

regional forester at Missoula, Mont., has been placed in charge of Emergency Conservation Work and will have under his direction all Forest Service activities in connection with the Civilian Conservation Corps, including allocation of camps and planning and supervision of work projects.

These appointments are effective immediately, with the exception of the assignment of Mr. Tinker, which will be effective as of January 1, 1936.

PROGRAM OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE

MORE than 100 events, planned to bring the discoveries of science to the general public, or to interpret the social and economic implications of modern scientific developments, are announced by the American Institute in its 108th annual program, at its offices in the Lincoln Building, New York City.

There are 36 meetings or other events on the adult program, 16 on the associate program and 45 on the junior program.

The adult program consists of twenty-seven meetings, including eighteen round tables, eight large general meetings on science and one dinner meeting at which the institute will award its gold medal "for outstanding work in science which has a broad incidence on human welfare."

Prominent figures in various fields of scientific research will lead the round table discussions. Topics and speakers of these panels include: "Science in Crime Detection," led by H. H. Clegg, assistant director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice; "Casting the 200-inch Glass Reflecting Mirror for the World's Largest Telescope," discussed by A. E. Marshall, president of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, and "The Asylum Passes," led by Dr. Ross McClure Chapman.

The large general meetings will include such subjects as: "The Promise of Television"; "Recent Discoveries in Biology and Medicine," and "The Applications of the Scientific Method to the Problems of Society."

The associate members' program, designed for young men and women of college age, will consist of some 16 meetings, including 9 round table discussions, 3 field trips, 2 meetings at which the associate members themselves will present the talks and demonstrations and 2 social evenings. The associate member round tables will be similar in character to those for adults and will include such subjects as "The Chemistry of Vitamins and Hormones," "Cellulose in Our Modern Chemical Industry," "Psychological Vagaries in Mental Disease" and "Earthquakes."

The field trips are the outstanding novelty of the college-age program. On November 9 the associates

were taken on a "Tour of the Research Laboratories of Columbia University Devoted to the Separation of Isotopes," conducted by Dr. Harold C. Urey. On January 31 a second field trip will be made to the Research Bureau Laboratories of the Brooklyn Edison Company. This trip will be conducted by Ward F. Davidson, director of research.

The program for junior and senior high school children reaches the 5,000 boys and girls who are members of the institute's student science clubs. These junior activities are planned to give the outstanding science pupils of the city the advantage of scientific training supplementary to the school curriculum. This is done through a series of free workshop courses in science given in conjunction with the institute by New York University and the science museums of the city. The program also includes three large meetings at which prominent scientists give demonstration talks.

At Christmas time there will be a series of "Christmas Lectures" which will be combined with a Science Congress where the boys and girls themselves read papers and discuss their work in the science clubs during the term. This congress is based in plan on meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, with a dozen section meetings on different science subjects.

In the spring the institute's annual Children's Science Fair will be held, at which any boy or girl in the city, under eighteen years of age, may show his work in science and compete for prizes to be spent for further research.

THE NEXT INTERNATIONAL GENETICS CONGRESS

At the sixth International Genetics Congress, which was held at Ithaca, New York, in 1932, a Permanent International Committee of Genetics Congresses was elected consisting of representatives of fifteen different countries. The undersigned was asked to serve as chairman of this committee, the chief function of which was to designate the country in which the next congress is to be held.

After preliminary discussions of different alternatives the committee had the honor of receiving from the Presidium of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR an official invitation for the holding of the seventh International Congress in Moscow and Leningrad in 1937. In the invitation it is stated that the Academy of Sciences and its institutes, as well as other scientific institutions of the USSR, will be glad to devote their efforts to the organization of this congress. The invitation was signed by A. A. Borisjak, permanent secretary of the academy, and N. I. Vavilov, member of the International Committee of Genetics Congresses.