

We hear that..

John V. Atanasoff, assistant to the technical director for fuses at the U. S. Naval Ordnance Laboratory, has resigned to head the newly formed Ordnance Engineering Corporation near Rockville, Maryland. **David W. Beecher**, formerly of the Acoustics Division of NOL, will be vice president and assistant general manager of the corporation.

John Bardeen, of the University of Illinois, and **Walter H. Brattain**, of Bell Telephone Laboratories, will be awarded Stuart Ballantine Medals by the Franklin Institute on October 15 for their contributions to electromagnetic communications, particularly for their work on the semiconducting element germanium, which led to the development of the transistor.

Richard G. Barnes, who has recently completed his doctoral work at Harvard, has joined the staff of the physics department of the University of Delaware at Newark.

William Benesch, graduate physicist at Johns Hopkins University, has been awarded a fellowship by the Belgian-American Educational Foundation and left early in September for Liege, Belgium, to begin work in the laboratories of the Astrophysical Institute. Dr. Benesch will join the staff of the physics department at the University of Pittsburgh in 1953.

Lt. Col. Charles S. Brice, Jr., **Captain Alfred W. Klement, Jr.**, and **Captain James B. Graham** are physicists who have recently been assigned to the radiological division of the chemical and radiological laboratories at the Army Chemical Center in Maryland.

A. G. W. Cameron, of the University of Saskatchewan, joined the physics staff of Iowa State College on July 1st as assistant professor. Dr. Cameron will also be associated with the synchrotron group at the Institute for Atomic Research at Ames.

Sherwood Githens, chairman of the department of physics at Baylor University since 1949, has been appointed chief of the electronics branch of the physical sciences division of the Office of Ordnance Research at Durham, North Carolina.

The University of Pittsburgh has announced the appointments of the following physicists to its physics department and radiation laboratory: **E. Gerjuoy**, University of Southern California; **Frederic Keffer**, University of California; **Jan Yntema**, Princeton University; and **James McGruer**, University of Wisconsin. **Erich P. Wohlfarth** of Imperial College, London, will spend a year as visiting assistant professor at the university beginning sometime during 1953.

M. J. Kelly, president of Bell Telephone Laboratories, has been named a member of the Board of Visitors of the National Bureau of Standards. The Board of Visitors is an advisory body provided for in the basic law establishing the Bureau and is appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The term of appointment is for five years with a new appointment made each year. The Board membership for the current fiscal year includes: **R. F. Mehl**, Carnegie Institute of Technology; **D. H. Menzel**, Harvard University; **Detlev W. Bronk**, president of the National Academy of Sciences; and **J. H. Van Vleck**, Harvard University.

The following scientists have joined the staff of the Johns Hopkins University applied physics laboratory in Silver Springs, Maryland: **Sverre Kongelbeck**, **Herbert A. Johnson**, **Leland J. Luft**, **Owen J. Deters**, **Alvin G. Schulz**, **Tracy P. Moore**, **Mary C. Williams**, **Arthur A. Westenberg**, and **Philip K. Reilly, Jr.**

Ralph A. Morgen, director of the engineering and industrial experiment station of the University of Florida, has been named to head the National Science Foundation research support program in the engineering sciences, which is carried out by the division of mathematical, physical, and engineering sciences.

Senator John O. Pastore, Republican of Rhode Island, has been appointed a member of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy to fill the vacancy left by the death of the late **Brien McMahon**, Democrat of Connecticut, who, besides being a member of the Committee, was also its chairman. At this writing, a new chairman has not yet been selected by the Committee.

Howard A. Robinson, formerly manager of physical research for the Armstrong Cork Company at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, left for Paris recently to assume the position of special assistant to the Ambassador to France.

Matthew L. Sands, senior research fellow in physics at the California Institute of Technology, has been awarded a United States education exchange grant under the Fulbright Act for research abroad during the 1952-53 academic year. Dr. Sands plans to leave Caltech this month on a year's leave of absence to work on the cosmic-ray research program at the University of Rome.

Hans H. Stadelmaier, German metallurgist, has joined the staff of the department of engineering research at North Carolina State College as a research associate.

Paul H. Stelson, formerly a staff member at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has recently been appointed to the staff of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Werner von Braun, German Rocket scientist currently engaged in research for the U. S. Army at Huntsville, Alabama, has been awarded the 1952 Hermann Oberth Medal of the German Astronautical Society.