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Announcement

The Council of the American Physical Society announces that, with the April issue, the *Reviews of Modern Physics* will enter a new phase of its history. The *Reviews*, founded in 1929 by a group of prominent physicists headed by J. T. Tate, will pass from the able and forward-looking leadership of J. W. Buchta into the equally capable hands of E. U. Condon. Dr. Buchta edited the *Reviews* for about twenty years, has brought it to its present position of prominence, and has earned the sincere gratitude of the community of physicists. He retires from the editorship because of the weight of his other commitments to his school and to the Government.

The new editor, Professor Condon, of Washington University, is known to the readers of the *Reviews* as the author of three articles on the "Quantum Mechanics of Collision Processes" (with P. M. Morse, 1931),

"Theories of Optical Rotatory Power" (1937), and "Principles of Microwave Radio" (1942). He is known even better for his original research in a great variety of fields and to many of us as an inspiring teacher and colleague. His monumental book, *The Theory of Atomic Spectra*, written in collaboration with G. Shortley in 1935, continues to be the most comprehensive account of our understanding of atomic spectra—the fruit of several decades' intensive study by a great number of physicists of all countries.

We hope that Dr. Condon will be given the same wholehearted support which made the work of his predecessors so rewarding. Manuscripts for the April, 1957, and later issues of the *Review of Modern Physics* should be sent to him, care of the Department of Physics, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri.