

contracting and consulting; he continued in this activity to the end of his life. Responsible for the acoustic design of many buildings, Erf was, for many years, acoustical consultant for the Lutheran Church of America and special advisor on acoustics for Case Institute of Technology.

Erf's interests were not confined to the details of acoustical engineering. He made an outstanding collection of



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rare books on acoustics as well as early acoustical instruments.

After becoming treasurer of the Acoustical Society of America, Erf devoted much time and energy to the business affairs of the society. His tenure was longer than that of any preceding treasurer. He took an active part in the proceedings of the executive council of the society and for several years served as an Acoustical Society representative on the governing board of the American Institute of Physics.

Erf's general interests in educational and industrial administration were reflected in his service as a trustee of the Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center and of Case Institute, as a director of the Northern Ohio Telephone Co and as president of the Case Alumni Association. He was a member of Sigma Xi and the American Physical Society. During World War II he served as administrative officer for an Office of Scientific Research and Development laboratory working on antisubmarine warfare.

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Elbe H. Johnson Was Science Historian at Kenyon College

Emeritus Henry G. Dalton Professor of Physics at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, Elbe H. Johnson, died on 15

Dec. After 41 years at Kenyon, 37 of which were spent as department chairman, he retired in 1955. He was writing a "History of Science" at the time of his death. A former vice-president of the History of Science Society, Johnson contributed to a commemorative volume on Johannes Kepler. He was also the author of a work on laboratory physics.

Johnson, who was born in Traverse City, Mich., received his BS at Olivet College in 1909 and his PhD from the University of Chicago in 1926. He was 80 years old.

Cavid Erginsoy, Theorist At Brookhaven Laboratory

A Brookhaven National Laboratory physicist, Cavid Erginsoy, 43, died of a heart attack in Ankara, Turkey, on 7 Dec. He was on leave from BNL to the Middle East Technical University in Ankara.

Erginsoy, who was born in Ankara, received his BS in 1946 and his PhD in 1952 from the University of London. After serving with the military in Turkey, he became chief engineer at Etibank in 1954 and later was in charge of the research-reactor project of the Turkish AEC. He joined the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna upon completing two years of teaching and research at the Middle East Technical University in 1958.

In 1962 he joined the Brookhaven staff and worked primarily in solid-state theory and radiation effects. Together with scientists from Bell Laboratories and Rutgers, he was recently involved in an experimental program concerning lattice-structure influence on charged-particle motion in crystals.

Former Brandeis Chairman, David L. Falkoff, Is Dead

David L. Falkoff, former department chairman at Brandeis University, died on 14 Dec. at the age of 46. He was born in Rochester, N.Y., received his BA degree from the University of Rochester in 1942 and his PhD from the University of Michigan, where he was a National Research Council fellow, in 1948.

In 1948 he joined the staff at Notre Dame as an associate professor, and in 1951 he became associated with both the Lincoln Laboratory at MIT, and Brookhaven National Laboratory. In 1955, as a National Science Foundation senior research fellow, Falkoff

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