

Enrico Fermi of the University of Chicago. Raymond T. Birge of the University of California at Berkeley is the newly elected vice-president.

This year's president of the American Association of Physics Teachers is Marsh W. White of Pennsylvania State University, who succeeds Paul E. Klopsteg, associate director of the National Science Foundation. The president-elect is R. R. Palmer, professor of physics at Beloit College.

Electron microscopists and their potential employers are invited by the Electron Microscope Society of America to make use of its free placement service. Those interested should contact the Society's placement officer for 1954, Dr. John H. L. Watson, The Edsel B. Ford Institute for Medical Research, 2799 West Grand Blvd., Detroit 2, Michigan. The Society has also announced that its officers for 1954 are R. G. Picard, president; T. F. Anderson, president-elect; Jeanette R. Cooper, secretary; M. Swerdlow, treasurer; and C. E. Hall, past-president.

1954 officers of the Physics Club of the Lehigh Valley are R. A. Boyer, president; W. Keck, vice-president; and J. R. DeVore, secretary-treasurer.

Basic Research Corporation, a nonprofit organization incorporated last year in Delaware, has established its headquarters office in the Wyatt Building, 14th Street and New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. According to an announcement in January, the corporation has appointed Gordon Dean, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, as chairman of its advisory board. Harry A. Toulmin, Jr., patent attorney of Dayton, Ohio, is president. Described as being interested chiefly in encouraging fundamental research, the organization will use its income "in the public interest to promote invention and research".

The Society of Nuclear Medicine, a newly established organization whose purpose is "to promote discussion and communication of knowledge of nuclear phenomena, as they apply or are likely to apply to the understanding and control of disease", held its first organizational meeting in Spokane, Washington, on January 23rd. Twelve representatives from various areas in the Pacific Northwest were present. They elected an executive committee with the following members: Thomas Carlile, president; Asa Seeds, president-elect; Rex Huff, secretary; and Norman Holter, treasurer. The Society's first official annual meeting is to be held May 29-30 at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in Seattle; abstracts should be submitted to William H. Hannah, RR No. 2, Box 896, Bremerton, Washington. Those interested in becoming charter members should make application to Milo Harris, 252 Paulsen Building, Spokane, Washington.

Grants for Research

Research Corporation grants in support of scientific research totalled nearly \$750 000 during the fiscal year 1953, when 252 grants were awarded for work in

166 colleges, universities, and other institutions. The largest single grant (\$48 000) was made to the University of Denver for high-altitude research, particularly in cosmic-ray studies, and consisted of the assets, property, and facilities located on Mt. Evans, Colorado, formerly operated by Research Corporation for the work of the Inter-university High-Altitude Laboratories. A modest program of grants for support of research in West Germany, long under consideration, was decided upon late last year, and has moved closer to realization with the formation of an advisory committee of German scientists to recommend West German grants. Research Corporation has already earmarked funds on deposit in Germany which will be used as soon as the program has been laid out.

The second series of grants by the National Science Foundation for the fiscal year 1954 has been announced, the 100 awards totalling \$1.045 million. This brings the number of NSF grants since the start of its program in 1950 to more than 625, worth more than \$6 million. Among the recent group of awards are the following: Harvard University (D. Hoffleit), Variable Stars in the Milky Way; Brown University (R. B. Lindsay), Liquid Structure and Acoustics; Harvard University High Altitude Observatory (W. O. Roberts), Observational Studies of Solar Activity; Northwestern University (A. B. Bronwell), Microwave Conversion and Detection; Louisiana State University (J. M. Reynolds), Electric and Magnetic Measurements on Bismuth at Low Temperatures; University of New Mexico (J. R. Green and V. H. Regener), Collision Cross Sections for Cosmic Ray Showers; Western Reserve University (R. G. Winter), Double Beta Decay; Harvard University (P. G. Frank), Study of Reasons for Acceptance of Scientific Theories; New York University (S. A. Korff), Survey of High Altitude Cosmic Ray Stations; American Institute of Physics (H. A. Barton), Establishment of a Register of Scientific and Technical Personnel in the Field of Physics; and American Meteorological Society (K. C. Spengler), Establishment of a Register of Scientific and Technical Personnel in the Field of Meteorology.

Paul H. Geiger, research physicist at the University of Michigan's Engineering Research Institute, died on January 27 after a month's illness. He was fifty-seven. A fellow of the Acoustical Society of America, he had served as an acoustical consultant for the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers, the American Society for Testing Materials, and with the Office of Scientific Research and Development.

Edwin F. Kingsbury, who retired as research scientist at Bell Telephone Laboratories in 1952, died in St. Petersburg, Florida, on March 4. He was sixty-seven years old. A graduate of Colgate University, he joined Bell Labs in 1920, where he was engaged in the