

Muddy Mountain Thrust in Fact and in Fiction," printed in *SCIENCE*, July 29. Mr. Gale was the first geologist to visit White Basin, in southern Nevada, after the discovery there of the mineral colemanite. He writes that John Perkins recorded his first claim in March, 1920, and not in the fall of that year as I had supposed. However, it was not until November, 1920, that the Western Borax Company acquired an interest in the deposits and began the first mining development in the district. This same company

built the automobile road connecting the district with the Union Pacific Railroad; in my article the Pacific Coast Borax Company is given credit for building this road.

Although neither of these points affect the main thought of my published article, I wish to make the corrections in the interest of strict accuracy of the record.

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## SOCIETIES AND ACADEMIES

### THE NORTH CAROLINA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

THE thirty-first annual meeting of the North Carolina Academy of Science was held at Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C., on May 6 and 7, 1932, with 215 members and visitors registered at the meeting. Papers were presented before the general section of the academy on the first day. In the evening the retiring president, F. A. Wolf, professor of botany at Duke University, gave the presidential address on "An Old Botanical Puzzle" (tobacco frenching). On the second day the academy met in the following sections: general section, chemistry section, mathematics section and physics section. Seventy papers and ten exhibits were on the program. (Abstracts of most of these and complete papers of several will appear in an early number of the *Journal of the Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society*.)

Resolutions of respect were passed in honor of two deceased members, William Willard Ashe, senior forest inspector in "Region 7" of the U. S. Forest Service, a charter member of the academy; and of Mary Frances Seymour, professor of biology at Catawba College.

The academy celebrated its thirty years of active service by electing to life membership those charter members now on its roll. These members are C. S. Brimley, zoologist with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture; H. H. Brimley, curator of the State Museum; W. L. Poteat, president emeritus and professor of biology at Wake Forest College; Franklin Sherman, Jr., professor of entomology at Clemson College; and H. V. Wilson, professor of zoology at the University of North Carolina. The academy also elected to life membership C. W. Stiles, recently retired from the U. S. Public Health Service, who, though not a charter member of the academy, has held membership for many years while laboring so effectively for health improvement throughout the South. The executive committee reported the election of thirty-five active members during the year.

Miss Frances Katherine Faust, a student of the Greensboro Senior High School, was declared the winner of the high-school science prize, a silver loving-cup, for the best essay submitted by a high-school student. (Essays for 1932 were confined to the fields of chemistry and physics).

The officers elected for 1933 were:

#### GENERAL ACADEMY

*President*, J. B. Bullitt, University of North Carolina.

*Vice-president*, Earl H. Hall, North Carolina College.

*Secretary-treasurer*, H. R. Totten, University of North Carolina.

*Executive Committee*, the above officers; W. L. Porter, Davidson College; F. W. Sherwood, N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station; Charles M. Heck, State College.

*Representative to the A. A. A. S.*, H. R. Totten, University of North Carolina.

#### CHEMISTRY SECTION

*Chairman*, F. W. Sherwood, N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station.

*Vice-chairman*, H. D. Crockford, University of North Carolina.

*Secretary-treasurer*, R. W. Bost, University of North Carolina.

*Councilor*, L. G. Willis, State College.

*Executive Committee*, L. A. Bigelow, Duke University; A. S. Wheeler, University of North Carolina; J. H. Saylor, Duke University.

#### MATHEMATICS SECTION

*Chairman*, J. M. Thomas, Duke University.

*Secretary*, Helen Barton, North Carolina College.

#### PHYSICS SECTION

*Chairman*, H. E. Fulcher, Davidson College.

*Secretary*, C. N. Warfield, North Carolina College.

The thirty-second annual meeting of the North Carolina Academy of Science will be held at Davidson College, Davidson, N. C., in the spring of 1933.

H. R. TOTTON,

*Secretary*