

GLENN H. CURTISS, the widely known aviation pioneer, died on July 23.

THE death at the age of sixty-three years is reported of Dr. Wyatt William Randall, chief of the bureau of chemistry of the Maryland Department of Health and associate in chemistry in the School of Hygiene and Public Health of the Johns Hopkins University.

DR. ARTHUR A. LAW, one of the founders of the American College of Surgeons and for many years a professor in the department of surgery of the University of Minnesota, died on July 9 at the age of fifty-eight years.

DR. CHARLES CHANNING ALLEN, dean emeritus of the Kansas City Western Dental College, died on July 15.

WILLIAM HENRY BRISTOL, president of the Bristol Company at Waterbury, Connecticut, known as the manufacturer of recording instruments and as the inventor of the Bristolphone, an instrument which synchronized sound and action in motion pictures, died in June at the age of seventy-one years.

MEMORIALS

A DISPATCH from Oslo reports that a ceremony took place recently at the monument of Niels Henrik

Abel, the great mathematician, when the Italian mathematicians paid him homage through Dr. Bruno de Mori. The Italian legation, the University of Oslo, Norwegian mathematicians and the government were represented.

A MEETING in honor of the late Dr. Fridtjof Nansen held on July 14 at the Royal Society of Arts was addressed by Lord Cecil, Mr. P. N. Baker, Mr. Cunninghame Graham, the Norwegian minister and others. The chair was taken by Mr. J. Howard Whitehouse, chairman of the committee for the preservation of the *Fram*.

THE *Journal* of the American Medical Association states that "fellows and friends of the London School of Tropical Medicine have subscribed more than £6,000 toward the establishment of a memorial home for the school which Sir Patrick Manson founded and where he taught for twenty years. To further this tribute to the father of modern tropical medicine, the fellows have sent out a general appeal for £20,000 in the belief that many individuals outside of the small professional circle of tropical medicine will help. Donations may be sent to Dr. George Carmichael Low, the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, 11 Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W. 1."

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

SCIENCE SERVICE RADIO TALKS

THROUGH the courtesy of the Columbia Broadcasting System in placing a weekly fifteen-minute period at its disposal, Science Service has been presenting a radio talk by a prominent scientist every Friday afternoon at 3:45 p.m., Eastern Time. These began on Friday, March 28, with a talk by Dr. Warren S. Thompson, director of the Scripps Foundation for Research in Population Problems, on "Our Future Population." They are presented through a network of thirty to forty broadcasting stations covering the country from coast to coast.

Other speakers in the series to date have been: Dr. Paul Heyl, U. S. Bureau of Standards; Dean Edward W. Berry, the Johns Hopkins University; Dr. Charles G. Abbot, secretary, Smithsonian Institution; Dr. Harlan T. Stetson, director, Perkins Observatory, Ohio Wesleyan University; Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, president of Stanford University and Secretary of the Interior; Dr. Walter V. Bingham, director, Personnel Research Federation; Dr. John C. Merriam, president, Carnegie Institution of Washington; Sir William Bragg, director, Royal Institution of Great Britain; Dr. A. C. Lane, professor of

geology, Tufts College; Dr. Fay-Cooper Cole, professor of anthropology, University of Chicago; Dr. Kirtley F. Mather, chairman, department of geology and geography, Harvard University; Dr. Frank E. Lutz, curator of entomology, American Museum of Natural History; Mr. H. N. Eaton, physicist, U. S. Bureau of Standards; Dr. Samuel A. Mitchell, director, Leander McCormick Observatory, University of Virginia, and Dr. Knight Dunlap, professor of experimental psychology, the Johns Hopkins University. All the talks are arranged by Mr. James Stokley, of the editorial staff of Science Service, under the general direction of Watson Davis.

For the months of August and September, Science Service has announced the following program.

- August 1. Dr. Charles P. Olivier, director of the Flower Observatory of the University of Pennsylvania—"The August Meteors."
- August 8. Dr. W. J. Humphreys, professor of meteorological physics, U. S. Weather Bureau—"Weather and Aviation."
- August 15. Mr. H. N. Wheeler, U. S. Forest Service—"Fighting Forest Fires."
- August 22. Dr. John M. Arthur, Boyce Thompson