

# Famed Scientist Declared 'Visitor'

Dr. Clyde L. Aldridge has been named a "Visiting Scholar" here for the academic year 1961-62, it was announced yesterday by Dr. Frank W. R. Hubert, dean, School of Arts and Sciences and Dr. Paul Alaway, head, Chemistry Department.

The trustees of The Robert A. Welch Foundation of Houston in announcing the "Visiting Scholar program" said that Aldridge is one of three widely known scientists selected for the program. He will take up his duties Sept. 1.

Aldridge is a member of the Research Laboratories, Baton Rouge, La. He is trained in the field of organic chemistry and received his Ph.D. degree at the University of Wisconsin in 1952. He is the author of 38 U. S. patents and has published scientific papers in the Journal of the American Chemical Society and the Journal of Physical Chemistry.

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# PREVENTIVE WAR Kennedy Says No Policy Change Due

By The Associated Press  
WASHINGTON—President Kennedy let it be known Tuesday night there has been no change in United States policy against engaging in preventive war.

The President also put out word denying published reports that his administration has concluded that the Soviet Union holds no overall missile advantage over the United States.

Pierre Salinger, White House press secretary, reported Kennedy's views to newsmen after Salinger and other government information men had conferred with the President.

Salinger said his remarks, approved by Kennedy death specifically with:

1. A story in Tuesday's Washington Evening Star saying in part that the new Pentagon high command has "rejected the common Pentagon suggestion that this country should plan only to retaliate in any all-out nuclear war

# Air Rifle Team Rates Place In National Firing Competition

The Air Force Rifle team has tied with Virginia Polytechnic Institute for 14th place in the nationwide Air Force 40th annual William Randolph Hearst ROTC Rifle Competition.

The Aggies fired 933 out of a possible 1,000, while the national winner, Oklahoma State University, fired 950 out of a possible 1,000. This was a postal match

with the results of each school being sent to the ROTC Division, Maxwell AFB, Ala., for evaluation.

Members of the team were Gary J. Robicheaux of San Antonio, William D. Letbetter of College Station, Robert H. Hackett of Seabrook, William L. Titsworth of Dallas, Robert J. Whiting of Dallas and Gary W. Morris of Houston.

Salinger said he was not going to get into that matter at all. At one point a newsmen suggested that Salinger seemed to be saying in effect that the reporters who wrote the stories had been wrong—or had interpreted what they heard erroneously.

Salinger replied that he would not quarrel with that statement.

# THE BATTALION 'CHEMISTRY ON JUPITER' Dr. Rice Speaks Tomorrow

Dr. Francis O. Rice will deliver an address Thursday in Room 231 of the Chemistry Building, to which the public is invited.

The speaker is professor of chemistry at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C. He will speak on "Chemistry on Jupiter."

"One of the outstanding developments in modern chemistry has been the research and discoveries on free radical mechanisms and the kinetics of chemical reactions as well as their application to fundamental problems of organic and inorganic chemistry," Dr. Wayne C. Hall, Dean of the Graduate School, said today.

Dr. Rice, while head of the Department of Chemistry at Catholic University of America, brought to fruition much of the pioneer research in this field. His outstanding research contributions were recognized when he received the Hillebrand Prize for 1956.

Rice was born at Liverpool, England, in 1890. He received his B.Sc., M.Sc., and D.Sc. from Liverpool University in 1912, 1914, and 1916, respectively. Rice came to the U. S. in 1919 on a fellowship at Princeton University. Thereafter he became an instructor of chemistry at New York University until 1924.

He served as Associate in Chemistry and Associate Professor at Johns Hopkins University from 1924 until 1938. From 1938 until recently he has been professor and head, Department of Chemistry, Catholic University of America.

At present he is at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C. Rice received the Mendel Medal in 1935. He is widely known for his books "The Mechanisms of Homogeneous Organic Reaction," "The Aliphatic Free Radicals" (with his wife, K. K. Rice) and "The Structure of Matter" (with Edward Teller).

The major portion of Rice's output of some 80 papers, three books

and several patents has been directed to the elucidation of the kinetics and mechanisms of reactions. Rice was the first chemist to realize the implications of Paneth's discovery of a method of detecting free radicals and by his pioneering work and brilliant insight laid the foundation for much of our present knowledge of free radical reactions.

In 1931, Rice proposed that, during pyrolysis, many organic molecules undergo a primary decomposition into simple free radicals. This led to his classic paper with Herzfeld, a colleague at Johns Hopkins University, which showed that complicated radical chain mechanisms could be described by simple overall kinetic laws.

Rice developed other free radical techniques for studying equilibrium and stationary state systems. Among these was the introduction of a liquid nitrogen "cold finger" in the hot effluent stream from a pyrolysis. This permitted the capture of the imino and hydrazino radicals on the "cold finger" before obscuring secondary reactions can occur.

His wide range of interests has enabled him to extend his work on the stabilization of colored free radicals into the realm of interstellar space, to explain the colors on the planet Jupiter. He is recognized as a teacher of rare gifts.

His many graduate students have carried the torch of free radical chemistry into industry, university and government.

"Rice's work on free radical kinetics and mechanisms may truly be said to have resulted in the re-examination and reformulation of a chapter in modern chemistry," Hall concluded.

# FOR UNDERGRADS Science Research Program Revealed

Undergraduate research conferences sponsored by the Texas Academy of Science, were announced yesterday by Dr. Charles LaMotte of the Department of Biology. LaMotte is state program director, representing the Texas Academy of Science and the National Science Foundation.

The conferences are supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation. The conference here will be held March 20-21; University of Texas, Feb. 9-10; Texas Tech, March 9-10 and North Texas State and Texas Woman's University, March 16-17.

Three hundred and twenty outstanding science students and their faculty counselors from 53 of the state's junior and senior colleges will participate in the four two-day research conferences, LaMotte said.

"Participants will visit research laboratories, talk with some of the state's most widely known scientists, attend lectures by top-flight authorities and see some of the most modern facilities to be found anywhere in the Southwest."

"They will also receive information regarding opportunities for graduate study, graduate school

# Army ROTC Rifle Team Places Sixth

The Army ROTC Rifle team has placed sixth in the over-all standing of all units in the Fourth U. S. Army Area and third in the college level standings in the indoor smallbore championship rifle postal matches.

The A&M team scored 3,814 out of a possible 4,000. Two of the team members, M. B. Hodges of Arlington, Va., and S. C. Burke of San Antonio, placed in the top 10 individual scores.

Hodges was second with a score of 390 out of a possible 400 while Burke was eighth with 386 out of a possible 400.

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