

We hear that..

Ralph D. Bennett and **Marvin Camras** have been named fellows of the Institute of Radio Engineers. Dr. Bennett, technical director of the Naval Ordnance Laboratory, was honored for his "contributions to the administration of research in government service and measurement art as a physicist, engineer, and educator." A senior physicist at Armour Research Foundation of the Illinois Institute of Technology, Camras received the award in recognition of his contributions in the field of magnetic recording.

Physicists who have recently joined the staff of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory include **Wade Blocker** of the University of California; **Robert B. Day**, **Robert W. Kenney**, **Rolland A. Missman**, and **Robert G. Thomas** from the California Institute of Technology; **Francis B. Harrison** from Princeton University; **Harvey I. Israel** from New York University; **Michael M. Shurman** from the University of Wisconsin and **Grover M. Taylor** from the University of Kansas.

George A. Busch, physicist from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, has been appointed visiting professor at Carnegie Institute of Technology where he will work mainly on Carnegie's program of research in low temperature phenomena. Dr. Busch served as president of the Physics Society of Zurich from 1948 to 1950. He is also former secretary of the Swiss Physics Society (1945-1949).

S. Chandrasekhar, distinguished service professor of the Yerkes Observatory, University of Chicago, was awarded the Catherine Wolfe Bruce Gold Medal of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific on March 28 in Berkeley, California. Dr. Chandrasekhar delivered six special lectures during the first two weeks of April as visiting professor of astrophysics at the California Institute of Technology.

Recent additions to the staff of the Southwest Research Institute department of physics include **John C. Cook**, formerly associated with the MIT Radiation Laboratory, **Chi-Sun Lin**, from the National Szechuen University of China and the University of Texas, and **Claudia P. Ritter**, from the University of Heidelberg in Germany.

The American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers' 1952 Mathewson Gold Medal Award for research in metallurgy was given to **Cecil G. Dunn**, research physicist of the General Electric Company, and three of his co-workers on February 20 at the annual meeting of the Institute held in New York City.

Irving L. Kofsky, formerly of Syracuse University, has joined the physics department of Smith College.

Howard O. McMahon has been promoted to the newly created post of science director for Arthur D. Little, Inc. Dr. McMahon has been associated with the corporation since 1944 and is known for his work in low temperature physics. He won the Edward Longstreth Medal of the Franklin Institute last year for his contribution to the development of the Collins Helium Cryostat.

O. H. Olson, formerly research assistant for the Institute of Paper Chemistry, Appleton, Wisconsin, has joined the physics department at the Armour Research Foundation of the Illinois Institute of Technology.

George B. Pegram, vice president emeritus of Columbia University, has been elected president of the New York Academy of Sciences. **John R. Dunning**, dean of engineering at Columbia, is one of the two vice presidents elected by the Academy.

Raymond J. Seeger, formerly chief of the Aeroballistics Research Department of Ordnance Laboratory at White Oak, Maryland, has been appointed to the staff of the Division of Mathematical, Physical, and Engineering Sciences of the National Science Foundation.

Chester Snow, who retired from the National Bureau of Standards last summer, returned to the NBS Electricity Division on March 25th to work for a temporary period as consulting mathematician.

Charles F. Squire of the Rice Institute and **Fritz London** of Duke University will lecture at the University of Wisconsin this summer. Professor London will give a series of lectures on theoretical low temperature physics.

John E. Tyler has been granted leave of absence from Interchemical Corporation to join the staff of the newly organized Visibility Laboratory to be located at the Scripps Institute of Oceanography. He will serve as associate research physicist and technical coordinator.

Bernard B. Watson has been named professional and scientific personnel specialist of the Labor Department's Defense Manpower Administration. Since 1949 Dr. Watson has served as a specialist for physics in the division of higher education of the U. S. Office of Education.

The University of Washington, in Seattle, has announced the summer appointments of two visiting professors, **C. N. Yang** and **Robert Serber**. Professor Yang, of the Institute for Advanced Study, will give a two-month series of lectures on problems in statistical mechanics beginning April 21, 1952. Professor Serber, of Columbia University, will lecture on meson theory during the first half of the summer quarter, June 23, July 23, 1952.

Kenneth L. Yudowitch, project chairman for the Operations Research Office at The Johns Hopkins University for the past year, has accepted an appointment as supervisor of the physics of solids section at Illinois Tech's Armour Research Foundation.