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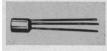
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GENERAL SCIENCE

## **Testing Begun in Top U.S. Science Competition**

➤ THE NATION'S TOP TEST for finding potential creative scientists of the future is being given this month. Thousands of high school seniors throughout the United States are competing voluntarily in the 24th Westinghouse Science Scholarships, conducted by Science Service.

The test, designed to measure ability to think and reason along scientific lines, is given in public, private and parochial schools during a two-hour session. In addition to the test, the applicant must write a report of a scientific project on which he has been working, and a personal data blank must be filled in by the student and the school officials. All materials must reach Science Service headquarters in Washington, D.C., by midnight, Dec. 27.

Approximately ten percent of the students who fulfill all the entry requirements will be named to an honors group and recommended to colleges and universities for admission and scholarship grants. From the honors group, 40 top winners will be selected to come to Washington for the Science Talent Institute, Feb. 24 through

During the Institute the 40 winners will be interviewed and their potential ability further evaluated by a board of judges to determine the distribution of \$34,250 in science scholarships and awards provided by the Westinghouse Educational Foundation.

Entry in the national competition provides automatic entry in the State Science Talent Searches which are based on the national search. Thus a double chance is given to students in most of the states.

• Science News Letter, 86:372 December 12, 1964

## Simple Dye Test Spots **Newborns With Defect**

➤ A NEW INEXPENSIVE TEST to find out if newborn babies have the hereditary fatal disease, galactosemia, uses a mixture containing blue dye.

Dr. Ernest Beutler of the City of Hope Medical Center, Duarte, Calif., added a smalı blood sample to the mixture, which can be used to identify adult carriers as well as babies with the disease. In normal persons the mixture turns red, but if galactosemia is present the blue color is unchanged.

Children with this disease are born with a defect in cell chemistry that makes them unable to utilize galactose, a milk sugar, normally. Unless the condition is detected and treated, it causes eye and liver damage, mental retardation and, eventually, death.

Diet substitutes for cow's or mother's milk allow such children to develop normally. Therefore, early diagnosis is vital.

While previous tests have been complex, costly and time-consuming, this new method is easily adaptable for routine testing of newborns in any well-equipped laboratory.

Dr. Beutler reported his findings in the Journal of Laboratory and Clinical Medicine. • Science News Letter, 86:372 December 12, 1964

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