

future plans and to gather inspiration from their fellows after the manner of scientific societies generally, in this way using the combined knowledge of the association to advance the work;

3. By appealing for the support of Audubon societies all over the country on the ground that bird banding is a bird-protection movement, since to an important extent it will be possible in the future to substitute an examination of a live bird for the study of a dead one;

4. By ensuring as far as possible the *permanence* of the movement by means of institutional trapping stations operated by or in connection with Audubon societies, natural history societies, bird clubs, departments of ornithology or zoology at colleges and universities, bird sanctuaries, state and national parks, etc., in addition to stations operated by individuals; and

5. By establishing a convenient local depository of all bird-banding records made by members (an exact copy of the same of course being sent to the Biological Survey) in appropriate quarters where they may be studied by members of the association and others.

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SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

CONFERENCE ON BUSINESS TRAINING OF THE ENGINEER AND ENGINEERING TRAINING FOR STUDENTS OF BUSINESS

THE United States Commissioner of Education is calling a second public conference on commercial engineering on behalf of a committee on commercial engineering appointed by him to investigate business training of engineers and engineering training for students of business.

The conference will be held May 1 and 2 at the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh. President Arthur Hamerschlag of this institution is a member of the committee which is composed of prominent deans of schools of engineering, and of commerce in our larger universities, and of engineers and business men who are nationally known for their interest in the reduction of the costs of production, distribution, transportation, etc., through better training in schools and colleges of the personnel of industry and commerce.

The conference will be open to the public. Invitations to appoint delegates to the Pittsburgh Conference, however, will be sent by the commissioner of education to commercial and trade organizations, engineering and scientific societies, educational institutions and other groups as well as to prominent individuals.

Owing to the timeliness of the subject, the conference in Pittsburgh will even have greater national significance than the first public conference on this question, which was held in Washington two and one half years ago under the direction of this committee on commercial engineering of which Dr. Glen Levin Swiggett of the Bureau of Education is chairman. He says:

The four major topics of the conference will be presented and discussed at general and round table sessions by business men, educators and engineers, contributing to the construction of a cooperative program between education and business for the better coordination of all productive and distributive processes in trade and commerce. It is planned to have the second conference even more constructive than the first, since which time the curricula of 29 of the 119 engineering colleges reporting to the Bureau of Education have been favorably modified to include one or more of the four committee recommendations. Outstanding topics at the Pittsburgh conference will deal with the new problems that have recently arisen in modern industries, the solution of which demands a more scientific approach to include job analyses and personnel specifications and a translation of these into a new and teachable content for use in our engineering and commerce schools; with the training of the engineer for a better understanding of problems relating to community development; and with the training of the engineer for management of overseas engineering projects.

GIFT OF THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION FOR A SCHOOL OF HYGIENE IN LONDON

ACCORDING to a press dispatch to the New York Times the British minister of health announced on February 21 that the Rockefeller Foundation had offered to provide \$2,000,000 toward the cost of building and equipping a school of hygiene in London. This offer is on the understanding that the British Government