

The speaker for the January 22nd meeting at the Rochester Museum is William H. Webb of Bausch & Lomb Optical Company, who will discuss "Progress in Optical Manufacture". The Section meets again on February 5th, the program for which is open, and on February 19th will present Edwin H. Land of Polaroid Corporation, whose subject is to be announced. The meetings in March fall on the 4th and 25th, and will comprise, respectively, a talk by Richard Tousey of Naval Research Laboratories on "Rocket Spectroscopy", and a discussion of "Modern Problems in Colorimetry" by W. D. Wright of the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London. On April 8th Frederick Seitz of the University of Illinois will consider "Mechanism of Darkening of Silver Halides", and on the 22nd a lecture is to be given by George S. Monk of Argonne National Laboratory. On May 6th, Bart J. Bok, of the Harvard Observatory, will speak on "The Center of Our Galaxy". H. W. Leverenz of the RCA Laboratories will discuss "Luminescence in Solids" at the annual dinner meeting on May 20th.

Scintillation Counter Symposium

To be Held at Bureau of Standards

A symposium on scintillation counters, which will include papers on photomultipliers and multiplier performance, liquid and crystal phosphors, time resolution, and associated electronic equipment, will be held at the National Bureau of Standards in Washington on January 29-30. It will be held under the joint auspices of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the Institute of Radio Engineers, the Atomic Energy Commission and the NBS. Attendance at the meeting will be limited, it has been announced. Those desiring invitations may communicate with R. W. Johnston, Radiation Inst. Branch, Atomic Energy Commission, Washington 25, D. C.

Pittsburgh Conference

On Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy

The Analytical Chemistry Group of the Pittsburgh Section of the American Chemical Society and the Pittsburgh Spectroscopy Society have announced another Pittsburgh Conference on Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy. Extending from March 5 through March 7, the conference will be held at the William Penn Hotel and is expected to cover all phases of analytical chemistry, emission spectroscopy, infrared and ultraviolet spectroscopy, and related fields such as x-ray, microwave and mass spectrometry. An expanded exhibit of laboratory equipment is planned, as well as a conference dinner and social hour. This year's program is in the hands of a committee consisting of J. R. Churchill, P.O. Box 772, New Kensington, Pennsylvania, chairman, Mary E. Warga, University of Pittsburgh, co-chairman on emission spectroscopy, and A. G. Sharkey, Bruceton, Pennsylvania, co-chairman on absorption spectroscopy.

Fluid Mechanics

Second Midwest Conference

The second Midwestern Conference on Fluid Mechanics will take place at Ohio State University March 17-19, 1952. A. N. Tifford of the University's aeronautical engineering department, who is general conference chairman, has announced that the meeting will cover all phases of theoretical or applied fluid mechanics. Papers to be delivered at the meeting should be submitted to the conference editorial committee. Information on the event may be obtained from the conference secretary, Geoffrey Keller, department of physics and astronomy, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

International Standards

ISO Meets in New York Next June

The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) will hold its triennial meeting at Columbia University in New York City, June 9-21, 1952, according to the American Standards Association, U. S. member of the ISO, which will act as host. Delegates from the 32 member nations will take part in the ISO General Assembly, which last met in Paris in 1949. Meetings of the ISO Council and a number of its technical committees will also be held during the two-week session.

An international clearinghouse for the national standards bodies of most industrial countries, the ISO is recognized by the United Nations as the authoritative channel through which standardization on an international level is carried out. M. Albert Coquot, president of the French Standards Association, is president of ISO. The secretary general is Henry St. Leger, with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

Testing Materials

ASTM to Celebrate 50th Anniversary

The American Society for Testing Materials, officially incorporated as a national technical society in 1902, will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary during the annual ASTM meeting in New York City, June 23-27, 1952. The program will include an exhibit of testing apparatus and related equipment and a photographic exhibit, as well as numerous technical sessions and special symposia. The meeting will be held at the Hotels Statler and New Yorker. The technical program is expected to include sessions on those aspects of the following subjects which have specific reference to methods of testing: fretting corrosion; synthetic fibers; adhesives; direct shear test and exchange phenomena in solids; continuous analysis of water; plastics; conditioning and weathering; methods for determining elastic constants, light microscopy; effect of temperature; powder metallurgy; and other topics. A general committee on arrangements has been appointed for the meeting. It is headed by J. R. Townsend of Bell Laboratories, a past president of the Society.