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account for the fields produced by bodies, and the motions of bodies, but even to explain why there should be bodies." Wheeler shows that geons furnish a "completely classical, divergence-free, self-consistent picture of the Newtonian concept of body over the range of masses from $\sim 10^{39}$ g to $\sim 10^{57}$ g". Geons smaller than 10^{39} g are quantum objects, and following the theory down into the quantum domain "will depend upon one's considered view of the relation between very small geons and elementary particles". Do the classical geons actually exist? Wheeler concludes that there is no reason to think so, and "even were such large geons once present, a sufficient lapse of time would guarantee the decay of all but extraordinarily stable ones to a mass below the limit where these systems are capable of classical analysis".

Translation

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Newell C. Page, professor emeritus at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, died on February 15th at the age of seventy-four. A graduate of MIT, Professor Page joined the Institute staff in 1902 as an assistant in the physics department, becoming an assistant professor in 1912. He was later appointed associate professor of electricity and full professor in 1926. Professor Page retired in 1945.

Victor C. Stechschulte, S. J., chairman of the mathematics physics department of Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio, died on March 4th. He was sixty-one years of age. Known in national and international seismological circles for his study of "deep focus" earthquakes which occur as deep as 400 miles below the earth's surface, he had served as director of the Xavier Seismological Observatory since 1932. Born in Leipsic, Ohio, Dr. Stechschulte attended St. Louis University, receiving his master's degree in 1919. He received his doctorate in seismology from the University of California in 1932. He was a member of the American Association of Physics Teachers, the American Mathematical Society, and the Seismological Society.