

priate and available for loan to schools, industry, and other audiences of laymen. Inquiries about the loan and sale of films to foreign users should be sent to the Public Information Service, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, Washington 25, D.C. All films are available now in English for sale abroad, and will soon also be available in French, Spanish or Russian. An overseas loan programme is being arranged through the United States Information Agency.

Gas Chromatography

A SPECIAL group has been formed under the auspices of the Analytical Chemistry Section of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry to make recommendations for a standard terminology in gas chromatography. The group consists of: Dr. D. Ambrose (Great Britain) (*chairman*), Dr. A. T. James (Great Britain), Prof. A. I. M. Keulemans (Netherlands), Dr. E. Kovats (Switzerland), Dr. R. Röck (Germany), Dr. C. Rouit (France) and Dr. F. H. Stross (United States). As a basis for their work, the group plans to take the two papers, "Presentation of Gas-Liquid Chromatographic Retention Data", by D. Ambrose, A. I. M. Keulemans and J. H. Purnell (*Analyt. Chem.*, 30, 1582; 1958), and "Terms and Units in Gas Chromatography", by H. W. Johnson and F. H. Stross (*ibid.*, 30, 1586; 1958). Comments about these papers or related subjects will be welcomed from those interested, and correspondence can be addressed to Dr. D. Ambrose, National Chemical Laboratory, Teddington, Middlesex, or to any member of the group.

Indian Society of Genetics and Plant Breeding

At the nineteenth annual general meeting of the Indian Society of Genetics and Plant Breeding held on January 23, at New Delhi, the following were elected as office-bearers of the Society for 1959: *President*, Dr. R. H. Richharia; *Vice-Presidents*, Dr. A. B. Joshi, Prof. P. N. Bhaduri; *Secretary*, Dr. M. S. Swaminathan; *Treasurer*, Dr. N. L. Dhawan; *Editor*, Dr. B. P. Pal; *Councillors*, Prof. P. Maheshwari (Northern Zone), Dr. E. K. Janaki Ammal (Mid-Eastern Zone), Dr. S. K. Mukherjee (Eastern Zone), Dr. A. R. Gopal-Ayengar (Central Zone), Dr. T. R. Mehta (Western Zone), Dr. N. R. Bhat (Southern Zone). It was decided at the meeting that henceforth papers on animal genetics and breeding should be included within the scope of the *Indian Journal of Genetics and Plant Breeding*.

Postgraduate Awards in Agricultural Research

THE Agricultural Research Council has recently issued a useful booklet giving details of the Research Studentships and Fellowships which the Council is offering in 1959. The booklet also gives information about the openings in the agricultural research and advisory services. Two veterinary research fellowships, tenable for three years, will be open to workers holding a veterinary qualification who have had not less than three years experience in veterinary research, and three junior agricultural research fellowships, also tenable for three years, will be open to honours graduates with not less than three years postgraduate experience. In addition, the Council is again offering up to thirty postgraduate studentships in agricultural research including veterinary training grants, applications for which should reach the Council by March 31. Further information and a copy of the booklet can be obtained, free of charge,

from the Secretary, Agricultural Research Council, Cunard Building, 15 Regent Street, London, S.W.1.

Eclipse of the Moon, March 24

THERE will be a partial eclipse of the Moon on March 24, visible at Greenwich. The circumstances are:

Moon enters penumbra	17h. 56m.
Moonrise at Greenwich	18h. 11m.
Moon enters umbra	19h. 16m.
Mid-eclipse	20h. 11m.
Moon leaves umbra	21h. 07m.
Moon leaves penumbra	22h. 27m.

The greatest fraction of the Moon's apparent diameter obscured by the umbra will be 0.27.

Announcements

DR. FRANCIS H. CARR, formerly chairman of British Drug Houses, Ltd., has been awarded the Society Medal for 1959 of the Society of Chemical Industry; this Medal is awarded not more than once every two years for conspicuous services to applied chemistry or to the Society.

LORD HAILSHAM, the Lord President of the Council, is to open the new Warren Spring Laboratory of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, at Stevenage, on June 29. Its initial programme will include work on mineral processing, the synthesis of oils and chemicals from carbon monoxide and hydrogen, and research aimed at the suppression of atmospheric pollution. Much of this work will be of a chemical engineering character and will require basic chemical engineering research to be undertaken in parallel with it. For the time being, research on atmospheric pollution will continue at the Atmospheric Pollution Division, Warren Spring Laboratory, River Way, East Greenwich, London, S.E.10.

A CONFERENCE on Silicon Carbide, sponsored by the U.S. Air Force Cambridge Research Center, will be held at John Hancock Hall, Boston, Mass., on April 2 and 3. Details can be obtained from the chairman, Dr. J. R. O'Connor, Materials Research Unit, Air Force Cambridge Research Center, Bedford, Mass.

THE symposium on vaccination against tuberculosis with non-living vaccines, which was to have been held in Florence during April 5-7 (see *Nature*, January 17, p. 154), has been postponed until September. Further information can be obtained from Prof. G. Buonomini, Centro per la Vaccinazione Antitubercolare, Università di Pisa.

A SYMPOSIUM on Molecular Structure and Spectroscopy will be held at the Department of Physics and Astronomy, Ohio State University, during June 15-19. For further information, or for a copy of the programme when it becomes available, write to Prof. R. A. Oetjen, Department of Physics and Astronomy, Ohio State University, Columbus 10, Ohio.

THE annual meeting of the Air Pollution Control Association will be held at the Hotel Statler in Los Angeles, California, during June 22-26. At the technical sessions papers will be presented by outstanding authorities covering the control of air pollution. Proceedings, incorporating copies of all technical papers, will be published.

ERRATUM. A mistake was made in the manuscript of the communication entitled "Discrepancy between the Distributions of Iodine in Human Serum when estimated by Iodine-131 and Iodine-127" by Drs. S. C. Werner and R. J. Block (*Nature*, February 7, p. 406); in Table 1, col. 2, for "33" read "3".