

has been gathered together since the Folk Museum was established by Act of Parliament some two years ago, it is hoped that developments will be well advanced in the foreseeable future.

University News :

Belfast

THE following appointments have been announced: Dr. A. Dalgarno, to the chair of quantum mechanics in the Department of Applied Mathematics; Dr. E. A. Cheeseman, to the chair of medical statistics in the Department of Social and Preventive Medicine.

Bristol

DR. R. G. CHAMBERS has been elected reader in physics, also Dr. D. Bohm (until he takes up his appointment to the chair of theoretical physics at Birkbeck College). A. R. Paterson has been appointed lecturer in applied mathematics.

Hull

THE following appointments to senior lectureships have been announced: Dr. G. C. Bond (chemistry); Dr. A. Cunliffe (physics); Dr. H. W. Parsons (mathematics).

London

THE Wolfson Foundation has made a grant of £200,000 to University College, London. The money will be used to develop the Galton Laboratory and the Department of Eugenics, Genetics and Biometry in a building north of Euston Road which has been leased to the College by the University Grants Committee. The chair of biometry, vacant since Prof. J. B. S. Haldane left the University, will be re-established in the new premises.

Nottingham

DR. JAMES CROSSLAND, lecturer in the Department of Physiology, University of St. Andrews, has been appointed reader in pharmacology in the Department of Pharmacy as from next session.

Sheffield

DR. A. M. MURRAY has been appointed lecturer in physics.

The Night Sky in July

NEW moon occurs on July 12d. 19h. 12m. U.T. and full moon on July 27d. 19h. 51m. The following conjunctions with the Moon take place: July 8d. 20h., Venus 2° N.; July 9d. 11h., Aldebaran 0.4° S.; July 16d. 03h., Regulus 0.3° N.; July 17d. 02h., Mars 0.3° S.; July 27d. 07h., Saturn 3° S.; July 27d. 17h., Jupiter 3° S. In addition to these conjunctions with the Moon, Venus is in conjunction with Aldebaran on July 16d. 06h., Venus being 3° N., and Mercury with Pollux on July 31d. 19h., Mercury being 6° S. Mercury is a morning star, and is visible low in the east before sunrise during the later part of the month. Venus is a morning star, rising at 1h. 20m., 1h. 10m. and 1h. 05m. on July 1, 15 and 31, respectively. Its stellar magnitude on July 15 is -3.7; the visible portion of the apparent disk increases from 0.555 to 0.683 during the month, and its distance from the Earth increases from 73 to 96 million miles. Mars is too close to the Sun for easy observation. Jupiter and Saturn are visible almost all night, rising at about sunset and setting at about sunrise. Jupiter has stellar magnitude -2.3 and Saturn +0.3 on July 15, and their distances from the Earth on that date are 380 and 840 million miles, respectively, when they are in Capricornus

and Sagittarius. There is one occultation of a star brighter than magnitude 6 visible at Greenwich: July 9d. 11h. 13.0 m., α Tau. disappearance; July 9d. 12h. 24.4m., α Tau. reappearance. The Earth is at aphelion on July 5, its distance from the Sun being 94.6 million miles.

Announcements

PROF. C. W. WARDLAW, professor of botany and director of the Laboratories and Experimental Grounds in the University of Manchester, has been elected an honorary foreign associate of the Royal Academy of Belgium (Section of Natural Sciences).

DR. G. D. H. BELL, director of the Plant Breeding Institute, Cambridge, has been elected a vice-president of the National Institute of Agricultural Botany and a vice-president member of the Council.

DR. I. M. LIFSCHITZ of the Academy of Sciences of the Ukrainian S.S.R., Kharkov, has been awarded the Simon Memorial Prize by the U.K. Committee of the Low Temperature Group of the Institute of Physics and the Physical Society, for his work on the structure of the Fermi surface in metals and his work on liquid helium. The Prize, a memorial to Sir Francis Simon, a pioneer for the Low Temperature School of the Clarendon Laboratory, Cambridge, consists of £250.

FROM July 3, the address of the Director of the Service and all branches of the headquarters administrative office of the Public Health Laboratory Service will be: 24 Park Crescent, London, W.1; Tel. No. Museum 2223.

THE opening of the new Creep Laboratories of the Electrical Research Association, Cleeve Road, Leatherhead, Surrey, will take place on July 7. Further information can be obtained from Leslie Jervis, press officer, Electrical Research Association, Cleeve Road, Leatherhead, Surrey.

A CONFERENCE on "Behavior Genetics" will be held at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences during August 14-September 3. Further information can be obtained from Preston S. Cutler, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, 202 Junipero Serra Boulevard, Stanford, California.

AN international conference on "Heat Transfer", presenting new developments in theory and practice, will be held at the University of Colorado during August 28-September 1. Further information can be obtained from Alan Brown, director, Bureau of Continuation Education, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado.

A MEETING of the Photobiology Group will be held at the University of Sheffield during July 7-8. The programme will include papers on metabolism in photosynthetic bacteria and some aspects of photochemistry. Further information can be obtained from the secretary of the Group, Dr. D. Vince, Horticultural Research Laboratories, Shinfield Grange, Shinfield, Berks.

THE United Nations conference on "New Sources of Energy" will be held in Italy during August 21-31. The programme has been divided into a number of sessions, including (a) geothermal energy; (b) wind power; (c) solar energy. Further information can be obtained from the United Nations Information Centre, 14-15 Stratford Place, London, W.1, or the Executive Secretary, United Nations Conference on New Sources of Energy, United Nations, New York.