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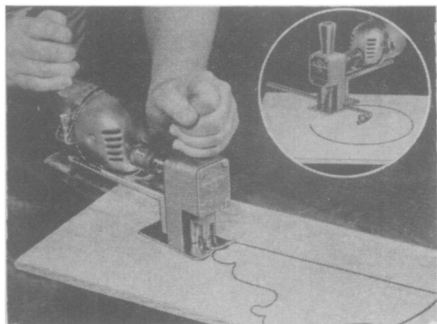
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**THE BEETLES OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Part II, Staphyliniformia**—Melville H. Hatch with the collaboration of Milton W. Sanderson and Gordon A. Marsh—*Univ. of Washington Press*, 384 p., illus., \$7. Covering all the beetles of the region. Beetles constitute about 30% of the world's fauna.

**CHEMICAL SPECIALTIES MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION, PROCEEDINGS OF THE FORTY-THIRD MID-YEAR MEETING**—Harry E. Peterson and others—*Chemical Specialties Manufacturers Association*, 193 p., illus., paper, \$7.50. Complete transcripts of technical papers.

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**DIGGING UP JERICHO: The Results of the Jericho Excavations 1952-1956**—Kathleen M. Kenyon—*Praeger*, 267 p., illus., \$5. The director of the excavations tells what was learned about life in that ancient city.

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**HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR MEMORY**—James D. Weinland—*Barnes & Noble*, 149 p., illus., paper, \$1. Helpful to the student who finds he must cram at the last minute before an exam or to the busy executive who simply cannot remember to put in a phone call to Mr. X at exactly ten o'clock.

**HOW TO MAKE A TELESCOPE**—Jean Texereau, translated and adapted from the French by Allen Strickler, forewords by André Couder and Albert G. Ingalls—*Interscience*, 191 p., illus., \$3.50. For the painstaking amateur, not for the person the foreword calls a "skitterer who is content with a lick and a dab."

**INSECTS—HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS**—Ross E. Hutchins—*Rand McNally*, 96 p., illus. with photos by the author, \$2.95. Introducing young people to a new world which includes the "pursuit planes" among the insects as well as those that can pull 66 times their own weight.

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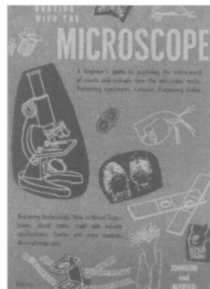
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**THERMAL RESISTANCE OF AIRSPACES AND FIBROUS INSULATIONS BOUNDED BY REFLECTIVE SURFACES**—H. E. Robinson, L. A. Cosgrove and F. J. Powell—*Govt. Printing Office*, National Bureau of Standards, Building Materials and Structures Report 151, 22 p., illus., paper, 20¢. Reporting tests of insulating materials.

**VITALIZED CHEMISTRY (In Graphiccolor)**—Russell T. Des Jardins—*College Entrance Book Co.*, 4th ed., 406 p., illus., paper, \$1. A concise high-school text, using color to "spotlight" important points for easy study and quick review.

Science News Letter, January 25, 1958

MEDICINE

**New Anti-Leukemia Drugs Developed**

➤ TWO NEW anti-leukemic drugs that promise to be more effective than amethopterin, a drug now in standard use, are about to undergo their first trial in human patients at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md.

Animal studies, done by Dr. Abraham Goldin and associates at the National Cancer Institute, have shown that both drugs give longer survival times and are less toxic than the older drug.

The new ones are chemically similar to amethopterin and are known technically as monochloroamethopterin and 3',5'-dichloroamethopterin. All of them are folic acid antagonists.

Folic acid is also known as vitamin B<sub>9</sub> and vitamin M and is a necessary factor for cell growth. The so-called antagonists resemble folic acid and have been developed so cancerous cells can be tricked into taking them up instead of the needed folic acid. When this happens, normal life processes inside the cell are disrupted and the cell dies.

One of the important advantages of the new drugs is that they can be given in much higher dosages than amethopterin without beginning to harm normal cells as well as cancerous ones.

In mice, which had received fatal doses of leukemic cells, the 3',5'-dichloroamethopterin gave an average survival time of 36 days. The average survival time of untreated control animals was only 11 days.

With the new drug, unlike amethopterin, the local tumor at the site of the leukemic inoculation began wasting away under dose levels too small to cause the entire animal to lose weight at the same time.

Dr. Goldin reports on the animal work in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute* (Dec. 1957) with his associates Drs. John M. Venditti and Stewart R. Humphreys and Nathan Mantel.

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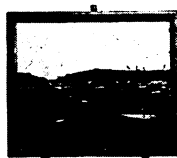
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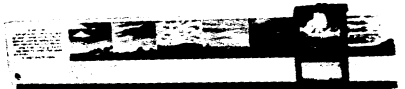
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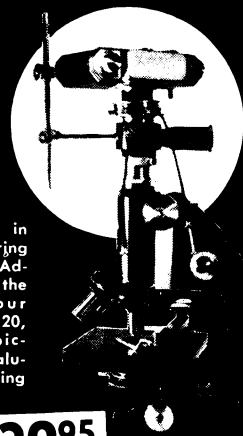
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