

# We hear that..

**J. B. Austin**, director of research and chief of U. S. Steel Company's research laboratory at Kearny, New Jersey, has been appointed to the Committee on Chemical Warfare of the Research and Development Board. The Board has also announced the appointments of **Hans A. Bethe**, professor of physics at Cornell University and wartime chief of the theoretical physics division of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, and **Harry A. Winne**, vice president in charge of engineering policy of the General Electric Company, as members of its Committee on Atomic Energy.

**Dana K. Bailey** of the National Bureau of Standards Central Radio Propagation Laboratory has received the Arthur S. Fleming Award as the "outstanding young Government man of the year". The annual award of the Washington Junior Chamber of Commerce was presented to Mr. Bailey for his contributions to science, particularly in the field of radio wave propagation, and for his extensive service to the United States in the field of international relations. Since 1948 he has been a technical representative of the United States at a number of meetings of agencies of the International Telecommunications Union, an organization concerned with the assignment and most effective use of frequencies for radio communications, short wave and television broadcasts all over the world.

**William H. Bessey**, formerly on the faculty of the Carnegie Institute of Technology, has been appointed associate professor of physics at the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy.

RCA scholarships of \$600, to be renewed each year until graduation, have been won by the following undergraduates in physics: **James W. Brault** at the University of Wisconsin, **Robert M. Mazo** at Harvard University, and **Jaromir Sevcik** at Columbia University.

**Dayton H. Clewell** has been appointed director of Magnolia Petroleum Company's field research laboratories in Dallas. Dr. Clewell has been assistant director for the past five years.

**Major General Thomas F. Farrell**, assistant general manager of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission since August, 1951, has resigned to become managing director of ARO, Inc., which operates the Arnold Engineering Development Center at Tullahoma, Tennessee.

**Urner Liddel**, director of the division of physical sciences, Office of Naval Research, and former administrator of the AEC-ONR joint program in nuclear physics research, has been named chief of the physics and mathematics branch of the AEC's division of research.

**Edwin Fast**, research physicist with the Phillips Petroleum Company, has been named health physicist in the company's atomic energy division. Located in Idaho Falls, the division is under contract with the AEC for operation of the materials testing reactor.

**Rogers B. Finch**, assistant professor of textile technology and director of the Slater Memorial Research Laboratory at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has been appointed as an engineering education consultant to the Mutual Security Agency, Washington, D. C. He left on February 27th for Burma to consult with the Ministries of Education and Industry relative to the engineering program of the University of Rangoon and the Government Technical Institute. Dr. Finch will return about April 7th to resume his duties at MIT and will serve as educational advisor under a cooperative program between the University of Rangoon and MIT sponsored by the Mutual Security Agency.

**Ernest M. Henley**, physicist from the University of California, was named in February to receive one of the five Frank B. Jewett postdoctoral fellowships for 1952-53. The awards, presented by the Bell Telephone Laboratories, are designed to stimulate research in the physical and mathematical sciences and provide grants of \$3000 to each recipient and \$1500 to the institution at which he decides to do his research. Of the other four fellowships, three were awarded to mathematicians and one to a chemist.

**Russell S. Poor**, chairman of the University Relations Division of the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies, has taken a year's leave of absence to join the National Science Foundation, where he will head the research education section of the division of scientific personnel and education. **Charles S. Simons**, associate professor of physics at Louisiana State University, has joined the ORINS special training division as a senior scientist.

**Randal M. Robertson** has been appointed science director of the Office of Naval Research. He succeeds **Thomas J. Killian** who recently was named chief scientist of the Office of Ordnance Research at Duke University. Before joining the ONR staff in 1946, Dr. Robertson was associated with the Radiation Laboratory at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and earlier with the research laboratories of the Norton Company, Worcester, Massachusetts.

**John R. Van Wazer**, Monsanto Chemical Company senior scientist and assistant research director of the company's phosphate division, has been transferred from Anniston, Alabama, to Monsanto's new laboratories at Dayton, Ohio.

**W. D. Wright** of the Imperial College of Science and Technology of the University of London has been visiting professor of optics in the department of physics at Tufts College for the past few months. Dr. Wright, who will travel and lecture extensively to numerous university and industrial research groups while in this country, delivered the Adolph Lomb Memorial Lecture of the Optical Society of America during its March meeting in New York City.