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Gibson Island meeting Members present were allowed by special invitation, so as to avoid too much of a crowd. There were about 30 present, all eagerly interested or presenting papers, which afterwards were submitted to discussion

Dr. Em. Reid of Johns Hopkins University (Professor of Organic chemistry, was the first speaker and reviewed the variety of polymerisation phenomena in the organic field. I then Dr. Ben Bender of (Bakelite Corporation Research Lab) presented a very long paper, carefully prepared extending the subject. We were through at 1:30 P.M. - Took luncheon in my sleeping room so as to get some rest. Afternoon

June 21. There is a party at the Yacht Club for some benefit. So the Club Hotel is overrun by Yacht Club members and their wives, friends and children all afternoon and evening.

Grosvenor Met several friends, among them Melville Grosvenor, son of Gilbert Grosvenor of President of National Geographic Society) who has his summer residence on this Island charming island. Promised him a copy of the book of Kingsbury on the Telephone and its history

June 21 Fine weather, another well attended meeting

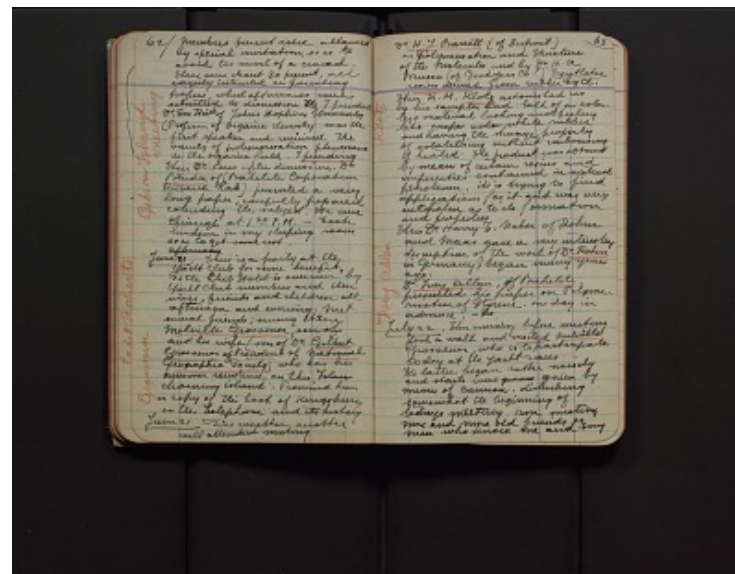
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Dr. H. J. Barrett (of Dupont) on Polymerisation and Structure of the Molecules and by Dr. H.A. Bruson (of Goodyear Co?) Synthetic resins derived from rubber by Cl.

Klotz astonished us by his samples and talk of a colorless material looking and feeling like crepe color white rubber and having the strange property of volatilising without carbonising if heated. The product was obtained by means of certain resins and impurities contained in natural petroleum. He is trying to find applications for it and was very outspoken as to its formation and properties. Then Dr. Harry T. Neher of Rohm and Maas gave a very interesting description of the work of Dr. Rohm in Germany, began many years ago.

Ivey Allen Dr. Ivey Allen, of Bakelite, presented his paper on Polymerisation of Styrene, one day in advance. Vis

July 22. This morning before meeting took a walk and visited Melville Grosvenor, who is to participate today at the Yacht races. The latter began rather noisily and starts were given by means of cannon, disturbing somewhat the beginning of today's meeting. Am meeting more and more old friends or men who know me and my



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