

THE Kansas Entomological Society, in conjunction with the Kansas Academy of Science, has held its fifth annual meeting. Eight entomological papers were presented, one being an illustrated talk on "Entomologists and Their Laboratories in Europe," by Dr. H. B. Hungerford, of Kansas University. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: Dr. H. B. Hungerford, department of entomology, University of Kansas, *president*; Mr. J. R. Horton, Bureau of Entomology, Wichita, Kansas, *vice-president*; Dr. R. L. Parker, Kansas State Agricultural College, *secretary-treasurer*. Dr. Parker was also elected a member of the executive council of the Kansas Academy of Science, representing the Kansas Entomological Society. The publication of the *Journal* of the Kansas Entomological Society is in its second volume, and is publishing entomological papers of the region between the Mississippi Valley and the Rocky Mountain region.

THE agricultural colleges of eight southwestern states are organizing to solve erosion problems and at a meeting at College Station, Texas, on June 20 and 21, will invite farmers, farm editors, railroad officials, bankers, representatives of fertilizer companies and millers to assist the extension and research workers of the states in planning an erosion-prevention program which will be coordinate with the national program approved by Congress.

SAMUEL S. FELS, the soap manufacturer, will give a planetarium to the Franklin Institute at Philadelphia.

THE commission provided for under the migratory bird conservation act passed by the last session of Congress includes three members of the President's Cabinet, who serve *ex officio*, and include the Secretary of Agriculture, who is chairman of the commission, the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the Interior. In addition, two members of the Senate and two members of the House of Representatives are made members of the commission, to be named by the Vice-President and the Speaker of the House. The two Senators appointed are Peter Norbeck, South Dakota, who was the author of the Senate migratory bird refuge bill, and Senator Harry Hawes, of Missouri. The House members appointed are Congressman Ernest R. Ackerman, of New Jersey, and Congressman Sam McReynolds, of Tennessee, says a bulletin of the American Game Protective Association. The duty of this commission is to pass upon the purchase of lands selected by the Bureau of Biological Survey as suitable for migratory bird refuges. It is anticipated that two or more such refuges will be selected for each state, due consideration being given to the areas frequented by the birds for wintering and routes taken by them in their migratory flight.

The migratory bird act provides for the expenditure of an appropriation of more than \$7,000,000 to be expended over a period of ten years.

THE *Experiment Station Record* reports that the union of the Federal Experiment Station with the Hawaii University Station is provided in a joint agreement recently effected by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the university. The combined station will be known as the Hawaii Experiment Station and will have as its director John M. Westgate, the present director of the federal station. The research staff will include all former members of the staff of that station and in addition a number of specialists from the university faculty.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

By the will of the late Frank L. Hall, of Kansas City, De Pauw University will receive the residue of his estate said to be of the value of at least \$750,000.

GIFTS have been made for the proposed internal reconstruction of the medical buildings of the University of Edinburgh of £20,000 from the trustees of the late Sir William Dunn and £35,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation.

SIR THOMAS HENRY HOLLAND, rector of the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London, has been appointed principal of the University of Edinburgh in succession to Sir Alfred Ewing. Sir Thomas, who is a Canadian by birth and sixty-one years of age, was formerly professor of geology and mineralogy at Manchester. Sir Robert Falconer, president of the University of Toronto, had declined an offer of the principalship at Edinburgh.

DR. HAROLD R. PHALEN, professor of mathematics and instructor in physics at St. Stephen's College, Columbia University, has been appointed dean of the college.

DR. K. LARK-HOROVITZ has been promoted to be director of the physics research laboratory at Purdue University.

DR. HENRY M. WINANS, of Dallas, Texas, has been appointed professor and chairman of the department of medicine at Baylor University College of Medicine.

DR. DAVID S. PANKRATZ, who is completing his work for the doctorate of philosophy in the department of anatomy of the University of Kansas this spring, has been appointed assistant professor of anatomy in the college of medicine of the University of Tennessee at Memphis.

DR. FRITZ PANETH, professor of chemistry at the University of Berlin, has been called to Königsberg.