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**VITAMIN B<sub>6</sub> IN METABOLISM OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM**—Margaret A. Kelsall, Ed.—N.Y. Acad. of Sciences, Vol. 166, Art. 1, 364 p., illus., paper, \$20. Discusses current research on pyridoxine metabolism in the brain and in relation to the etiology and treatment of neurological disorders; deals in turn with mental retardation syndromes, inhibitors, amines and convulsions.

## films OF THE WEEK

Listing is for readers' information of new 16mm and 8mm films on science, engineering, medicine and agriculture for professional, student and general audiences. For further information on purchase, rental or free loan, write to distributor.

**FOREST WITHOUT SPEARS.** 16mm, color, sound, 26 min. How the timber resources of New Guinea are contributing to the economic growth of the area. Audience: general. Purchase \$255 or rental \$7.50 from Films Officer, Australian News and Information Bureau, 636 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10020, or western states, Press and Information Officer, Australian Consulate-General, Crocker Plaza, San Francisco, Calif. 94104.

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## to the editor

### Thayer

I very much appreciated seeing the article on the Thayer School of Engineering (SN: 11/15, p. 456). The school has already received many congratulatory inquiries due to the article and we hope to benefit from the exposure you gave us.

Thomas F. Piatkowski  
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### Fires and climate

May I commend you on an excellent article, "The Earth's Cooling Climate" (SN: 11/15, p. 458). The author said that the changes in climate were due to two things, city air pollution and volcanic dust. I believe he overlooked one thing. The large forest fires that occur yearly in certain parts of the world must pollute the air on a large scale. This, in my opinion, is another important factor in the earth's climate.

Alan Jirik  
North Riverside, Ill.

### Well done

On behalf of my colleagues and myself, I would like to thank you on the excellent coverage SCIENCE NEWS gave our work on the evolution of the Bahama Platform (SN: 11/22, p. 473). It was brief, but to the point, and all the pertinent points were elucidated quite well.

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