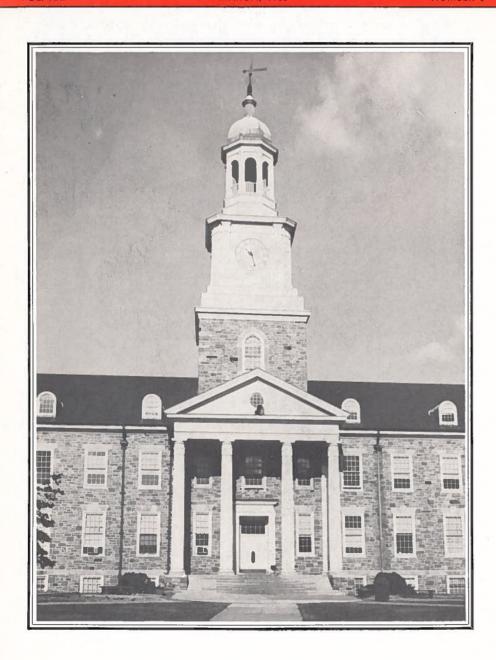


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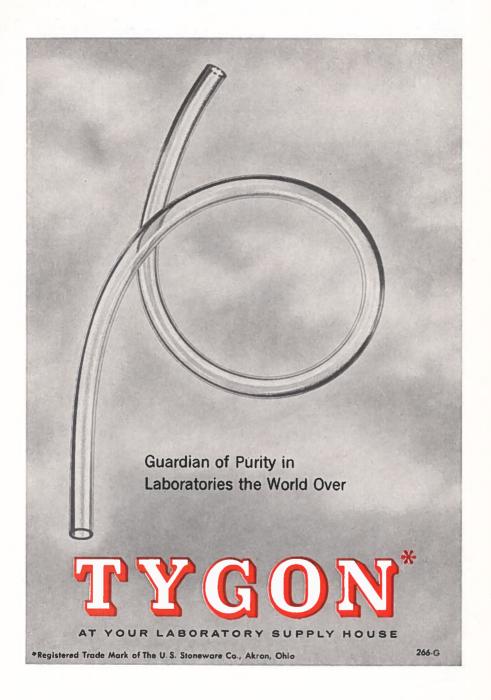
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# MARCH MEETING

# EXHIBITS AND LECTURES ON APPLICATIONS OF LABORATORY AND RESEARCH EQUIPMENT

#### DATE AND TIME:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1965 4:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M.

#### PLACE:

Calloway and Key Halls Morgan State College Coldspring Lane and Hillen Road

#### COCKTAILS AND DINNER:

Eudowood Gardens Dining Room Price — \$2.25 per person for cocktails and hot buffet dinner (5:45 to 7:30). Free parking. Reservations must be received no later than March 12. Use reservation form on page 11.

#### PARKING:

Prior to 5:00 P.M. visitors are required to have temporary stickers for on-campus parking. After 5:00 P.M. parking is unrestricted. Several parking lots are available. Enter driveway from Hillen Road, north of Coldspring Lane. Personnel will be present to direct visitors.

#### SOCIAL HOUR:

There will be a social hour after the final lecture. Refreshments will be served.

#### LECTURES:

"High-Capacity Preparative Gas Chromatography"

Mr. James Schlater,
Field Sales Manager,
F & M Scientific Corporation
4:30 P.M.

"Atomic Absorption"

Mr. Leon Lake, Sales Engineer, Perkin-Elmer Corporation 7:45 P.M.

"Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy"

Mr. Ross Pitcher, Varian Associates 8:30 P.M.

"Applications of the Microdensitometer to Chemical Problems"

Mr. Julius Weisser, National Instrument Laboratories, Inc. 9:15 P.M.

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# MARYLAND SECTION NEWS



GOVERNMENT

#### EDGEWOOD ARSENAL

Dr. Henry J. Wills has been elected to head the Edgewood Arsenal branch of the Scientific Research Society of America (RESA) for 1965. Dr. Wills is Chief of the Physiology Division of the Directorate of Medical Research at the U. S. Army Edgewood Arsenal Chemical Research and Development Laboratories. Other newly elected officers include Dr. Bernard Berger, vice president; Bernard M. Zeffert, secretary; and Gabrielle Asset, treasurer.

A group of some of the Nation's foremost scientific and engineering authorities met with Army officials at the U.S. Army Chemical Research and Development Laboratories recently in an effort to further advance the Laboratories' flame program. Among the participants in the meeting were Nobel Prize winners Dr. Peter Debve and Dr. Henry Eyring and former Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army Wilbur S. Hinman. Dr. Paul Gross of the Department of Chemistry at Duke University served as chairman. The flame program encompasses research and development of flame throwers, fire bombs and other incendiary items and materials.

The ZD (Zero Defects) program was introduced at Edgewood Arsenal recently. Zero Defects is an employee motivation program which emphasizes error elimination rather than error detection. The basic ingredient is "pride in workmanship" and instilling in every employee the idea of doing his job to the best of his ability.

### FORT DETRICK

William L. Jacobs, Chief, Program Coordination Office, completed a course. "Fundamentals of Research and Engineering Management", sponsored by the American Management Association. New York City, January 11-15th.

Orley Bourland completed a course at Army Command Management School, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

The Maryland Section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers is presenting a series of lectures at Goucher College - "What's happened in Chemical Engineering in the last ten years." The following are in attendance: Messers: Abelow, Bloom, Bokesch, Bourland, Daniels, Dapper, Dashiell, Dobucki, Foreman, Hill, Murphy, and Lt. Small.



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## BORDEN CHEMICAL **COMPANY**

John A. Kerchner has been appointed Eastern Regional Manager of the ink division of the Borden Chemical Company. Mr. Kerchner joined the company in 1949, and has been operations manager for the Buffalo, Charlotte, N. C. and Baltimore plants. His office is in Baltimore.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF FACULTY MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY OF THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

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# MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

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## CHEMICAL SAFETY NEWSLETTER

## LIOUID PROPELLANTS

An extraordinary valuable manual. The Handling and Storage of Liquid Propellants, puts countless man-years of priceless experience with twenty-one hazardous substances at the fingertips of those concerned with chemical safety. The manual was prepared for the Office of the Director of Defense Research and Engineering by the Working Group on Safety Regulations for Liquid Propellants of the Advisory Panel on Fuels and Lubricants. Published as a source of information, the manual is intended for use as the basis for the preparation of local rules and operational procedures for liquid propellants.

One edition of this manual, published January 1963, is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office. Washington, D. C. 20402 for \$1.75. A later edition, published April 1964, by the Air Force as AFM 160-39, corrects several errors in the GPO edition and incorporates a new section (in general, this edition is available only to those with Air Force contracts).

Following a chapter on general principles, the following specific substances are covered. each in its own detailed chapter: the alcohols, alkyl boranes. anhydrous ammonia, aniline, chlorine trifluoride, ethylene oxide, fluorine. hydrazine, hydrocarbon fuels, liquid hydrogen, hydrogen peroxide, monomethylhydrazine, fuming nitric acids, liquid nitrogen, nitrogen tetroxide, liquid oxygen, pentaborane, perchloryl fluoride, inert pressurizing gases, n-propyl nitrate, and 1,1-dimethylhydrazine.

In addition to the references at the end of each chapter, there is a five-page bibliography. Appendix A is a glossary of key terms. Other appendices include: fire-fighting techniques: propellant fireprotection and extinguishment characteristics; basic cleaning procedure for liquid propellants: characteristics of propellants relating to hazards in storage and handling; and (in AFM 160-39 only) medical and industrial hygiene procedures.

The excellent chapter format could well serve as a model for anyone in industry faced with the necessity of preparing chemical safety data sheets. The following information is given for each propellant in the manual: general properties (chemical and physical, solubility, stability); health, fire and explosion hazards; safety measures; transfer and storage (including materials, equipment, transfer procedures, spills, leaks. decontamination); and shipping requirements. A one-page safety instruction. intended for posting at the operating site. summarizes in non-technical language the data on hazards, first aid and safety precautions.

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The	formal	program	will	be:
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#### CLOSTRIDIUM BOTULINUM

Scientists at The University of Michigan say the toxin responsible for botulism is the most powerful and deadly poison known to man. Cobra venom, curare and arsenic are mild by comparison.

Controlled experiments on mice have shown that one 1-hundred billionth (1/100,000,000,000,000) part of a gram of pure botulism toxin will kill. It is so potent, it has long been recognized as a prospective weapon for bacteriological warfare.

The poison itself is a protein substance produced by a microscopic organism called "Clostridium botulinum." Oddly, the protein content gives the deceptive signs of being a very good food. Bacteriologists say it is the peculiar arrangement of the amino acids in the protein that turns it into a lethal poison.

According to Dr. Walter J. Nungester, chairman of the U-M department of bacteriology, people can be immunized against the disease with an injection of the proper toxoid. It is customary for researchers to take such shots when they are going to work with the bacteria and its deadly by-product. But because the disease is so rare, immunization has never been recommended for the general population.

The rare victim of the poison usually gets it by eating improperly canned foods — meat, fish or non-acid vegetables. Once in the body, the toxin is absorbed sluggishly by the intestines, but when it gets into the blood stream, the consequences are swift. The poison sets up "roadblocks" between nerves and muscles, causing paralysis. Breathing muscles are the first to suffer, then the heart.

Prof. Lloyd L. Kempe of the U-M College of Engineering has been working with botulism problems for some 10 years in a series of studies on the chemical engineering of food preservation. Kempe and research bacteriologist John

T. Graikoski helped identify the strain of botulism that killed two Grosse Ile (Michigan) women earlier this year.

Their studies have shown that the bacteria can produce toxin at normal refrigerator temperature. The poison, however, can be rendered harmless by cooking it at about 150 degrees Fahrenheit for 15 minutes, although it takes 1 hour's cooking at 195 degrees to kill the poison-producing bacteria.

In a recent scientific report to the Society of American Microbiologists, Kempe and Graikoski showed that type E botulina can grow and form toxin at temperatures below 40 degrees, whereas the temperature of the average refrigerator is just about 40 degrees. The U-M researchers noted that they can incubate the botulina for research in laboratory refrigerators.

At The University of Michigan's School of Public Health, epidemiologists expressed surprise that anyone could ever eat food well-contaminated by botulina poison.

Commented one public health scientist: "True it's the most powerful biological known to man. But it usually tastes and smells absolutely horrible. A contaminated food advertises its hazard in no uncertain terms. Sometimes cans and bottle explode under pressure of the gas generated by the bacteria, and the smell is ghastly."

From the RESONATOR

## DEADLINE

Material for publication in the April issue should reach the Editor by March 15.



# ADVANCE REGISTRATION NATIONAL MEETINGS

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LISTENING

Advance registration for national meetings is becoming increasingly popular. Over 2,200 persons registered in advance for the 148th National Meeting of the Society in Chicago last September. The plan is advantageous both to the registrant and to operations in that it helps to eliminate delay in registering at the meeting site. A meeting identification badge, mixer ticket, and registration receipt are mailed to advance registrants prior to the meeting. Booklet programs and group event tickets are available during the regular hours announced for registration. No check-in prior to attendance at technical sessions is required. The advance registration form was published in the preliminary program for the 149th National Meeting of the Society in Detroit, April 4-9th in the January 11th issue of C&EN. The form also appears in the final program published February 22nd.

# DIRECTORY OF ACADEMIC CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENTS

Work is progressing on this directory which will list the faculty (including rank) of chemistry and biochemistry departments in United States colleges and universities. Chemical engineers will not be included because they are already listed in the annual AIChE directory. Plans are to have the directory completed early this spring. Distribution will include departments of chemistry, biochemistry, and chemical engineering.

#### ALPHA CHI SIGMA AWARDS

Two students of the Baltimore Junior College received awards from the Baltimore Professional Chapter of Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity at ceremonies at the college on February 23.

Miss Clara Sitzamer was presented a plaque for having achieved the most advancement in the study of chemistry during the two years; and Mr. William Lee Kneas received a Certificate of Merit for having shown excellent progress in Freshman Chemistry.

The presentations were made by William Waxter, President of the Baltimore Professional chapter.

#### AEC MOBILE LABORATORY

The Atomic Energy Commission Mobile Laboratory will be at Hood College, Frederick, Md. from March 8th through March 19th for a series of ten lectures, Monday to Friday of each week, to which the public is invited.

Participants in the laboratory are four faculty members in the fields of chemistry and biology, and twelve students majoring in chemistry, biology, and psychology. Some tours of the laboratory may be arranged through Mr. Long, Publicity Director at Hood College. Further information may be obtained from Mr. Long.

# CHEMICAL NEWSLETTER Liquid Propellants

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The Liquid Propellant Manual may not serve every purpose. But it does demonstrate the great benefits to be derived from the cooperative efforts of industrial and governmental experts, working together at the frontiers of technology.

> Ernest Levens, Manager, Safety Aerojet-General Corp., Azusa, California

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# NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE WORKSHOP

APRIL 19-22, 1965

The second annual GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE WORKSHOP is designed primarily to meet the needs of the scientist with little or no background in N.M.R. Lectures and discussions will provide a basic understanding of high resolution N.M.R. Spectroscopy and a survey of applications, particularly organic applications. This year's expanded Workshop will go more thoroughly into the background of N.M.R. but will also be able to cover the most recent advances in this rapidly growing field. Participants in the laboratory sessions will have an opportunity to operate the Varian A-60 spectrometer and interpret spectra under the direction of experienced N.M.R. spectroscopists. In addition there will also be available for demonstration and use a CAT C-1024 time-averaging computer, and a Spin Decoupler.

Monday, April 19

- A. ELEMENTARY THEORY OF N.M.R. — AN INTRODUCTION
  - Dr. Edwin Becker, National Institutes of Health
- B. EMPIRICAL APPROACH TO N.M.R. INTRODUCTION CONTINUED
  - Prof. Charles F. Hammer, Georgetown University
- C. INTRODUCTION TO HIGH RESOLUTION N.M.R. INSTRUMENTATION

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Tuesday, April 20

- A. THEORY OF CHEMICAL SHIFTS
  - Prof. Steven Danyluk, Argonne National Laboratories

B. ANALYSIS OF N.M.R. SPECTRA

— AN INTRODUCTION

Prof. Barry Shapiro, Illinois Institute of Technology

Wednesday, April 21

- A. APPLICATIONS OF N.M.R. TO POLYMER CHEMISTRY
  - Dr. William Ritchey, Standard Oil of Ohio
- B. ANALYSIS OF N.M.R. SPECTRA
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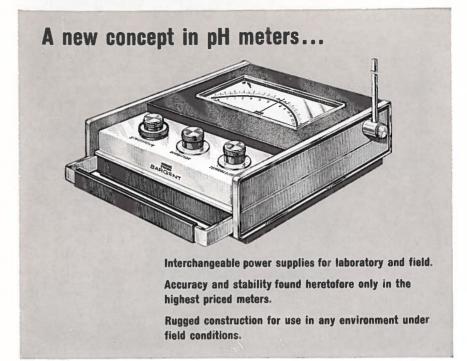
Thursday, April 22

- A. ILLUSTRATIVE APPLICATIONS OF N.M.R.
  - Prof. Barry Shapiro, Illinois Institute of Technology
- B. FURTHER TOPICS IN N.M.R.

Dr. Edwin Backer, National Institutes of Health

Workshop participants may register for both lectures and laboratory sessions or for lecture sessions only. Since small working groups are more efficient and desirable, registration for the laboratory will be limited to 72, and the Workshop itself will be limited to 125 persons total. For these reasons it might be necessary to limit enrollment in the laboratory sessions to two persons from any one laboratory.

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