

*chimique*. In future, the journal will continue under its old name, *Comptes rendus des Travaux du Laboratoire Carlsberg*, without designation of series, and its first volume will be Vol. 31. The journal will contain papers originating from both departments of the Laboratory, and affiliated work. Distribution has been taken over by Danish Science Press, Ltd., Torvegade 21, Copenhagen K.

### The Night Sky in June

FULL moon occurs on June 1d. 20h. 55m. U.T., and new moon on June 17d. 07h. 59m. The following conjunctions with the Moon take place: June 2d. 18h., Saturn  $3^{\circ}$  S.; June 10d. 16h., Mars  $5^{\circ}$  S.; June 14d. 03h., Venus  $0.8^{\circ}$  S.; June 25d. 20h., Jupiter  $2^{\circ}$  N.; June 29d. 23h., Saturn  $3^{\circ}$  S. In addition to these conjunctions with the Moon, Jupiter is in conjunction with Spica on June 9d. 15h., Jupiter being  $3.7^{\circ}$  N., and Jupiter with Spica on June 29d. 18h., Jupiter being  $3.6^{\circ}$  N. Mercury is too close to the Sun for observation. Venus is a morning star, visible low in the south-east before sunrise, but conditions for observations are not very favourable. It rises at 2h. 30m., 2h. 10m. and 1h. 55m. on June 1, 15 and 30, respectively; its stellar magnitude is about  $-3.4$ . During the month its distance from the Earth increases from 102 to 120 million miles and the visible portion of the apparent disk from 0.718 to 0.812. Mars rises at 1h. 30m., 0h. 50m. and 0h. 10m. at the beginning, middle and end of the month, respectively; it is visible in the south-east before sunrise. Its stellar magnitude increases during the month from  $+0.6$  to  $+0.3$ , its distance from the Earth decreasing from 117 to 101 million miles. Mars is moving eastwards in Pisces. Jupiter sets at 2h. 10m., 1h. 10m. and 0h. 15m. on June 1, 15 and 30, respectively; it is north of Spica. The stellar magnitude of Jupiter is  $-1.8$ , its distance from the Earth on June 15 being 450 million miles. Saturn rises at 20h. 55m., 19h. 55m. and 18h. 45m. at the beginning, middle and end of the month, respectively; it is near  $\theta$  Ophiuchi, and is visible throughout the night. Opposition occurs on June 13; Saturn is then at a distance of 840 million miles from the Earth and has a stellar magnitude  $+0.2$ . There are no occultations of stars brighter than magnitude 6 visible at Greenwich. The summer solstice occurs on June 21d. 22h.

### Announcements

MR. A. T. WELFORD, lecturer in experimental psychology in the University of Cambridge, has been awarded the H. M. Vernon Prize for 1958 by the National Institute of Industrial Psychology. During 1946-56 Mr. Welford was in charge of the Nuffield Unit for Research into Ageing, Cambridge.

THE following new appointments have been made in the Industrial Group of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority: Mr. P. T. Fletcher, formerly director of engineering, to be a deputy managing director; Mr. H. V. Disney, formerly deputy director defence plants, supplies and services, to be a director of engineering; Mr. R. V. Moore, formerly deputy director, civil reactors, to be director of reactor design.

A SUMMER school on "Optical Image Assessment using Frequency Response Techniques", organized by Dr. H. H. Hopkins, will be held at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London, during July 7-10; a refresher course on elementary Fourier

analysis, to be held during June 30-July 1, has also been arranged. Applications to attend either can be made to the Registrar, Imperial College, Prince Consort Road, London, S.W.7, from whom further information can be obtained.

A RESIDENTIAL summer course on "The Lunar Society: Science and Thought in the Eighteenth Century", organized jointly by the Departments of Extra-Mural Studies of the Universities of Birmingham and Nottingham, is to be held at Soho House, Soho Avenue, Birmingham, during August 23-31. Soho House, now the property of the General Electric Company (by permission of which the course is to be held there), was once owned by Mathew Boulton, and many Lunar Society meetings took place there. Application forms and further details may be obtained from J. T. Rhodes, Course Secretary, 14-22 Shakespeare Street, Nottingham.

THE Scottish Branch of the Road Research Laboratory of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research at Thorntonhall, near Glasgow, is to hold open days on June 4 and 5. This Branch was established to make research results of the two Divisions of the parent Laboratory (Traffic and Safety at Langley, Buckinghamshire, and Materials and Construction at Harmondsworth, Middlesex) more readily available to those concerned with the construction and maintenance of safe, durable roads in Scotland. It also carries out research on road problems which are especially related to Scottish conditions. Many aspects of the work of the Branch and of the main Laboratory will be on view.

THE British Egg Marketing Board will award six postgraduate studentships annually, tenable at universities or other suitable centres in the United Kingdom. The value of each studentship will be £500 per annum (tax free). Studentships will normally be for three years, but it may be advisable to provide for an additional year to be spent on specialized studies overseas. Further information can be obtained from the British Egg Information Service, 1 Dover Street, London, W.1.

THE Bureau de Recherches Géologiques, Géophysiques et Minières has decided to publish regularly, and in its entirety, a French translation of the periodical, *Razvedka i Okhrana Nedr* (Prospecting and Protection of Subsoil), the organ of the U.S.S.R. Office of Geology and Protection of Subsoil, published every month. No. 1 (January 1958) was published in May. The subscription is 3,500 fr. a year in France and 4,000 fr. in other countries, or 400 fr. each number in France and 450 fr. in other countries. Further information can be obtained from Service d'Information Géologique du Bureau de Recherches Géologiques, Géophysiques et Minières, 74 rue de la Fédération, Paris (15<sup>o</sup>).

ERRATA. In the communication entitled "Action of Acetone on the Tonic Muscle of the Frog", by Dr. A. Zelený and J. Kozák, in *Nature* of May 10, p. 1340, the concentrations of acetylcholine throughout should be in "gm./ml.", not "mgm./l." as printed; the ordinates of Figs. 1 and 2 should read "Contracture". In that entitled "Relationship between Chlorpromazine and Anoxia", by Dr. V. Lindaur, in the same issue (p. 1341), the headings of columns 5 and 6 of Table 1 should be "Standard deviation" and " $\Sigma(\text{deviations from mean})^2$ ", respectively; ref. 4 is to a paper by Raisic *et al.*