

My purpose is to bring together individuals, organizations and agencies interested in the restoration and conservation of wildlife resources. My hope is that through this conference new cooperation between public and private interests, and between Canada, Mexico and this country, will be developed; that from it will come constructive proposals for concrete action; that through these proposals existing state and federal governmental agencies and conservation groups can work cooperatively for the common good.

F. A. Silcox, chief of the United States Forest Service, was appointed chairman of the conference by the President, and a committee was designated to organize and develop a program.

Dr. Silcox says: All organizations and individuals interested in the restoration and conservation of wildlife are invited to attend and participate. Three major objectives constitute the fundamental purposes of the conference, as follows:

- (a) The organization of a permanent general federation of all agencies, societies, individuals and clubs interested in the restoration and conservation of wildlife resources with the avowed purpose of securing adequate recognition of the needs of wildlife resources;
- (b) The development of a North American program for the advancement of wildlife restoration and conservation;
- (c) The presentation of such facts, discoveries and information pertinent to wildlife as may contribute to the solution of our mutual problems.

A tentative proposal of methods for the permanent organization of a general federation of all wildlife conservation organizations and individuals will be presented by the committee on organization which will be subject to open discussion, modification and adoption by the conference. This federation if it is to be successful must confine itself to major objectives of national and state efficiency and support for recognized common aims. Such aims may be presumed to be:

- (a) The comprehensive restoration and conservation of wildlife resources;
- (b) Adequate financial support from public funds;
- (c) Recognition of conservationists in the selection of conservation executives;
- (d) Demand wildlife representation on state and federal resource and planning agencies and that in authorization of projects financed by public funds which affect land or waters important to wildlife adequate consideration be given to the biological consequences;
- (e) Effective registration of mass opposition to activities which have proved to be inimical to wildlife interests and which are without adequate justification for public good.
- (f) By a consideration of the international aspects of

wildlife, develop a program which would unite the interests of the nations involved.

The Mayflower Hotel, Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C., has been selected as general headquarters. All meetings will be held there except the daily mass meetings, which will be in the Connecting Wing Auditorium on Constitution Avenue. Requests for further information, and all communications, should be addressed to Mr. Silcox.

#### THE GOLD MEDAL AND FELLOWSHIPS OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE, NEW YORK

THE Gold Medal of the American Institute will be presented to Dr. John C. Merriam, secretary of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, at the annual dinner meeting, which will be held on February 6 at the Hotel Pierre at 7:30 p. m.

The medal is awarded to Dr. Merriam "for his discoveries in paleontology, his effective promotion of research and his recognition of the place of science in man's affairs."

Fellowships of the institute will be presented to Dr. Harrison E. Howe "for service to science and industry by the interchange of research results among investigators throughout the world and by creating a better public understanding of the functions of research and its place in the advance of civilization." To Howard W. Blakeslee "for his contribution to man's fuller understanding of the world in which he lives by accurate presentation of the news of science in the language of the layman and for his service to the development of science through fostering the public's interest in its advances."

The medal and fellowship presentations were made as follows by Alfred Knight, president of the institute:

Presentation of Dr. Harrison E. Howe by Dean Carl William Ackerman, School of Journalism, Columbia University. Address by Dr. Howe, editor of *Industrial and Engineering Chemistry*, "Science As News."

Presentation of Howard W. Blakeslee by Dean Ackerman. Address by Mr. Blakeslee, science editor, Associated Press, "Influence on the Public of Science News in the Press."

Presentation of Dr. John C. Merriam by Dr. William K. Gregory, professor of Vertebrate Paleontology, Columbia University; curator, Department of Comparative Anatomy, and Department of Ichthyology, American Museum of Natural History. Address by Dr. Merriam, president, Carnegie Institution of Washington, "Science and Human Values."

#### RECENT DEATHS AND MEMORIALS

DR. HENRY TABER, since 1921 professor emeritus of mathematics at Clark University, previously since 1888 docent and professor, died on January 6. He was seventy-five years old.