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NEWS ITEMS

702 Mellon Institute to Erect Chemical Hygiene Building.

A spacious building for the Chemical Hygiene Fellowship research group will be erected in the near future. This Fellowship is sponsored by Union Carbide Chemicals Company for the purpose of investigation of possible hazards of chemicals under development by that organization and has been under the direction of Dr. Henry F. Smyth, Jr., since 1937. Although most of the research is concerned with chemical products, the Fellowship has met increasing responsibilities for products of the Silicones, Plastics, Metals, Linde, and Nuclear Divisions. The building will contain 30,000 square feet, a substantial increase over the present space occupied by the Fellowship. It will be located about 20 miles east of Pittsburgh, near Mellon Institute's Bushy Run Laboratories, now under construction, which will house the Institute's recently established Department of Radiation Research. It is expected that the Chemical Hygiene building will be ready for occupancy by March, 1959.

703 Public Health Agency for Industrial Chemicals.

A technical information service to help industry protect its workers from the health hazards arising from the great number of new chemicals introduced each year is being set up by the U. S. Public Health Service. Named the Occupational Health Information Exchange, the agency will bring together a vast fund of unpublished information from scattered sources. An estimated 1,000 to 10,000 new compounds are developed every year by industry, and this organization will fill the need of one central agency to supply information on their toxicity as well as the toxicity of older compounds and processes.

704 Course in Audiology for Industry.

Colby College, Waterville, Maine, presents the Fifth Annual Course in Industrial Deafness, August 5-10, inclusive. The objective of the course will be to train personnel in initiating and conducting hearing conservation courses in noisy industries. Eight full-time instructors have been selected from authorities in this field. The class is limited to approximately 20 participants. Registrants will live on the campus, and the tuition of \$200 includes board and room. Applications should be made to Mr. William A. Macomber, Director, Division of Adult Education and Extension, Colby College, Waterville, Maine.

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705 Reporting Accidents with Radioactive Materials.

Accidents with radioactive materials must be reported to AEC immediately under a new set of rules just put into effect. The new rules will let AEC make sure that the licensee is taking immediate action to hold down damage from the accident and determine its cause. A recent accident at South Houston, Texas, probably led to the new rule.

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