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**A DICTIONARY OF LIFE IN BIBLE TIMES**—W. Corswant, completed by Edouard Urech, transl. from French by Arthur Heathcote, foreword by Andre Parrot—*Oxford Univ. Press*, 309 p., illus. by E. Urech, \$6.50. Reference work on Biblical archaeology and aspects of ancient Eastern life mentioned in the Bible.

**ELECTRONICS FOR THE BEGINNER**—J. A. Stanley—*Bobbs*, 190 p., illus., \$3.95. Basic methods of electronics applied to the building of progressively more difficult equipment, such as transistors and pocket radios.

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**THE MOUND BUILDERS**—William E. Scheele—*World Pub.*, 62 p., illus. by author, \$2.50. Introduces young reader to the prehistoric Hopewell Indians of the Ohio Valley.

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**THE NEUTRAL SPIRIT: A Portrait of Alcohol**—Berton Roueche—*Little*, 151 p., \$3.50. Reporter presents readable and short historical study of man's use of alcohol.

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PHYSICS FOR THE INQUIRING MIND: The Methods, Nature and Philosophy of Physical Science—Eric M. Rogers—Princeton Univ. Press, 778 p., illus., \$8.50. General reading, problems and laboratory instructions for a one-year course in physics to non-physics majors. Mainly concerned with dynamics, planetary astronomy, molecular theory, parts of electricity and magnetism, and atomic physics.

PLENTY OF FISH—Millicent Selsam—Harper, 63 p., illus., by Erik Blegvad, \$1.95. A very simple science reader for first- and second-graders.

POLYSTYRENE—William C. Teach and George C. Kiessling—Reinhold, 176 p., illus., \$5. Provides a simplified introduction to the chemistry, properties, manufacture and uses of polystyrene.

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS IN AGING, 1959—Robert W. Palmer and others—Nat. Inst. of Health, 52 p., paper, single copies free upon request direct to publisher, Div. of General Medical Sciences, Bethesda 14, Md. Selected papers on research projects in aging.

SCIENCE SURVEY I—A. W. Haslett and John St. John, Eds, foreword by Sir George Thomson—Macmillan, 359 p., illus., \$5.75. Written for the general reader, by leading experts in the main branches of science, survey includes 26 chapters on recent advances in science, ranging from photons to galactic distances.

SEVEN INTO SPACE: The Story of the Mercury Astronauts—Joseph N. Bell—Pop. Mechanics, 192 p., photographs, \$3.95. The story of Project Mercury, its background and growth, selection and training of the astronauts, and the development of space equipment.

THE SOVIET REVIEW: A Journal of Translations, Vol. I, No. 1—Myron E. Sharpe, Ed.—Int. Arts & Sciences Press, 64 p., paper, 60¢; monthly, \$6 per year. Articles from Soviet periodicals in the fields of the arts, social analysis and science. This issue contains "A Soviet View of Einstein" by I. E. Tamm.

STATUS OF ELECTRONIC MICROMINIATURIZATION, 1960—Norman J. Doctor—Diamond Ordnance Fuze Labs (OTS), 28 p., illus., paper, 75¢. Survey of latest techniques.

STRANGE TRAVELERS—Sigmund A. Lavine—Little, 150 p., illus. by Gloria Stevens, \$2.95. Tells young readers interesting facts about animal migrations.

TEAR DOWN TO BUILD UP: The Story of Building Wrecking—Jean Poindexter Colby—Hastings House, 56 p., illus. by Joshua Tolford, \$2.95. Informs boys and girls about the methods of demolition used in the wrecking jobs they see in city streets.

UNDER THE SEA—Maurice Burton—Watts, F., 256 p., illus. by Maurice Wilson, \$4.95. Brief survey of marine life, plants and animals, zones of the ocean and methods of investigation, with glossary. Marine science for the general reader.

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WALT DISNEY'S WEECHA THE RACCOON: A Fact-Fiction Nature Story—Rutherford Montgomery—Golden Press, 124 p., illus. by L. T. Dresser, \$2.50. For young readers.

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