We hear that . .

Arnold Abriss, Roy F. Domish, Kurt Jellett, Richard Johnson, Gerald C. Kinne, Glen R. Lambertson, and **Samuel A. Zwickler** are new staff members at Brookhaven National Laboratory.

Allen V. Astin, director of the National Bureau of Standards, has been reappointed chairman of the Government's Interdepartmental Committee on Scientific Research and Development for 1955. The Committee, composed of representatives of the Government's scientific agencies, seeks to coordinate machinery for dealing with personnel, dissemination of scientific information, and the sharing of research facilities.

Walter Baade of the Mt. Wilson and Palomar Observatories has been awarded the Catharine Wolf Bruce Gold Medal for 1955. Awarded annually by the Astronomical Society of the Pacific for distinguished services to astronomy, the medal was presented to Dr. Baade at the Society's January meeting in San Francisco.

Robert W. Benson, formerly head of the physics research division, at the Central Institute for the Deaf at St. Louis, has joined the staff of Armour Research Foundation. He succeeds Howard C. Hardy as supervisor of the acoustics design section, a position held by Dr. Hardy in addition to his duties as assistant manager of the Foundation's physics research department.

Ludwig Biermann, on leave of absence from the Max Planck Institute and the University of Göttingen in Germany, has been appointed visiting professor of astrophysics at the California Institute of Technology where he is conducting a graduate course on the astrophysical theory of stellar magnetism and plasma physics.

Dirk Brouwer, director of the Yale University Observatory, has been named George Darwin Lecturer and the recipient of the British Royal Astronomical Society's Gold Medal for 1955. Professor Brouwer plans to deliver the lectures in England in April or May, after which he will travel under a U. S. Educational Exchange grant to Australia. He will spend most of his time there at the Yale-Columbia Observatory at Mt. Stromlo and at the Sydney Observatory.

Oliver E. Buckley, retired president of Bell Telephone Laboratories, was awarded the 1954 Edison Medal by the American Institute of Electrical Engineers at the Institute's winter meeting in New York City on February 2nd. Dr. Buckley was cited for "his personal contributions to the science and art which have made possible a trans-Atlantic telephone cable; for his wise leadership of a great industrial laboratory; for his outstanding services to the Government".

Kenneth S. Cole, formerly technical director of the Naval Medical Research Institute, has been appointed chief of the Laboratory of Biophysics, National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness of the National Institutes of Health at Bethesda, Maryland. He will be concerned with directing and coordinating a fundamental biophysical research program for the Laboratory.

Robert A. Cornog and **Charles A. Moreno** have recently joined the staff of the guided missile research division of The Ramo-Wooldridge Corporation.

Markus E. Fierz, professor of theoretical physics at the University of Basel, Switzerland, has accepted an appointment as a visiting professor at the University of Maryland. Dr. Fierz, who will be at Maryland until April 20th, is giving a course on the foundations of statistical mechanics and will conduct seminars in theoretical physics. **Renfrew B. Potts,** a physicist from Australia, is another recent appointee to the physics staff at Maryland. Dr. Potts, who is working as a research associate with the solid state theory group, came to this country under a Fulbright grant.

Rodger C. Finvold, Kenneth M. Laing, and **Hari K. Sen** are new members of the technical staff of Hughes Research and Development Laboratories in Culver City, California.

Anthony P. French, lecturer in physics at the University of Cambridge, has accepted an appointment as professor of physics at the University of South Carolina. Dr. French expects to come to the United States this summer and plans to begin his appointment formally in September.

New appointments to the Oak Ridge National Laboratory include **John H. Gibbons,** Duke University; **Morton B. Panish,** Michigan State College; and **Harold W. Schmitt,** University of Texas.

Kasson S. Gibson, chief of the NBS photometry and colorimetry section and assistant chief of the optics and metrology division, has retired after thirty-nine years of service at the Bureau.

Lawrence R. Hafstad, former director of the Atomic Energy Commission's division of reactor development, has been granted the AEC's Distinguished Service Award. The citation, in part, commended Dr. Hafstad as being "instrumental in the formulation of a program of participation by industry, both technically and financially, in the development of nuclear power plants". Also, he was "responsible for the development of the Commission's reactor program and the completion of the first generation of postwar reactors". Established in January 1954, the award is granted in recognition of exceptionally meritorious service and effective performance of duty by AEC staff members.

George L. Haller, dean of the College of Chemistry and Physics at Pennsylvania State University, has accepted an appointment in Syracuse, N. Y., as director of the laboratories department of General Electric Company's Electronic Division. For the past two years Dr. Haller has acted as a consultant to the department, which comprises three operating research and development facilities, the Electronics Laboratory (Syracuse), the Advanced Electronics Center (Cornell University), and the Microwave Laboratory (Stanford University).

Douglas R. Hartree, Plummer Professor of Mathematical Physics at Cambridge University, spent a six weeks period in January and February at the Strawbridge Observatory at Haverford College. During this time the gave a series of lectures on "The Calculation of Atomic Structures".

Gerhard Herzberg, director of the division of physics of the National Research Council of Canada, has been elected an Honorary Fellow of the Indian Academy of Science.

Mortimer M. Levy has joined the research laboratory of The Haloid Company as a member of the semiconductor section, where he will explore photoconductors suitable for xerography.

Edwin M. McMillan, Nobel Laureate and professor of physics at the University of California at Berkeley, has been named by the Academic Senate to deliver this year's Faculty Research Lecture in connection with Charter Day, in March.

John R. Madigan, associate physicist at Armour Research Foundation, has been appointed assistant professor of physics at Illinois Institute of Technology.

Clark B. Millikan, director of Guggenheim Aeronautical Laboratory at California Institute of Technology, has been chosen to receive the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences' 1954 Sylvanus Albert Reed award for "contributions to fluid mechanics, airplane aerodynamics, and wind tunnel technology, and for research leadership and guidance in the aeronautical sciences".

Alvin Radkowsky, a member of the naval reactors branch of the AEC's Division of Reactor Development, has been awarded the Navy's Distinguished Civilian Service Award for exceptional work on nuclear power projects while associated with the Bureau of Ships.

Keith R. Symon, formerly of Wayne University, has been appointed assistant professor of physics at the University of Wisconsin.

Lauriston S. Taylor, chief of the atomic and radiation physics division at NBS, has been presented with the Gold Medal of the Radiological Society of North America for his leadership in the field of radiation protection on a national and international scale.