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Officers elected at the annual meeting of the Wisconsin chapter of the American Association of Physics Teachers in April are **V. P. Batha** of Carroll College, president; **J. R. Dillinger** of the University of Wisconsin, vice president; and **Monica Bainter** of State Teachers College, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, secretary-treasurer.

Promotion of four members of Columbia University's department of physics was announced at the end of May. **Eugene T. Booth**, **Charles H. Townes**, and **Llewellyn H. Thomas** were named full professors, while **Henry M. Foley** was advanced to the rank of associate professor. The appointments became effective July 1.

The California Institute of Technology has also announced physics department promotions effective July 1. **Leverett Davis, Jr.** and **Thomas Lauritsen** have been raised from assistant to associate professor of physics, and **Robert F. Christy** from associate professor to professor.

The number of graduate fellowships at the Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Jet Propulsion Center at Caltech has been doubled this year, six such awards having been made instead of the three that were given last year. Those receiving fellowships are **Thomas C. Adamson, Jr.** of LaGrange, Illinois, **Eldon L. Knuth** of Luana, Iowa, **Robert V. Meghreblian** of Los Angeles, **Joseph E. Padgett, Jr.** of Baltimore, **David E. Shoner** of Pasadena, and **Edward E. Zukoski** of Birmingham, Alabama. Meghreblian, a native of Cairo, Egypt, is receiving the grant for the second time.

Harvey Fletcher, former director of physical research at the Bell Telephone Laboratories who retired late last year, has been voted the "Honors of the [American Speech and Hearing] Association for distinguished contribution to the field of speech and hearing" by the Association's council.

Ira M. Freeman, associate professor of physics at Rutgers University, has been granted a year's leave of absence to enable him to undertake a special assignment in the division of Natural Sciences of Unesco in Paris.

Roland M. Gogolick and **David Leichtman** have joined the staff of the physics department of Horizons Incorporated of Cleveland. Mr. Gogolick, a graduate of Case Institute of Technology, had most recently been a member of the staff of the Ultrasonic Corporation. Mr. Leichtman, a graduate of City College, New York, has since the war attended Brown University, the University of Wyoming, and the University of Idaho under the Army specialized training program.

Deane B. Judd, of the photometry and colorimetry section of the National Bureau of Standards, has received the Department of Commerce Exceptional Service Award for outstanding scientific accomplishment in the fields of colorimetry and color vision.

Midwest Research Institute of Kansas City has an-

nounced the election of **Charles N. Kimball** as president of the Institute. Other officers are **George E. Ziegler**, director of research; **Leon T. Swan**, vice president and treasurer; **S. C. Lechtman**, secretary; and **V. L. Barnett**, assistant treasurer.

William F. Little, engineer in charge of the photometric department, Electric Testing Laboratories, Inc., New York, has been named by the Illuminating Engineering Society, national technical organization, to receive the 1950 Gold Medal of the Society at ceremonies during the National Technical Conference at Pasadena, California, August 21 through 25. The Gold Medal, highest honor in the field of illumination, is awarded "for meritorious achievement conspicuously furthering the profession, art, or knowledge of illuminating engineering".

H. G. MacPherson has been appointed assistant director of research on carbon and graphite products for the National Carbon Division, Union Carbide and Carbon Corporation, according to a recent announcement. Dr. MacPherson received his PhD in physics from the University of California, and since joining the Division in 1937 has carried out fundamental studies on the carbon arc and on the physical properties of carbon and graphite.

Francis B. Silsbee, chief of the electricity and optics division of the National Bureau of Standards, has been elected president of the Washington Academy of Sciences. The Academy, founded in 1898, acts as the federal head of nineteen affiliated scientific and engineering societies in the Washington area.

Eric Walker, director of the Ordnance Research Laboratory and head of Pennsylvania State College's department of electrical engineering, will assume the duties of executive secretary of the Research and Development Board on August 1 when **Robert F. Rinehart**, the present secretary, returns to the Case Institute of Technology where he is professor of mathematics.

Officers elected for 1950-51 by the Southeastern Section of the American Physical Society are **Eric Rogers** of the University of Alabama, chairman; **Alvin H. Nielsen** of the University of Tennessee, vice chairman; **Dixon Callihan** of Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corporation at Oak Ridge, secretary, and **Robert T. Lagemann** of Emory University, Georgia, treasurer. **Paul Shearin** of the University of North Carolina and **Walter Gordy** of Duke University became members of the Executive Committee. The elections were held at the sixteenth annual meeting of the Southeastern Section which met at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge in April. Invited papers were given at the meeting by **C. J. Borkowski** of Oak Ridge, **Harrison S. Brown** of Chicago, **Robert T. Nisbet** of Tulane, **C. F. Squire** of Rice Institute, and **S. K. Haynes** and **D. A. Thomas** of Vanderbilt.

Raymond E. Wilson, a specialist in the fields of precision temperature measurements and underwater ordnance, has been appointed chief of the temperature measurements section of the National Bureau of Standards. In this capacity he is responsible for the maintenance of the International Temperature Scale and the calibration and standardization of various temperature measuring instruments.