

Commonwealth Forestry Bureau, has been appointed to the **Agricultural Research Council** in succession to **Professor O. V. S. Heath** who has retired.

Mr J. J. Hill, a member of the National Physical Laboratory, has been appointed visiting scientist in the Electricity Division of the Institute for Basic Standards, **US National Bureau of Standards**.

Dr E. Howell Francis has been appointed assistant director, Northern Region, of the **Institute of Geological Sciences** and **Dr P. A. Sabine** has been appointed assistant director, Southern Region.

Professor H. Marvin Pollard, professor of internal medicine and head of the Gastroenterology Department, University of Michigan, has been elected president of the **American Cancer Society**. **Dr A. Hamblin Letton**, chief-of-staff of the Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta, has been elected vice-president.

Miscellaneous

The Conservation Service award of the **US Department of the Interior** has been made to **Dr Stanley A. Cain**, director of the Institute for Environmental Quality, University of Michigan.

The **1971 Charles Goodyear** award of the American Chemical Society will be made to **Dr H. Judson Osterhof**, who directed the development of Natsyn synthetic natural rubber.

Dr Erwin W. Mueller has received the first annual **Medard W. Welch** award of the American Vacuum Society for his outstanding contributions to field ion and electron microscopy.

Dr Robert A. Good, University of Minnesota, and **Dr Earl W. Sutherland**, Vanderbilt University, have received the **1970 Albert Lasker** awards for medical research.

Mr N. J. Van Abbé, Beecham Products (UK), has been awarded the Harrison Memorial medal of the **Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain**. Mr Van Abbé will deliver his memorial lecture entitled "Current Problems in Cosmetic Sciences" on December 2.

The following medals have been awarded by the **Royal Society**: the Copley medal, to **Lord Todd**, University of Cambridge; the Rumford medal, to **Lord Hinton of Bankside**, Electricity Supply Research Council; the Davy medal, to **Professor C. A. Coulson**, University of Oxford; the Darwin medal, to **Mr C. S. Elton**, Bureau of Animal Population, Oxford; the Sylvester medal, to **Professor G. F. J. Temple**, University of Oxford; the Hughes medal, to **Professor D. R. Bates**, Queen's University of Belfast. Royal medals for 1970 to **Professor K. C. Dunham**, University of Durham, **Professor W. A. H. Rushton**, Florida State University, and **Sir John Baker**, University of Cambridge.

ERRATUM. In the article "Crystal Structures of $[(CO)_3OsO]_4$ and $[(C_2H_5)_3PtCl]_4$ and a Discussion of Known and Possible Related Tetrameric Compounds" by R. S. Nyholm, Mary R. Truter, and C. W. Bradford (*Nature*, 228, 648; 1970), on p. 650, left hand side, 9 lines from the bottom "M-X = 0.433 x M-M" should read "M-X = 0.577 x M-M", right hand side, line 7, "MeZnOme" should read "MeZnOMe", and in Table 1 Et₃PtCl is from ref. 2 only, (CO)₃OsO is from ref. 1.

British Diary

Monday, November 30

Organization of Pollution Studies in Hydrology (4.30 p.m. informal discussion) Institution of Civil Engineers, Hydrological Group, at Great George Street, London SW1.

The Exploration, Protection and Management of the World Ocean—a Challenge for the 1970's (5.30 p.m.) Dr S. J. Holt, University of London, at University College London, Gower Street, London WC1.

The Possibility of Predicting the Life of Hydraulic Equipment Under Operating Conditions (4.15 p.m. discussion) Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Fluid Plant and Machinery Group, at 1 Birdcage Walk, London SW1.

Tuesday, December 1

Computers in Cardiology (9.30 a.m.) Dr John Blackburn, University of London, at the National Heart Hospital, Westmoreland Street, London W1.

Health Hazards in Industry (6 p.m.) Dr G. R. C. Atherley, Society of Environmental Engineers, in the Pure and Applied Physics Department, University of Salford, Meadow Road, Salford.

Insect Clocks and Timers (5.30 p.m.) Professor H. D. Lees, University of London, at Imperial College, London SW7 (Inaugural Lecture).

On-Line Data Capture and Verification (colloquium) Institution of Electronic and Radio Engineers, Joint IEE/IERE Computer Group, at 9 Bedford Square, London WC1.

Railways, Computers and Signalling (7 p.m.) Mr M. Birkin, Institution of Electronic and Radio Engineers, at the Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley.

Statistics and Epidemiology (5.30 p.m.) Dr B. Benjamin, University of London, at the Institute of Child Health, 30 Guilford Street, London WC1. (Twelfth of fifteen lectures on "The Scientific Basis of Medicine" organized by the British Postgraduate Medical Federation.)

The Computer as an Aid to Management (7 p.m.) Mr A. W. Fry, Institution of Electrical Engineers, at the Wessex Hotel, Bournemouth.

The Design and Construction of a Submarine Sea Outfall at Hastings (5.30 p.m.) Mr E. M. Crisp, Mr M. M. Stewart and Mr S. J. N. Fletcher, Institution of Civil Engineers, at Great George Street, London SW1.

The Everyday Use of Computers (2 p.m.) Mr D. G. Alcock, Mr J. Williams, Mr K. P. Rippon, Mr C. Woodward and Mr P. Mitchell, Society for Analytical Chemistry, Atomic Spectroscopy Group, in the Scientific Societies Lecture Theatre, 23 Savile Row, London W1.

Wednesday, December 2

Current Problems in Cosmetic Science (7 p.m.) Mr N. J. Van Abbé, Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, at 17 Bloomsbury Square, London WC1 (Harrison Memorial Lecture).

Laboratory Methods in Acute Poisoning (2 p.m.) Dr R. Goulding, University of London, at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Du Cane Road, London W12.

Mass Spectrometry (6.30 p.m.) Mr R. S. Lehrle, Mr A. Carrick and Mr J. R. Chapman, Society for Analytical Chemistry, in the Scientific Societies Lecture Theatre, 23 Savile Row, London W1.

Memory Systems for the Next Generation of Computers (6.15 p.m.) Mr W. Renwick, Institution of Electrical Engineers, at UMIST, Manchester.

Mintech and the Electronics Industry (7.30 p.m.) Mr I. Maddock, Institution of Electrical Engineers, at the College of Arts and Technology, Cambridge.

One World—the South East Asian Experiments (5.30 p.m.) Professor B. G. Maegraith, University of London, at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, London WC1.

People, Comfort and Buildings (7.30 p.m.) Mr G. W. Brundreth, Institution of Electrical Engineers, at the Yorkshire Dragoon, Thornaby, Teesside.

Recent Developments in Digital Logic (6 p.m.) Mr S. L. Hurst, Institution of Electrical Engineers, at Bath University, Claverton Down, Bath.

Systems Using Integrated Circuits (6 p.m.) Mr K. G. Nichols, Institution of Electronic and Radio Engineers, Components and Circuits Group, at 9 Bedford Square, London WC1.

The Carbon Dioxide System in the Oceans (5.45 p.m.) Dr R. M. Pytkowicz (Oregon State University), Challenger Society, at the Linnean Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1.

The Dilemma which seems to Prevent the Grading of Oils by Engine Tests—Is It Really Insoluble? (6 p.m.) Professor E. J. A. Sibenaler, Institution of Mechanical Engineers, jointly with Inst. of Petroleum, at 1 Birdcage Walk, London SW1.

Thick Film Circuits (6.30 p.m. colloquium) Institution of Electronic and Radio Engineers, at the University, Southampton.

Thoughts on the Structure and Organization of British Industry (6 p.m.) Professor Sir Ronald Edwards, KBE, Royal Society of Arts, at John Adam Street, London WC2. (Peter Le Neve Foster Lecture).

Tracking Birds by Radar (6.45 p.m.) Dr E. Eastwood, Women's Engineering Society, at "Hope House", 45 Great Peter Street, London SW1.

Understanding Colour Reproduction; Objectives in Colour Reproduction, Professor R. W. G. Hunt; **The Effect of Surround on Perceived Saturation**, Mr I. T. Pitt and Mr L. N. Winter; **Preferred Caucasian Skin Colour in Colour Television**, Mr S. B. Novick, Colour Group (Great Britain), in the Physics Department, Imperial College, Prince Consort Road, London SW7.

Willoughby's "History of Fishes", 1686 (1 p.m.) Mr John Chaldecott, Royal Institution, History of Science Discussion Group, at 21 Albemarle Street, London W1.