

"Whenever an appeal to the appeal board involves a claim for the occupational deferment of a registrant whose principal place of employment is located outside the appeal board area in which the local board having jurisdiction over the registrant is located and is located in the area of another appeal board, the person appealing may, at the time he files the notice of appeal, file with the local board a written request that the appeal be submitted to the appeal board having jurisdiction over the area in which is located the principal place of employment of the registrant."

OFFICE OF ORDNANCE RESEARCH

ESTABLISHED AT DUKE UNIVERSITY

A program designed to aid in gathering and evaluating scientific information useful in the development of Army Ordnance Corps equipment has been established at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, according to the Department of Defense.

An office of Ordnance Research, established in connection with the program, will evaluate the needs and problems of the Ordnance Corps and will determine which scientific fields seem especially applicable. The office will coordinate its studies with other Army Ordnance installations and research laboratories. A total of fifteen civilian scientists and four Army Ordnance officers will be assigned to the research program. Duke University was chosen as the site of the new center because of its accessibility to Washington, D. C., and because of its laboratory, office, and housing facilities.

SIGMA PI SIGMA

INSTALLS FIVE CHAPTERS THIS YEAR

During 1951, Sigma Pi Sigma, physics honor society which recently became an affiliated organization of the American Institute of Physics, has installed five new chapters into the society, bringing the chapter roll to eighty-one institutions. The last chapter was installed on June 1, at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. The installing officer was M. H. Trytten, National President of Sigma Pi Sigma. Following the installation banquet Dr. Trytten addressed an open meeting on the subject: "Education as an Asset to National Defense". Other chapters chartered in 1951 are as follows: Hofstra College, March 17; Virginia State College, April 19; Saint Joseph's College, April 30; Manhattan College, May 9.

INTERNATIONAL GEOPHYSICS

WEST EUROPEAN GEOPHYSICAL UNION FORMED

Word has been received of the formation of the West European Geophysical Union with an initial membership of 136 exploration geophysicists representing a number of western European countries. It is intended that meetings will be held periodically by the new Union in one European city or another in order

to provide a forum for discussion of matters relating to mining and petroleum prospecting in regions of particular interest to Union members. Although no official journal is expected to be published by the Union, the Society of Exploration Geophysicists in this country has stated that European geophysicists will be encouraged to publish articles in the Society's official quarterly journal, *Geophysics*. The SEG, with local sections in Dallas, Denver, Fort Worth, Houston, Los Angeles, Midland, Shreveport, and Tulsa, has reportedly evidenced an interest in adding a "West Europe Local Section" of the Society to the present list. That the interest is not entirely one-sided is suggested, since it has further been reported that plans are under way within the new Union for affiliation with the SEG.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

GUGGENHEIM JET PROPULSION AWARDS

Seven new fellowship awards have been presented by the Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Foundation for advanced research in jet and rocket propulsion at Princeton University and the California Institute of Technology. Selection of the fellows, who will receive an annual stipend of \$2000, renewable for an additional year, was made jointly by Harry F. Guggenheim, president of the Foundation, Harold W. Dodds, president of Princeton, and Lee A. DuBridge, president of Caltech. Research fellows who will study at the Guggenheim Jet Propulsion Center at Princeton are Arnold Goldburg of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Marcus P. Knowlton of Princeton, Lieut. D. M. Saunders of the Naval Postgraduate School at Annapolis, and Marcel Vinokur of Cornell. The three fellows assigned to a similar center at the California Institute of Technology are Robert C. Evans of Caltech, George E. Hlavka of the University of Wisconsin, and Herman C. Thorman of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics. Renewal grants for last year's fellowships have been made to Maj. Dale D. Davis, Clarence B. Cohen, John E. Scott, Jr., and David H. Ross at Princeton, and Thomas C. Adamson, Eldon L. Knuth, and Edward E. Zukoski at Caltech.

RESEARCH CORPORATION GRANTS

Approximately \$800,000 will be made available by Research Corporation in the current fiscal year for grants in aid of scientific research, according to Joseph W. Barker, president of the foundation. Of this total, \$450,000 has been allocated since November, the beginning of the 1951 fiscal year, for 162 grants to colleges, universities, and scientific institutions for projects ranging from cosmic radiation to the synthesis of cortisone. Research Corporation's annual report for 1950 notes that approximately \$600,000 is allocated to the General Grants program, which supports pioneering research, and the Cottrell Grants program, which aids research in smaller colleges. Both General and Cottrell grants are made in the fields of physics, chemistry, mathematics, and engineering.