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William E. Ogle, head of the field testing division at Los Alamos, has been appointed chairman of the Nevada Test Site Planning Board.

Harvey A. Gould, formerly of the University of Michigan and **Christoph Hohenemser**, formerly of Brandeis University have joined Clark University as associate professors.

Alfred C. Daniel, research physicist at the US Army Missile Command and a part-time member of the physics staff at the University of Alabama, has formed the Equipment Development Co. for the purpose of providing engineering solutions to special industrial requirements.

Clemson University in South Carolina has appointed **Burt V. Bronk**, formerly

senior research associate at Brookhaven National Laboratory and **Beverly B. Bookmyer**, formerly assistant professor and administrative coordinator of the Optical Sciences Center at the University of Arizona, Tucson as associate professors.

Jack D. Blades has been appointed manager of the solid-state materials department of Adressograph Multigraph Corporation's research and development center in Warrensville Heights, Ohio. He was previously manager of the solid-state physics lab at the Franklin Institute Research Laboratories.

Michael L. Wise, a former research associate for the Institute of Theoretical Physics at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, has become an investment broker for Loeb, Rhoades and Co. He received his PhD in particle physics from Brandeis University.

obituaries

Leo P. Delsasso

Leo P. Delsasso, professor emeritus of physics at the University of California at Los Angeles, died suddenly at Frankfurt, Germany on 26 July.

Delsasso had spent 53 years at UCLA, where he began as a freshman in 1919, the year the Los Angeles campus became a part of the University of California. The following year he also was assistant to the chairman of the department of physics and served as the instrument maker of the first laboratory apparatus.

Before coming to UCLA, Delsasso had enlisted in the US Navy in World War I; at the end of the war in 1918 he retired as ensign. He returned to the Navy during World War II as assistant director of what is now the US Navy Electronics Laboratory, where he participated actively with civilian scientists in devising sonar techniques and instrumentation for the detection of enemy submarines. After the war, he returned to UCLA with the rank of commander and resumed his teaching, research and administration. He later served as assistant dean and then associate dean of the graduate division (1952-59) and as chairman of the department of physics (1959-63).

When Delsasso became professor emeritus in 1963, he was able to continue his research in acoustics, with which he had been concerned since

1923. His research included the propagation of sound in the atmosphere from mountaintop to mountaintop in the High Sierra and at the Santa Monica Beach where atmospheres with and



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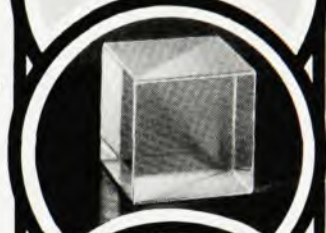
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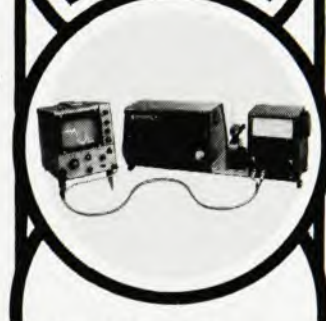
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cluding particulate matter. He has also greatly contributed to graduate instruction and research in acoustics, having served as chairman or a member of the doctoral committees for most of the more than 40 PhD's in physics who specialized in acoustics.

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Donald M. Bennett

Donald M. Bennett, chairman emeritus of the department of physics at the University of Louisville, died 7 November at the age of 73.

Bennett's teaching career began at the University of Colorado in 1922. In 1924, he returned to the University of Wisconsin, from which he had received his BS and MS degrees, to complete his work for the PhD degree, which he received in 1926. He came to the University of Louisville in the fall of 1926 as an assistant professor of physics in the Speed Scientific School. Promoted to associate professor in 1929, he spent much of his time teaching courses in the College of Arts and Sciences and constructing undergraduate laboratory equipment, some of which is still in use. Although in 1943, Bennett went to the MIT Radiation Laboratory as technical aide to the director, he returned to Louisville after one semester to help carry the teaching load. He was promoted to professor of physics in 1943, and in 1950 spent the summer as a research participant at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. During the next few years much of his time was spent designing the physics wing of the natural-science building. In 1953 Bennett was made chairman of both physics departments, but two years later he left the Speed Scientific School, and devoted all of his time to the College of Arts and Sciences, where he continued as chairman until his retirement in 1968.

He was the author of two books, *Fundamentals of Physics* and *Physical Basis of Music*, and was an active member and officer of many organizations.

Working with innumerable people during his 42 years of teaching, Bennett was always chivalrous, sensitive and genial. All who knew him will remember him as a gentleman. An enthusiastic teacher, he took pleasure in his work, whether he was building the solid foundations needed by physics majors, or leading other students to appreciate the elegance of the theory of musical sound. In all his work, Bennett was aided by a delightful sense of humor.

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