

NATO SCIENCE AWARDS

The National Research Council of Canada has awarded 37 NATO science scholarships and fellowships for 1963-64, with a total value of \$125,000.

These awards, which are for study abroad in various fields of pure and applied science, are designed to stimulate the exchange of postgraduate students between member countries of NATO and represent Canada's part in NATO's Science Fellowship Programme.

During the coming year 17 NATO postgraduate scholarships, valued at \$2400 each, will be held as follows: ten in Britain, five in the United States and one each in France and Holland.

Twenty NATO postdoctorate fellowships, valued at \$3500 for single and \$4500 for married fellows, will be held as follows: ten in Britain, four each in France and Germany and one each in the United States and Denmark.

STRATFORD CASTING

With the engagement of 17 more players casting for the Stratford Festival's eleventh season is now virtually complete. A company of 52, including four Stratford children still to be chosen, is required for the four plays, "Troilus and Cressida", "Cyrano de Bergerac", "The Comedy of Errors" and "Timon of Athens", that will be presented between June 17 and September 23. Rehearsals will start on April 22 and continue for eight weeks.

Michael Langham, artistic director of the Festival, has announced the following as the latest additions to the company:

Amelia Hall, the first actress to appear on the Festival Theatre stage in 1953 and a prominent member of the company for several seasons since, has been signed to play Andromache in "Troilus and Cressida", the Duenna in "Cyrano de Bergerac" and Luce in "The Comedy of Errors".

Christine Bennett, last seen at Stratford two summers ago, will play Mother Marguerite in "Cyrano de Bergerac" and an Abbess in "The Comedy of Errors". In private life, Miss Bennett is the wife of Mervyn Blake, another leading member of the company.

Jake Dengel, remembered particularly for his performance as Puck in the 1961 production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream", returns after a year's absence for his third season to appear in "Troilus

and Cressida", "Cyrano de Bergerac" and "Timon of Athens".

Rita Howell of Hartford, Connecticut, and New York, who played one of the witches in last year's "Macbeth," comes back to Stratford for Timandra in "Timon of Athens", the Courtesan in "The Comedy of Errors" and other roles in "Cyrano de Bergerac".

Newcomers to the Festival Theatre stage are Claire Marshall, Joel Michaels, and Nicholas Simons, Miss Marshall, who came to Canada from England a year ago, has appeared on television and on the Toronto stage with the Red Barn Players and the Village Playhouse. Mr. Michaels, a native of Buffalo who worked on television, in motion pictures and on the stage in California before he came to Canada last autumn, has been seen in Toronto in television and in the Crest Theatre's recent production of "La Bonne Soupe". Mr. Simons, who received training at the Old Vic and in various repertory companies in England before arriving in Canada last May, has just completed a winter tour with the Canadian Players as Orsino in "Twelfth Night".

AWARDS TO WEATHER WATCHERS

Dr. P.D. McTaggart-Cowan, director of the Meteorological Branch, Department of Transport, has announced the names of 20 Canadian co-operative weather observers who are being presented with the departmental award for excellent weather reporting over a period of years.

Canada is particularly fortunate in being able to depend on a weather record kept up by many individuals at 2250 stations across the country, Dr. McTaggart-Cowan said. The observers at many of these stations perform their duties for long periods in the public interest without payment from the Meteorological Branch. Each morning and evening, they observe the weather and record the temperature and precipitation. They mail reports of their observations to the Branch at the end of each month.

The winners of the present awards were chosen for faithful service and excellent reporting for at least five years. Some observers are interested in weather watching as a hobby, others make use of their observations in their business activities, and some take the observations solely as a public service.

The complete list of names of the winners of the award is being compiled by the Meteorological Branch. The names of the winners will be published in the next issue of the "Festival Theatre" magazine. The names of the winners will be published in the next issue of the "Festival Theatre" magazine. The names of the winners will be published in the next issue of the "Festival Theatre" magazine.