



Fay Ajzenberg, research fellow at the California Institute of Technology and visiting fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has joined the staff of Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, as lecturer in physics for the current year.

The National Bureau of Standards has announced the addition of the following physicists to its staffs: **James H. Becker**, **Robert J. Sorenson**, **Theodore Marshall**, **John W. Boag**, **Leroy Delavergne**, **George A. Hornbeck**, and **Leon A. Steinert**.

Robert W. Cairns, assistant director of research for Hercules Powder Company, Wilmington, Delaware, has been named a vice chairman of the Department of Defense Research and Development Board.

W. F. Fair, Jr., past president of the Society of Rheology and former member of the Board of Governors of the American Institute of Physics, has been elected to a three-year term on the Board of Governors of the National Association of Corrosion Engineers.

Marshall Fixman, research assistant at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and **Roger Gerhard Newton**, physicist at Harvard University, have been awarded Frank B. Jewett postdoctoral fellowships for 1953-54 by Bell Telephone Laboratories.

John V. N. Granger, assistant chairman of Stanford Research Institute's engineering department and head of its aircraft radiation systems laboratory, was honored recently by the Eta Kappa Nu Association as its choice of the outstanding young electrical engineer of 1952.

Donald R. Hamilton and **V. E. Pilcher** have joined the physics department of Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, Long Island.

Bausch & Lomb Optical Co., has announced the promotions of **John D. Hayes**, who has been appointed acting head of the photographic lens design department, and **Erwin Delano**, who has been named head of the lens design section of the company's special research department.

J. T. Henderson, head of the electrical laboratory, applied physics branch, National Research Council of Canada, has been elected regional director for Canada of the Institute of Radio Engineers.

George A. Kolstad, physicist with the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission in Washington since 1950, has been appointed chief of the physics and mathematics branch in the AEC's division of research.

James E. LuValle, research associate at Eastman Kodak Research Laboratories, Rochester, New York, has resigned to take a position as project director with Technical Operations, Inc., Arlington, Massachusetts.

Joseph E. Mayer, professor of physics at the Institute of Nuclear Studies at the University of Chicago and editor of *The Journal of Chemical Physics* for the past twelve years, has resigned as editor. **Clyde A. Hutchison, Jr.**, also of the Institute of Nuclear Studies, has been appointed as his successor.

C. E. Kenneth Mees, Eastman Kodak Co. research director, will be awarded the 1952 Progress Medal of Great Britain's Royal Photographic Society for the second time, at an international conference in London in September. Dr. Mees also received the award in 1913 for his contributions to the scientific advancement of photography.

Brian O'Brien, research professor of physics and optics and director of the Institute of Optics at the University of Rochester, has been granted a sabbatical leave of absence from the University for one year to become vice president and director of research of the American Optical Company at Southbridge, Massachusetts. During Dr. O'Brien's absence the Institute of Optics will be administered by a committee consisting of **Robert E. Hopkins** (chairman), **John C. Evans**, and **M. Parker Givens**.

Brown University has announced the formation of a physical sciences council to suggest ways of improving instruction in physics, applied mathematics, chemistry, and engineering. The new council, headed by **William Prager**, will give advice regarding research programs and faculty appointments. Other council members include **E. H. Lee**, **D. C. Drucker**, **R. Truett**, **R. H. Cole**, **D. F. Hornig**, **H. E. Farnsworth**, and **R. B. Lindsay**.

Vincent J. Schaefer, General Electric Research Laboratory weather scientist, was given the 1952 Robert M. Losey award by the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences "in recognition of his research in the field of cloud physics and seeding".

George A. Sofer, research assistant at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has been named project manager in the applied physics department of the National Research Corporation, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

T. VenkataRayudu of Andhra University, India, is currently delivering a course at the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn on the Application of Group Theory to Chemical and Physical Problems. Dr. T. V. Rayudu is coauthor, together with **S. Bhagavantam**, of the textbook "Theory of Groups and Its Application of Physical Problems". The course, which started on February 6th, will be given until May 22nd at the Polytechnic Institute from 6 to 8 P.M. on Thursdays in the Seminar Room, 4th floor, 55 Johnson Street, Brooklyn, New York. It is open to anyone interested.

The retirement of **Harold W. Webb**, professor emeritus of physics at Columbia University, was announced by the university at the end of January. Dr. Webb has served as a member of the physics department faculty at Columbia since 1909 and as a full professor since 1929.