



## WHEREABOUTS

MERLE M. ANDREW has joined the staff of the machine development section of the applied mathematics laboratory at the National Bureau of Standards. He will supervise preparations for mathematical computing problems to be given to the Bureau's high-speed electronic computing machines.

BART J. BOK, associate director of the Harvard College Observatory, has left for South Africa in charge of the "Hub of the Universe" expedition to gather new and basic information on the southern Milky Way, especially with reference to the central star clouds of the constellations of Sagittarius and Scorpio. Headquarters for the expedition will be at the Boyden Station of the Harvard Observatory in Bloemfontein in the Orange Free State. The group of astronomers who are also taking part in the expedition includes PRISCILLA F. BOK, IVAN R. KING, a junior fellow at Harvard, JOHN S. PARASKEVOPOULOS, resident superintendent of the Boyden Station, and UCO VAN WYCK of the Netherlands, who is a Sheldon Fellow at Harvard. Dr. Bok, who has relinquished the chairmanship of the National Research Council's Committee on Unesco, has been succeeded in that post by MAURICE B. VISSCHER of the University of Minnesota.

Argonne National Laboratory has announced that effective in July JOSEPH C. BOYCE will assume the position of associate director of the Laboratory. Dr. Boyce, who is at present chairman of the department of physics in New York University's College of Engineering, will be especially concerned with the coordination of Argonne's participating institution program and the direction of such educational activities as are carried on at the Laboratory.

GEORGE B. COLLINS, chairman of the department of physics at the University of Rochester, has been appointed chairman of the accelerator project at Brookhaven National Laboratory. He will take the place of MILTON G. WHITE, who has been on part-time leave from Princeton University where he has returned to fill the Higgins Professorship in Physics.

GEORGE R. IRWIN and JOHN A. SANDERSON have been appointed superintendents of the mechanics and optics divisions, respectively, of the Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D. C. Dr. Irwin, previously associate superintendent of the mechanics division, fills the position formerly held by the late E. B. STEPHENSON. Dr. Sanderson, formerly associate superintendent for optics, succeeds E. O. HULBERT, now director of research for the Laboratory.

V. LAWRENCE PARSEGLIAN, formerly director of research for the Kellex Corporation of New York City, has been named as director of the division of technical advisers

for the New York operations office of the Atomic Energy Commission. He will be responsible for administering research and development contracts in the physical sciences with more than fifty academic and industrial institutions in the Northeast, and will also be concerned technically with the AEC's uranium feed and reactor materials program.

The AEC has also announced that PAUL B. PEARSON, who has been acting chief of the biology branch of the division of biology and medicine, has been appointed chief of the branch.

W. WENDELL RAZIM, formerly a technical writer for the Westvaco Chemical Division, is now writing and producing a Friday night radio program, Science for the People, over Station WEVD, New York City.

NICOL H. SMITH has been named director of research operations of the Franklin Institute Laboratories for Research and Development. He has been on the staff of the Institute since 1932 and during the war directed research work undertaken by the Institute for the federal government.

ALBERT M. STONE has recently been appointed to the position of technical assistant to the director of the Applied Physics Laboratory, The Johns Hopkins University at Silver Spring, Maryland. Previously Dr. Stone was a special consultant to the Research and Development Board in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

LA ROY B. THOMPSON has been appointed coordinator of industrial research at the University of Rochester to succeed HENRY C. MEADOW, who has resigned to become executive secretary of the committee on research and development at Harvard University.

Two British mathematicians, Mr. and Mrs. JOHN TODD, have joined the staff of the National Bureau of Standards' applied mathematics laboratories. Mr. Todd, formerly of Kings College, London University, and Queens University in Belfast, has been appointed chief of the Bureau's computation laboratory, where he will be in charge of mathematical research as well as of the computing services offered by the laboratory to various government agencies. Mrs. Todd (Dr. OLGA TAUSSKY), as a technical consultant, will do fundamental research in problems of mathematical analysis, algebra, and number theory in their relation to the use of high-speed computing machines.

The Illinois Institute of Technology has announced that B. J. TOPPEL has been appointed instructor in physics. A nuclear physicist, he has been a research assistant in the physics department since June, 1949.

BERNARD B. WATSON, formerly associate professor of physics at Temple University, has been appointed to the recently established position of specialist for physics in the division of higher education of the U. S. Office of Education.

ALEXANDER W. WUNDHEILER, research professor in mechanics at the Illinois Institute of Technology, is now editor of Applied Mechanics Reviews, published by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.