

GILBERT KICKS OFF NATIONAL SCIENCE

AWARDS PROGRAM

MODELERS WHOSE tastes run to the scientific—satellite construction, chemistry, microbiology, geology, etc.—now have a chance to really cut loose and earn some cash at the same time in A. C. Gilbert's new National Science Award Program.

Open to all students regularly enrolled in public, private or parochial schools in the United States and its possessions, the program is divided into two sections. There is a Junior Science Awards Program for students in grades 7, 8 and 9; and a Senior Science Awards Program for grades 10 through 12. Each program offers separate and identical awards for four categories of investigation.

The four project areas are:

1. Life Sciences: biology, zoology, microbiology, etc.
2. Physical Sciences: physics, chemistry, etc.
3. Earth Sciences: geology, meteorology, etc.
4. Space Sciences: astronomy, satellite engineering, etc.

The awards, both cash and merchandise, will be given for written reports describing the most original project conducted by a student in one of these four fields. The project must be one that is carried out with Gilbert equipment, or one that could be carried out with Gilbert equipment, with additional accessory materials.

Immediate cash awards of \$100 will be paid to the winners of the first

prize in each category, in each of the junior and senior divisions. Additional cash awards of \$250 and a citation for "Outstanding Scientific Achievement" will be mailed to the school principal to be presented to each winner at the end of his school year.

Second prize in each category will be an immediate payment of \$50 and an additional \$100 presented at the end of the school year. A citation for "Distinguished Scientific Achievement" will also be made at that time.

The next 50 students whose projects the judges decide are most deserving in each category will receive honorable mention awards immediately, consisting of merchandise from Gilbert's advanced line of science sets. Citations for "Advanced Scientific Achievement" will be made at the end of the school year.

Entry blanks for the Awards Program may be obtained by writing to the National Science Awards Program at the A. C. Gilbert Company in New Haven, Connecticut. Entries will be submitted between October 15, 1963 and February 1, 1964. Judging, by a panel of recognized experts in the scientific profession, will take place in February and March, and winners will be notified by mail.

How do modelers fit in with all this? Here's a sample idea. You might want to mold, with plastic, an operating model of the human heart. It would involve some study, and learning the techniques of casting your own mold, and you might be \$350 richer too! ●