

situation, the conditions for research worsened. As he was the only theoretical physicist at the university, a heavy teaching load was imposed upon him, and he had to carry it without any assistant or secretary. During and immediately after the Second World War the working conditions became even worse, bringing his research to a complete standstill.

Although the situation improved some years after the war, Hückel's weak health prevented him resuming his former research activities. Instead he concentrated on teaching and advising his assistants. Due to his very friendly nature he enjoyed great popularity among students and assistants. After his retirement in 1962 he obtained several honors for his scientific work: the Society of German Chemists and the German Physical Society jointly bestowed upon him the Otto Hahn Award; he became a member of the German Academy of Scientists "Leopoldina" of Halle and a foreign member of the Royal Society, as well as honorary doctor at the Universities of Stuttgart and Uppsala.

Five years ago his memoirs appeared. Written in Hückel's witty and ironical style, they reflect much of his critical attitude to problems of daily life. His friends have lost a warm-hearted personality, the scientific community one of the pioneers of quantum theory.

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Milton Grandison White

Milton Grandison White, Eugene Higgins Professor of Physics, Emeritus, at Princeton University died on 16 October 1979.

White was born in Claremont, California, on 12 January 1910. He attended Sacramento Junior College and the University of California at Berkeley, where he received his AB in 1931 and his PhD in 1935. A Coffin fellow, he was a student of Ernest O. Lawrence, the inventor of the cyclotron. His thesis was based on an investigation of proton-proton scattering and was the first nuclear-physics research performed using a cyclotron.

Upon completion of his graduate work, White was awarded a National Research Council postdoctoral fellowship. At that time, the only cyclotrons were at Berkeley. Recognizing the potential of nuclear research, he wanted to build one elsewhere to enable him to pursue an independent career. Of the various universities he considered, only Princeton agreed to provide the needed funds. This cyclotron was the first to operate outside of Berkeley. White, his associates and their students carried out a vigorous program of fundamental research in nuclear physics until the start of the Second

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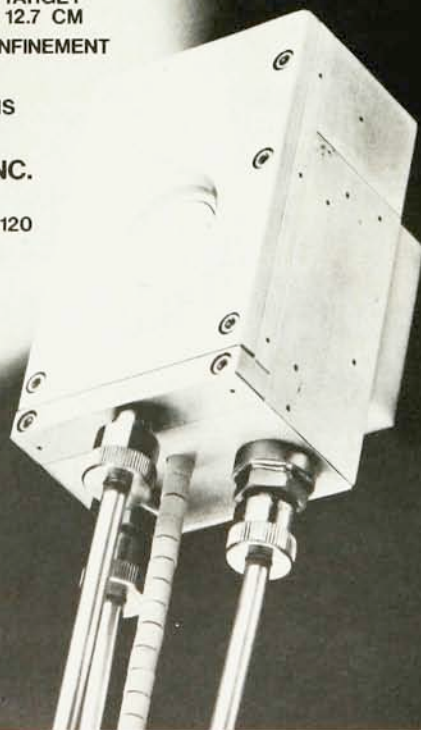
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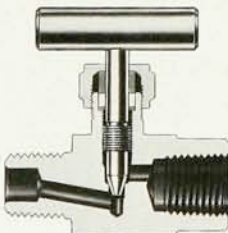
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World War.

In 1940 White went to MIT, where he and a small number of physicists from other universities organized the Radiation Laboratory, the center for the development of radar in this country. It grew rapidly in size from the initial handful of men to thousands of scientists, technicians, and administrators. White was a vigorous and effective leader in this endeavor, first as head of the Transmitter Components Division and later as head of the Airborne Systems Division, which developed all of the varied types of airborne radars, including radar bombsights and long-range radars to provide early warning of air attacks on naval forces. He received the Army-Navy Certificate of Merit for these important contributions to the US war effort.

When he returned to Princeton, he directed the rebuilding of the Princeton cyclotron. With new techniques, the energy was increased from 5 MeV to 18 MeV.

In 1949 White was named Higgins Professor of Physics. Shortly afterwards, while on leave of absence, he directed the early phase of the construction of the Cosmotron, a three-GeV proton synchrotron at the Brookhaven National Laboratory. This experience stimulated his desire to build a high-energy facility at Princeton. Starting in 1955 he directed the design and construction of the Princeton-Pennsylvania Accelerator (3 GeV). He served as its director until it was decommissioned in the early 1970's. During its lifetime this laboratory provided the facilities for a lively and rewarding research program. Many of the physicists who are presently in the forefront of research in elementary-particle physics throughout the country were trained on experiments at the Prince-

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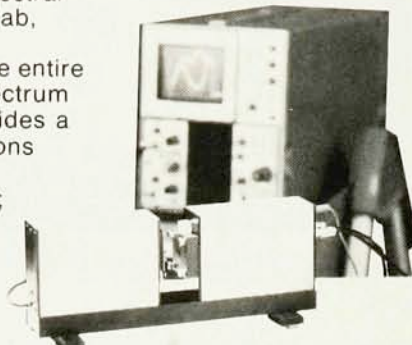
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ton-Pennsylvania Accelerator. When federal funding ceased, White found private funding that enabled a small group to modify the machine for heavy-ion acceleration. The heavy-ion beam was used to study the feasibility of using such beams for cancer therapy. This pioneering work stimulated continuing research in this field at other laboratories.

In 1972, White took charge of the AVF Cyclotron Laboratory at Princeton and spearheaded the effort to keep this facility alive. His management skill and enthusiasm gave a sharpened sense of direction and increased vigor to the program. He was a driving force in its continued operation until he retired.

For many years, White served on the board of trustees of Associated Universities, Inc., the consortium of universities that operates Brookhaven National Laboratory and the Greenbank National Radio Astronomical Laboratory. He became a member, and later chairman, of the board of trustees of Universities Research Association, the organization of 53 universities throughout the country that operates the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory. Following his retirement from Princeton in 1978, he was elected the URA president. He was very active in the presidency, visiting the laboratory at least weekly and monitoring all of its work closely. He was working at Fermilab the day before he died.

Milton White will be remembered for his warmth and cheerfulness. Nothing seemed to dim his optimism. The hardships he faced appeared to strengthen his resolve to carry out what he believed in.

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Roger Peter Bastide

Roger Bastide, a senior physicist at Varian/Extrion, died on 18 February 1980 at the age of 54.

Bastide was born in Rio de Janeiro on 4 July 1925. During World War II, he served with distinction in the United States Army as one of the youngest tank commanders in General George Patton's army.

After the war, Bastide studied physics at MIT, subsequently joining the Acoustics Laboratory where he stayed until 1956. He left to join High Voltage Engineering Corp at the beginning of the "hey day" of tandem accelerator technology. He quickly displayed skill in the arcane art of ion-source technology. Bastide's skill in coaxing maximum performance out of different negative-ion sources made him well-known in all nuclear-physics laboratories. During the time he worked