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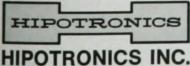
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Nielsen was a past vice-president of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics; he was associate editor of both the Physical Review (1945-48) and the Journal of Chemical Physics (1952-55), and in 1956 he became editor of The Journal of Molecular Spectroscopy. His field of specialization was infrared spectroscopy.

Adam H. Spees

Adam H. Spees, a professor of physics at Smith College, died on 29 May 1972, while vacationing in Ireland. He was 58 years old.

Born in Akron, Ohio in 1914, Spees attended the University of Michigan, where he received his PhD in 1940. He worked as an instructor in physics at the Detroit Institute of Technology (1939-41) and at Union College in Schenectady, New York (1941-44), and as an assistant professor at Wesleyan University (1944-46) and the University of Connecticut (1946-59). In 1959 he joined the faculty of Smith College. He was named professor in 1965. Spees was best known for his demonstration that the positronic charge is equal to the electronic charge. He was more recently concerned with low-temperature physics and thermal conductivity.

Mitchell Wilson

Mitchell Wilson, the novelist and science writer, died on 26 February in New York. He was 59 years old.

Wilson was born in New York in 1913. It was during his senior year as an undergraduate at New York University that he first became interested in physics. He then went on to earn a graduate degree in physics at Columbia University, where he studied under I. I. Rabi, the Nobel Laureate. For a short time in 1939 Wilson was an assistant to Enrico Fermi, who was doing research at Columbia at the time.

Wilson's most important science books are American Science and Invention (1954), which has become a standard reference work, and Passion to Know (1972), which inquires into how scientists go about their work in various societies. For the latter book Wilson, who spoke Russian, was allowed to interview a number of specialists in the Soviet Union. His novels and books on science were very popular in the

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