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NUCLEAR PHYSICS IN PHOTOGRAPHS; Tracks of Charged Particles in Photographic Emulsions—C. F. Powell and G. P. S. Occhialini—*Oxford*, 124 p., illus., \$6.00. A photographic atlas with explanatory text including natural radioactivity, nuclear transmutations, as well as mesons.

THE PATENT SYSTEM—Law and Contemporary Problems, Vol. XII, No. 4—*Duke Univ.*, 162 p., paper, \$1.00. Symposium of eight papers covering various phases of this important subject.

PRACTICAL CHILD GUIDANCE AND MENTAL HYGIENE—Samuel Kahn, Grace Kirsten, May E. March—*Meador*, 285 p., \$4.00. This book attempts to answer some common questions on child care.

THE PRACTICE OF GROUP THERAPY—S. R. Slavson, ed.—*Int. Univs.*, 271 p., \$5.00. A comprehensive survey of the scope and

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PRELIMINARY SURVEY OF THE AMPHIBIANS OF THE RIUKIU ISLANDS—Robert F. Inger—*Chicago Nat. History Museum*, Fieldiana: Zoology, Vol. 32, No. 5, 55 p., paper, 75 cents.

PROBLEMS OF ACCELERATING AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION DURING WORLD WAR II—Tom Lilley, Pearson Hunt, J. K. Butters, Frank F. Gilmore, Paul F. Lawler—*Harvard Univ., Grad. School of Bus. Adm.*, 112 p., paper, \$1.50. A plan for industrial preparedness in the aircraft industry, undertaken at request of War, Navy and Commerce Departments.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE INDIANA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE, 1946, Vol. 56—P. D. Edwards, ed.—*The Academy*, 284 p., illus., \$3.00. Papers on subjects ranging from anthropology to zoology.

SCIENTISTS STARRED 1903-1943 IN "AMERICAN MEN OF SCIENCE"; a Study of Collegiate and Doctoral Training, Birthplace, Distribution, Backgrounds, and Developmental Influences—Stephen Sargent Visser—*Johns Hopkins Press*, 556 p., \$4.50.

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SEXUAL BEHAVIOR IN THE HUMAN MALE—Alfred C. Kinsey, Wardell B. Pomeroy, Clyde E. Martin—*Saunders* 804 p., \$6.50. Based on interviews with more than 12,000 individuals in a study supported by National Research Council's Committee for Research on Problems of Sex, (See SNL, Nov. 29, p. 342.)

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## GENERAL SCIENCE

### Radio Storm Predictions Were 75% Correct in 1947

➤ ADVANCE warnings of bad radio reception or radio blackouts, issued by Science Service throughout the past year in exclusive forecasts, were correct three out of four times. Likewise good reception of shortwave radio broadcasts materialized as predicted 75% of the time.

These predictions, foretelling radio reception several days and often even a week in the future, compare favorably with the Bureau's daily warnings. On these, issued several hours in advance, their predictions were correct 92% of the time.

These up-to-the-minute forecasts can be secured twice an hour by tuning in on the Bureau's own station, WWV, at 2.5, 5, 10, 15 and 20 megacycles, audible almost anywhere in the world. If short-wave broadcasts are to come through clearly, "W"s (dot, dash, dash in Morse code) follow the time announcement.

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## EMBRYOLOGY

### Grow Chick Embryos Under Glass Dishes for Study

➤ CHICK embryos can be grown for study purposes with glass dishes substituted for their opaque eggshells, by a method which Dr. Nelson T. Spratt, Jr., of the Johns Hopkins University, has developed.

They do not develop to full hatching size, of course, but they can be carried along for several days, while students watch the beginnings of organ development. Effects of drugs and other chemicals can also be studied.

The embryos, at an early stage of incubation, are removed from the carefully shelled eggs and transferred to the covered glass dishes. They absorb a food mixture consisting of raw white of egg, agar (a seaweed gelatin), and a carefully adjusted solution of three mineral salts known as Ringer's solution.

Details of the technique are presented in *Science*, (Nov. 7, 1947).

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