

### National Vegetable Research Station Association Scholarship

A HEINZ scholarship tenable at the National Vegetable Research Station, Wellesbourne, Warwick, was announced in *Nature* of April 28, p. 339. Another scholarship, which, apart from the name, is identical, is also tenable at the Research Station. This scholarship has been established by the National Vegetable Research Station Association (a body of growers and others interested in horticulture). Further information can be obtained from the Secretary of the Station. Closing date for applications is May 31.

### University News: Cambridge

THE following have been elected to Fellowships in Churchill College:

*Title A:* Dr. D. B. A. Epstein, Trinity College, College lecturer and director of studies in mathematics; Dr. C. P. Wroth, Emmanuel College, University lecturer in engineering, College lecturer in engineering; G. R. Nicoll, University lecturer in engineering, College lecturer in engineering.

*Title F (Overseas Fellowships):* Dr. R. W. Clough, professor of civil engineering in the University of California (for 1963-64); Dr. J. A. K. Quartey, lecturer in chemistry in the University of Ghana (for 1963-65); Dr. G. Feinberg, assistant professor of physics in Columbia University (for 1963-64); Dr. R. Blankenboecler, assistant professor of physics in Princeton University (for 1963-64); Dr. J. Eells, jun., associate professor of mathematics in Columbia University (for 1963-64).

### Announcements

MR. JOHN HEReward PITCHFORD, chairman and managing director of Ricardo and Co., Engineers, Ltd., has been elected president of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers in succession to Sir Kenneth Hague. Mr. Pitchford was elected a vice-president of the Institution in 1959, and he is also chairman of its General Purposes Committee.

DR. R. E. PARKER, lecturer in organic chemistry in the University of Southampton, has been appointed secretary and registrar of the Royal Institute of Chemistry, in succession to Dr. H. J. T. Ellingham.

THE 1962 Standards Laboratory Conference will be held at the Boulder Laboratories of the National Bureau of Standards, Colorado, during August 8-10. Further information can be obtained from Alfred E. Hess, Circuit Standards Division, National Bureau of Standards, Boulder, Colorado.

THE thirty-seventh annual conference of the Electrical Association for Women will be held in Buxton, Derbyshire, during May 14-16. Further information can be obtained from the conference secretary, Miss G. Shaw-Mackenzie, Electrical Association for Women, 25 Foubert's Place, London, W.1.

A SUMMER school, sponsored by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, will be held in the University of Ghent during July 23-August 4. The topics to be treated concern the optical properties of semiconductors and insulators. Further information can be obtained from Prof. W. Dekeyser, Laboratorium voor Kristallografie en Studie van Vaste Stoffen, Rozier 6, Ghent.

Two postgraduate courses on "X-Ray Diffraction Techniques" and "Recent Advances in Non-destructive Testing" will be held in the Department of

Metallurgy of the College of Advanced Technology, Birmingham, during July 9-13 and July 16-20, respectively. Further information can be obtained from Dr. I. G. Slater, Department of Metallurgy, College of Advanced Technology, Gosta Green, Birmingham 4.

A POSTGRADUATE course on "Nuclear Power" will be held in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Imperial College of Science and Technology, commencing in autumn 1962 and lasting one year. The course will comprise lectures, practical work and a special project, and is intended for students holding a good honours degree in mechanical, civil, electrical or chemical engineering, or applied scientists who have graduated in physics or metallurgy. Further information can be obtained from the Registrar, Imperial College, London, S.W.7.

AN international symposium on "Food Regulations in Relation to International Trade", which will follow the first international congress of food science and technology, is to be held in London on September 24. Subjects under discussion will include: the present chaotic position; food-additive regulations; food-labelling regulations. Further information can be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, The Food Group, 14 Belgrave Square, London, S.W.1.

THE 1962 national symposium of the Institute of Radio Engineers' Professional Group on Microwave Theory and Techniques will be held in Boulder, Colorado, during May 22-24. The programme will include ten technical sessions: microwave frontiers, theory, wave-guide properties; theory, wave-guide discontinuities; filters; high power; measurements; components; limiters; parametric amplifiers; future of microwave and solid state. Further information can be obtained from Mrs. Barbara Patterson, 1962 PGMTT National Symposium, Boulder Laboratories, National Bureau of Standards, Boulder, Colorado.

A SUMMER course on "Biological Servomechanisms", organized by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will be held at the Institute during July 9-20. The course will be divided into three sections: the general theory of dynamic feedback systems, linear and non-linear; the problem of modelling biological systems and interpreting their behaviour in terms of the general theory of dynamic systems; experimental sessions to demonstrate the behaviour of biological systems. Further information can be obtained from the Director of the Summer Session, Room 7-103, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

ERRATA. The title of the communication "Absorption-Elution Grouping of Modifications and Development of Bloodstains" by R. A. Outteridge (*Nature*, April 28, p. 385) should read: "Absorption-Elution Grouping of Bloodstains Modifications and Development".

IN the article entitled "Release of Hydrocyanic Acid from Crushed Tissues of All Stages in the Life-cycle of Species of the Zygaeninae (Lepidoptera)", by David A. Jones, John Parsons and the Hon. Miriam Rothschild, appearing in the January 6 issue of *Nature*, it is stated on p. 53, right-hand column, line 16, that "Blowfly larvæ . . . (were) found to be free of rhodanese activity". The authors state that the blowfly (*Calliphora vomitoria* L.) is, in fact, positive for rhodanese; unfortunately, the authors' proof did not reach *Nature* office in time for this correction to be made.