

We hear that...

Preston R. Bassett, president of the Sperry Gyroscope Company, has been elected chairman of the corporation of the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn.

The Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory has announced the appointments of the following physicists to the scientific staff: **Wendell A. Biggers**, who has rejoined the laboratory after a short absence; **George H. Blount** of the Bill Jack Instrument Co.; **Curtis G. Chezem** from the University of Oregon; **Richard L. Cubitt** of New Mexico A&M; **Edward M. Fryer**, professor of physics at Pomona College who is now on sabbatical leave; **Glen A. Graves** from the University of Indiana; **James A. Grundl** of the University of Wisconsin; **William W. Henoch** of Northwestern University; **Hugh K. Jennings**, formerly of the University of California's Crocker Laboratory; **Robert M. Kloepper** from the University of Michigan; **Paul J. Leurgans**, research assistant in the physics department of the University of Illinois; **Leland R. Stein**, physics teaching assistant at Stanford University; **Edward A. Voorhees, Jr.**, graduate assistant physics instructor at Vanderbilt University; and **Royal Keith Zeigler**, formerly a statistician with the USAEC at Oak Ridge.

James E. Draper has joined the physics department at Brookhaven National Laboratory.

The School of Engineering at North Carolina State College has announced the appointments of the following three instructors of physics: **Clyde B. Fulmer** from the Redstone Arsenal, **Joseph C. Lundholm, Jr.** of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and **Mae A. Silbergeld** of the University of Illinois. Under an exchange professorship arrangement between the physics department of North Carolina State College and the Swedish Atomic Energy Company, **Pelle Isberg** has been appointed assistant professor of physics for the present academic year, replacing **Arthur Waltner**, who has taken his place in Sweden for the same period of time. **Josef Nyström** of the Swedish Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, who has received a two-year appointment as a visiting lecturer in physics at the college, will work towards the organization and development of an advanced instructional and research program in solid state physics.

Paul M. Gross, vice-president of Duke University and president of the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies, has been appointed to the Committee on Science in Unesco.

Richard S. Hunter, formerly chief optical engineer with the Henry A. Gardner Laboratory of Bethesda,

Maryland, has announced the formation of the Hunter Associates Laboratory, a development, testing, and consulting group devoted exclusively to appearance and related optical properties of materials, in Falls Church, Virginia.

Samuel S. Hurt, III, from the Industrial Research Institute, Chattanooga, Tennessee, has been appointed to the staff of the Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Oak Ridge.

Sven Johansson, Swedish physicist, recently joined the staff of the Institute of Atomic Research at Iowa State College as a physics research associate with the synchrotron group.

Edgar Lipworth, of Salford, Lancashire, England, and **Mitchell S. Cohen** have been awarded RCA Fellowships for 1952-53. Mr. Lipworth will do graduate work at Columbia University's physics department and Mr. Cohen will continue graduate studies in the department of engineering physics at Cornell University.

James H. McMillen, formerly chief of the hyperballistics division at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory, has joined the staff of the National Science Foundation as a member of the physics staff of the division of mathematical, physical, and engineering sciences.

Robert G. Packard, of the acoustics section of the defense research laboratory at the University of Texas, has joined the department of physics at Baylor University as associate professor. **Arthur W. Smith**, formerly with the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, has returned to Baylor as associate professor of physics.

Henri Polak has been appointed scientific attaché at the Netherlands Embassy in Washington, succeeding **John J. Verschuur**.

William G. Pollard has been appointed to his second five-year term as executive director of the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies. Dr. Pollard, one of the organizers of the Institute, has been on leave of absence from his position as professor of physics at the University of Tennessee since 1945.

Guenter Schwarz, associate professor of physics at Florida State University since 1949, has been promoted to a full professorship and appointed chairman of the physics department. **M. Avramy Melvin**, formerly associate professor at Columbia University, has joined the department as professor of physics, and **George L. Rogosa** has been promoted to the rank of associate professor. Drs. Rogosa and Schwarz have been awarded a National Science Foundation grant for studies of the anomalous transmission of radiation through single crystals at the Bragg angle.

Foster Strong, assistant professor of physics at the California Institute of Technology, has been appointed Dean of Freshmen.

Kenneth L. Vander Sluis, formerly of Pennsylvania State College, has joined the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Francis M. Wiener, a former member of Harvard's Electro-Acoustic Laboratory and later of the Bell Telephone Laboratories staff, has been appointed section head in the engineering department of the Spencer-Kennedy Laboratories in Cambridge, Massachusetts.