GENEALOGY DATABASE ENTRY

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expert on the behavior of liquids and nonelectrolyte solutions; formulated a general theory of regular solutions; independently devised the Scatchard-Hildebrand equation, which describes the activities of the components of such solutions; formulated the Hildebrand rule, which compares the entropies of vaporization of normal liquids at constant vapor volume rather than at constant pressure as in Trouton's rule; first to suggest that deep sea divers should use a mixture of helium and oxygen to avoid the bends; discovered the UV absorption that characterizes charge transfer complexes; one of the first to use the hydrogen electrode to follow acid-base titrations; wrote a general chemistry text, *Principles of Chemistry*, which departed from standard texts of the time in that it emphasized chemical principles rather than memorization of specific facts; coached the U. S. Olympic ski team at the winter 1936 Olympics.

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