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We hear that..

New members of the staff at the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory are **Phyllis J. Allen** and **James H. Richardson**, working in the theoretical physics division, and **Jesse E. Ashley** and **Thomas F. Wimett**, employed in the weapons division.

Carl H. Becker, chief physicist and audio engineer for UFA, the principal German motion picture producer, from 1930 to 1943, has joined the staff of the Ampex Electric Corporation, Redwood City, California. Dr. Becker developed the first stereophonic film recording in Germany (1934), and later organized Stereophone Limited in Bavaria, a research, development, and manufacturing company.

The Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, has announced the appointment of **C. Ross Bloomquist** to the chemistry and physics division and of **Raymond S. Dalter** and **Raymond L. Smith** to the solid state physics division.

Major William S. Dawson, former supervisor for planning and engineering of communications facilities and electronic navigational aids throughout the Pacific area, has assumed command of the 1300th Student Squadron of the Air Resupply and Communications Service at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.

The following physicists have recently joined the staff of the National Bureau of Standards: **M. B. DeNicolai**, **W. P. Doering**, **J. P. Evans**, **B. Fairbanks**, **J. M. Kirshner**, **R. S. Ledley**, **S. Marzullo**, **R. P. Mikesell**, **W. Miller**, **Lorne B. Mortara**, **J. S. Pruitt**, **R. J. Smith**, **R. W. Rosewald**, **R. Rothstein**, and **Eugenie M. Vorburget**.

Charles Feldman has left the Laboratoire de Physique Enseignement at the Sorbonne to join the crystal branch of the Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D. C.

Clifford D. Firestone, former assistant professor of mathematics at Rutgers University, has joined the staff of the Applied Physics Laboratory, of The Johns Hopkins University, in Silver Spring, Md.

Victor G. Harness, formerly from Texas Western College of the University of Texas, and **Jesse E. Sherwood**, from the NBS, are recent appointees to the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. **James E. Hancock**, formerly associated with Rohm and Haas Co., Huntsville, Alabama, and **Ernest D. Riggsby**, from Mound City, Illinois, are now with the staff at the Gaseous Diffusion Plant, Paducah, Kentucky.

J. A. Hipple, formerly chief of the atomic physics section at the National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C., has joined the staff of the Pennsylvania

State College as professor of geophysics and director of the Experiment Station in the School of Mineral Industries.

Harvard University has announced the appointment of **Gerald J. Holton** as associate professor of physics and general education. Dr. Holton, who has served as an assistant professor at Harvard, will continue to teach in both the general education and physics departments and to carry on research in the field of ultrasonic propagation and high-pressure physics.

John Lennard-Jones, professor of theoretical chemistry, of Cambridge, England, has accepted an appointment as principal of a new University College, founded in 1949 with government support, at Keele in Staffordshire, England. The college is fully residential and aims at breaking down rigid departmentalism and undue specialization.

Harold Lyons, chief of the microwave standards section of the NBS, has been awarded the 1952 Academy Award for Scientific Achievement in the Physical Sciences by the Washington Academy of Sciences.

A. I. Mahan, physicist at the U. S. Naval Ordnance Laboratory, has been elected president of the Philosophical Society of Washington. With his election to that post Dr. Mahan also became senior vice-president of the Washington Academy of Sciences.

Maxwell Ratner, formerly with the RDB Panel on Electron Tubes, has been appointed sales manager of Federated Semi-Conductor Company of New York City, sales agent for Germanium Products Corporation, transistor manufacturers.

The Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Institute of Technology has announced the promotion of **Elmer H. Schulz** to director of research. Dr. Schulz' former post was manager of the physics and electrical engineering division.

Glenn T. Seaborg, nuclear scientist of the University of California's radiation laboratory and Nobel prize winner in physics, has received the American Chemical Society's annual John Scott award in recognition of his "discovery and invention" of five transuranic elements.

The physics department at Brookhaven National Laboratory has a new staff member, **Alexander Stolovy**.

Former U. S. Atomic Energy Commissioner **Lewis L. Strauss** has accepted the post of executive assistant to President Eisenhower as an advisor on atomic energy matters. Admiral Strauss, a partner in Kuhn, Loeb & Co., resigned as a member of the AEC three years ago.

Sylvan Wallach, formerly with the atomic power division of the Westinghouse Electric Corporation in Pittsburgh, has been appointed senior scientist on reactor design development for Walter Kidde Nuclear Laboratories, Garden City, Long Island.

Louis R. Weber, head of the department of physics at Colorado A. & M. College, has been granted a sabbatical leave of absence to lecture under a Fulbright Award in the College of Arts and Sciences in Baghdad, Iraq, for the 1952-53 academic year.

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