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played by Micronetics, Inc, received his PhD in gaseous discharge physics from the Institute of Science, Bombay, India in 1970.

Scott L. Norman has joined the staff of General Telephone and Electronics Laboratories, Bayside, N. Y., where he will be responsible for optical data storage activities. He was formerly head of the advanced materials study group at GTE's Automatic electric laboratories in Northlake, Ill.

John W. Weil has been promoted to vice-president of advanced systems and technology of Honeywell's computer business.

John A. Nation has been promoted to professor of electrical engineering at Cornell University. He is also a member of Cornell's Laboratory of Plasma Studies, where he is involved in research on plasma physics and relativistic electron beams.

John K. Davis has been named chief, ophthalmic sciences for the optical products division of American Optical

Corp. He was previously manager of lens technology there.

Fred L. Wilson has been promoted to administrative assistant to the dean at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf.

Bodo Bartocha has been promoted to head of the office of international programs at the National Science Foundation.

George M. Volkoff, previously head of the physics department of the University of British Columbia, is now dean of the faculty of science at the university.

The new president and chief executive of Tinsley Laboratories, Inc in Berkeley is **Tuckman Moss**, formerly with Ealing Corp in Cambridge, Mass.

Rejoining the US Atomic Energy Commission in the division of controlled thermonuclear research is **Stephen O. Dean**. He was formerly with the Naval Research Laboratory.

The new vice-president of data systems development of Addressograph Multi-graph Corp is **Donald B. Brick**.

obituaries

Robert O. Haxby

Robert O. Haxby, a professor of physics at Iowa State University and a senior physicist at Ames Laboratory, died on 11 January of an apparent heart attack. Haxby, who was 59, was attending a meeting at the Argonne National Laboratory, where he was to present a paper, at the time of his death.

Associated with Iowa State since 1965, Haxby had previously been a member of the Purdue University physics faculty for nineteen years. Haxby had received both his MS and PhD degrees from the University of Minnesota. His research included nuclear physics, microwaves and radar.

Donald R. Hamilton

Professor of physics and former dean of the graduate school at Princeton University, Donald R. Hamilton, died on 4 January after a long illness. Hamilton was 57 years old.

Hamilton began his teaching career at Princeton, from which he had received his BA degree, as an assistant professor in 1946. In 1955 he was pro-

moted to full professor and three years later he was appointed dean of the graduate school. He served in this position until 1965, when he resigned to return to the physics department.

Before joining Princeton, Hamilton was associated with war research projects at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Radiation Laboratory and with the Sperry Gyroscope Co. During World War II he was involved in the development of klystrons. At various times he was also a visiting professor at the Institute for Advanced Study, the Brookhaven National Laboratory and Stanford University.

Claude Bloch

The sudden death of Claude Bloch, on 29 December 1971 from a heart attack, is a major loss for French physics and the international scientific community.

Bloch's profound and original contributions to the theory of atomic nuclei and the structure of matter have had wide impact and enduring value. His "unified theory" of nuclear reactions and his contributions to the statistical theory of nuclei have become classics.

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