

We hear that..

Physicists recently added to the staff of the University of Connecticut's physics department are **Edgar Everhart**, assistant professor, formerly of the MIT Radiation Laboratory, and **Otis R. Gilliam**, instructor, from Duke University.

Melvin D. Fleisher of the Case Institute of Technology and **John McGrath** of Ohio State University have joined the staff of Horizons Incorporated.

Otto Frisch, chairman of the department of nuclear physics at Cambridge University's Cavendish Laboratory, has been a recent visitor to this country. He gave two lectures at the Michelson Laboratory, Inyokern, in early September, speaking first on the Cavendish Laboratory and later on a survey of the particles of modern physics.

The newly elected president of Sigma Xi's chapter at the University of Rochester is **George C. Higgins**, a research physicist at Kodak Research Laboratories.

Elmer Hutchisson has been elected to serve as acting president of the Case Institute of Technology during the absence of President **T. Keith Glennan**, newly appointed to the Atomic Energy Commission. Dr. Hutchisson will retain his positions as dean of the faculty and director of research and of the graduate division. He has been at Case since 1944 and has edited the *Journal of Applied Physics* since 1937. In September of this year he represented American scientists at the London meeting of Unesco where plans were discussed to develop an international abstracting service for physics.

R. G. E. Hutter, head of the electronics research section of the physics laboratory, Sylvania Electric Products Inc., has been appointed adjunct professor at the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, where he will conduct classes in electron tube theory and electron optics.

Leopold Infeld has, according to the United Press, resigned his position on the staff of the University of Toronto's department of physics and has declared his intention to continue his work in Poland. Dr. Infeld left this country last March.

Brookhaven National Laboratory has announced the appointment to its physics department of **E. J. Kelly**, formerly of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

James L. Lawson has been appointed manager of the newly created electron physics division at General Electric Company's Research Laboratory in Schenectady. Dr. Lawson, who joined GE in 1945 as research associate in physics, received his doctorate from the University of Michigan and during the war carried on research at the MIT Radiation Laboratory. His work at GE has had to do with the design of the new nonferromagnetic synchrotron.

Spencer Macy of Iowa State University has been named assistant professor of mathematical physics at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

The University of Liège, Belgium, has conferred an honorary degree on **Herman F. Mark**, director of the Institute of Polymer Research at the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn. Dr. Mark had previously been named an honorary fellow of the Indian Academy of Science and a fellow of the American Physical Society.

Donald J. Montgomery, of the Ballistics Research Laboratories at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, has been appointed senior physicist of the Textile Research Institute, Princeton. Before going to Aberdeen, Dr. Montgomery taught at Princeton University and served with the London Branch of the Office of Naval Research.

The University of North Carolina has announced the following new appointments to the physics staff of its College of Agriculture and Engineering. Professorships in physics will be held by **Raymond Murray** and **Newton Underwood**, who come to North Carolina from the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, where Dr. Murray has been engaged for the past seven years in electromagnetic research and Dr. Underwood in the research program of the Gas Diffusion Plant. **Albert W. Blackstock** from Rice Institute, **V. E. Pilcher** from Emory University, and **Leon H. Robinson, Jr.** from Clemson College will be instructors in physics and **Lee W. Gildart** from Northwestern University will be assistant professor.

Lothar W. Nordheim has joined the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory for the period of a year's leave of absence from his professorship of physics at Duke University. A theoretical physicist, Dr. Nordheim was wartime director of the physics division of the Clinton Laboratories, now a part of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Louis A. Pardue, former dean of the graduate school of the University of Kentucky, has been elected vice president of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Dr. Pardue will also continue his duties as chairman of the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies Council. At VPI he succeeds **C. C. French** who has been named dean of the University at Texas A & M College.

Angus G. Pearson of Southern Methodist University has become assistant professor of physics at Georgia's Emory University.

C. L. Perry, Jr. of the University of California has recently been appointed to the mathematics panel of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Roman Smoluchowski, professor of physics at Carnegie Institute of Technology and member of the staff of the Institute's Metals Research Laboratory, has been appointed a consultant to the chairman of the Research and Development Board.

Fred L. Whipple, Harvard University Observatory astronomer, has been appointed to the Panel on Atmosphere, Committee on Geophysics and Geography, Research and Development Board. Dr. Whipple succeeds **H. W. Wells**, scientific observer with Carnegie Institution's department of terrestrial magnetism.

William A. Wildhack, former chief of the missile instrumentation section of the National Bureau of Standards and Bureau staff member since 1935, has been named to head the newly established office of basic instrumentation at the Bureau. In addition, Mr. Wildhack serves as Associate Editor of the Review of Scientific Instruments and as chairman of the National Research Council committee on scientific equipment. The Bureau has also announced that the chief of its radiation physics laboratory, **Lauriston S. Taylor**, delivered the Sylvanus Thompson Memorial Lecture before the British Institute of Radiology in July, 1950. Dr. Taylor, who was connected with Cornell University and the Bell Telephone Laboratories before joining the Bureau, is the first American scientist to be invited to deliver the Thompson lecture.