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Millikan, Robert A., physicist; b. Morrison, Ill, March 22, 1868; son of Rev. Silas Franklin and Mary Jane (Andrews) M.; A.B., Oberlin, 1891, A.M. 1893; Ph.D. Columbia, 1895; Univs. of Berlin and Goettingen, 1895-6; Sc.D., Oberlin, 1911; Northwestern, U. of Pennsylvania, 1915; Columbia, 1917; Amherst, 1917; U. of Dublin, 1924; Yale, 1925; Leeds U., 1927; Princeton, 1928; New York U., 1929; LL.D., U. of California, 1924; U. Colorado, 1927; U. of Michigan, 1929; Univ. of Southern California, 1931. Hon. Ph.D., King John Casimir University, Poland, 1926; University of Ghent, 1927. Married Greta Irvin Blanchard, of Oak Park, Ill., April 10, 1902; children: Clark Blanchard, Glenn Allen, Max Franklin.

Tutor of physics, Oberlin, 1891-93; chair of physics, U. of Chicago, 1896-1921; Director: Norman Bridge Lab. of Physics; and chairman, Exec. Council, Calif. Inst. of Techn, Pasadena, Cal, since 1921.

First exchange prof. to Belgium of C.R.B. Foundation, 1922.

Vice Chairman, Nat. Research Council, Washington, since 1917; commd. lt. col, Signal Corps, USA 1918, and chief of science and research div. of Signal Corps.

Am. Mem. Com. on Intellectual Cooperation of League of Nations, 1923.

Fellow in Germany of Oberlaender Trust, 1931. Trustee Oberlin College.

Awarded Comstock prize for research in electricity, Nat. Academy of Sciences, 1913.

Edison medalist Am. Inst. E.E., 1922; Hughes Medalist Royal Soc. of Great Britain, 1923;

Nobel prize in physics (for isolating and measuring ultimate elec. unit, the electron, and for photo-electric researches), 1923; Faraday Medalist, London Chem. Soc., 1924;

Mattenci medalist Societa Italiana della Scienze, 1925; gold medalist, Am. Soc. Mechanical Engineers, 1926; Messel medalist, Soc. Chem. Industry (British) 1928; gold medal, Society

Arts and Sciences (for his theory of creation of cosmic rays), 1929; Chevalier de l'Ordre National de la Legion d'Honneur, 1931.

Fellow, Amer. Acad. Arts and Sciences; AAAS (pres. 1929); member Nat. Acad. Sciences (foreign secy); Amer. Philos. Society; Amer. Physical Soc. (pres. 1916-18; Royal Inst.

of Great Britain; Acad. of Science of Leyden, Holland; Societe Batave de Philosophie Experimentale a Rotterdam; Royal Irish Academy; Academie des Sciences de Russie; Institut de France; Die Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften zu Göttingen; Bayersche Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Munich; Assn. des Ingenieurs de Liege; Sigma XI; Phi Beta Kappa Conglist.

Clubs: Quadrangle, University (Chicago); Cosmos (Washington); Valley Hunt (Pasadena).

Author: (or co-author) -- A Course of College Experiments in Physics, 1898;
Theory of Optics (translated from the German), 1900;
Mechanics, Molecular Physics and Heat; 1901;
A First Course in Physics, 1906;
A Laboratory Course in Physics for Secondary Schools, 1906;
Electricity, Sound and Light, 1908;
The Electron, 1917, 25;
Science and Life, 1923;
Elements of Physics, 1917;
Evolution of Science and Religion, 1927;
A First Course in Physics for Colleges, 1930;
Science and the New Civilization, 1930;
Time, Matter and Value, 1932.

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Published pamphlet: "Radio's Past and Future," 1931

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