Jung, vice-president; W. M. Urbain, secretary; J. S. Kemp, treasurer; and C. A. Benz, H. C. Hardy, and E. H. Nieman, directors.

GEORGE H. HENDERSON

George H. Henderson, professor of physics at Dalhousie University and head of the Naval research establishment at Halifax, Nova Scotia, died on June 20 at the age of fifty-six while traveling to New Brunswick. He was a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and the Royal Society, London.

PRESTON S. MILLAR

Preston S. Millar, president of Electrical Testing Laboratories, Inc., died suddenly on June 17 at the age of sixty-nine. One of the founders of the Illuminating Engineering Society, he served as its president in 1913, and in 1945 received the Society's Gold Medal for his outstanding contributions in the illuminating field. He was a fellow of the American Physical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and was a member of the American Optical Society and of a number of other professional organizations as well.

VAN L. NIXON

Ivan L. Nixon, vice president in charge of Bausch and Lomb Optical Company's scientific instrument division, died on June 25 at the age of sixty-five after a brief illness. He was a member of the Optical Society of America and chairman of the optical section of the Scientific Apparatus Makers of America.