

awakening ambition, and throughout the central northwest to-day are great numbers of young men and young women, graduates or former students of the school, in positions of leadership and influence. He was also held in highest regard by his colleagues in the university department of agriculture.

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RECENT DEATHS

DR. ASAPH HALL, of the U. S. Naval Observatory, who retired from a professorship of mathematics in the U. S. Navy on June 30 of last year, died on January 12 in his seventy-first year.

WILLIAM ALLEN ORTON, director of the Tropical Plant Research Foundation, died on January 7 at the age of fifty-two years. Dr Orton ended twenty-five years' service as plant pathologist of the Department of Agriculture in 1924.

DR. H. J. PACK, entomologist of the staff of the Utah Agricultural Experiment Station, died on January 5.

WILLIAM EDWARD MEEHAN, designer and for seventeen years director of the municipal aquarium in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, died on January 2 at the age of seventy-six years. Mr. Meehan had been an associate editor of *The Public Ledger* for fifteen years and was the botanist of the Peary Relief Expedition to North Greenland in 1892.

HENRY J. COX, aged sixty-six, meteorologist of the U. S. Weather Bureau in Chicago, died on January 7.

DR. JOHN ROBERT BENTON, dean of the college of engineering in the University of Florida, has died at the age of fifty-three years.

COLONEL ROBERT A. MARR, inventor and civil engineer, died on January 2 at the age of seventy-three years. Colonel Marr was head of the department of civil engineering of the Virginia Military Institute and later became dean of engineering at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

PROFESSOR PHILIP JACOB WHITE, professor of zoology at the University College of North Wales, Bangor, died on December 26 at the age of sixty-seven years. He was director of the Puffin Island Biological Station. He reached the age limit for retirement two years ago, but was granted an extension till the close of the present session.

THE following resolution was adopted at the mid-winter meeting of the Western Society of Naturalists:

The members of the Western Society of Naturalists have learned of the tragic disaster to the ship *Carnegie* which interrupted important researches in terrestrial magnetism, meteorology and oceanography and caused the untimely death of Captain J. P. Ault, a man unique in the history of science, combining the highest scientific attainments with unusual qualities of leadership; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That the Western Society of Naturalists at their mid-winter meeting at the Hopkins Marine Station, at Pacific Grove, extend their sincere sympathy to Captain Ault's family and to the Carnegie Institution of Washington; and, be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Ault, to the Carnegie Institution of Washington and to SCIENCE.

G. F. McEWEN,
T. G. THOMPSON,
E. G. MOBERG, *chairman*

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

MUSEUM AND LABORATORY FOR THE STUDY OF INDIAN LIFE

PLANS for the construction of a museum and laboratory for the study of American Indian Life in the heart of the cliff-dwelling area of New Mexico have been completed with the selection as architect of John Gaw Meem, of Santa Fé, member of the American Institute of Architects, according to an announcement by the Board of Trustees of the Laboratory of Anthropology at Santa Fé. The first unit of the proposed group of buildings will be built in the early spring with funds granted by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Mr. Rockefeller has given \$200,000 for the erection and equipment of the first of the ten units planned, and will also contribute the income of a fund of \$300,000 toward the budget of the laboratory for five years. Additional contributions, and possibly a per-

manent endowment, are expected from the same source if the laboratory proves its value as a lasting operative institution.

When completed the project will provide research laboratories, museum exhibitions, libraries, lecture halls and adequate facilities for graduate instruction in archeology as well as public education in the history of America's native races. Standing in the center of the cliff-dwelling area, and near the largest Pueblo Indian villages, the laboratories will enable research workers to study New Mexico's valuable historic relics without their removal from the state.

The buildings will be erected on a fifty-acre plot on the outskirts of Santa Fé. Mr. Meem has designed the plans for the group in what is termed the "Santa Fé" style of architecture. The first unit will cover a ground area of about 8,000 square feet and will contain on one floor administrative offices, exhibition