

HONORARY recognition has been conferred by the University of Wisconsin on four Wisconsin farmers and one Missouri man for outstanding service to the agriculture of the state and nation. Recognition is given by the university every February at the close of Farmers' Week, to from two to five men who have been outstanding leaders in agriculture. Dr. Edward A. Birge, the president, who has just completed 50 years of service in the university, presented the diplomas.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE has signed an order establishing national forests in eight military reservations. These are Pines Plains and Camp Upton, New York; Camp Dix, New Jersey; Tobyhanna Artillery Range, Pennsylvania; Camp Meade, Maryland, and Forts Humphreys, Eustis and Lee, Virginia.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

THE University of Leyden, founded in 1575, celebrated early in April its three hundred and fiftieth anniversary.

DR. WILLIAM J. CROZIER, professor of zoology at Rutgers University, has accepted a professorship at Harvard University.

PROFESSOR S. LEFSCHETZ, of the University of Kansas, has been appointed to an associate professorship of mathematics at Princeton University.

THE physics department of Princeton University announces the appointments of the following men as assistant professors: Dr. Henry D. Smyth, former National Research fellow and at present instructor in this department; Dr. Louis A. Turner, National Research fellow at Harvard University; Dr. Allen G. Shenstone, demonstrator in physics at the University of Toronto; Dr. Charles T. Zahn, National Research fellow at Princeton University.

DR. GILBERT MORGAN SMITH, of the University of Wisconsin, known for his work on algae, who was a visiting professor at Stanford University last year, will join the Stanford faculty permanently next year. Professor Douglas H. Campbell retires at the end of this year.

SOLON SHEDD, head of the department of geology at the State College of Washington and state geologist of Washington, has accepted a position at Stanford University, where he will have charge of the John Casper Branner Memorial Geological Library.

EARLE B. PHELPS has been appointed professor of sanitary science at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University. Professor Phelps has for a number of years been a member of the faculty

of the department of biology and public health of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and was later professor of chemistry at the Hygienic Laboratory, U. S. Public Health Service at Washington. The department of sanitary science is the second department of a group which will eventually constitute the Institute of Public Health of Columbia University founded under the terms of the will of the late Joseph De Lamar. The department of public health administration is headed by Professor Haven Emerson, who is responsible for developing this new effort in education and research in preventive medicine. In August the position of assistant professor of epidemiology will be filled and in September a new assistant professor of medicine in industrial hygiene will be added to the staff.

DR. N. B. DRYER, formerly of University College, London, has accepted an appointment in the department of physiology of Dalhousie University at Halifax.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE CONFUSING TRAFFIC SIGNALS

A COUPLE of years ago I almost got into serious trouble for flagrant disregard of traffic signals, when, in fact, I supposed I was obeying them, and came to with a queer "gone" feeling when told quite fiercely that I was not. I had wanted to drive across Euclid Avenue, an east and west main thoroughfare, had seen the "stop" signal, had said "That's good" and had driven straight across.

What was wrong? Not only was I tired, but the occurrence took place at the end of a long period in which I had not been driving but had done a good deal of dodging to and fro across the avenue on foot. To a person on the sidewalk the word "stop" in the middle of the crossroads means "It is safe to cross the street you are on" (Figure No. 1); and if most

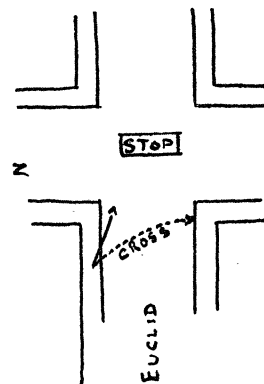


FIG. 1

of a pedestrian's careful street-crossing is done on some one street, like Euclid Avenue, the sign comes