

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.

ARTHUR MACDONALD, at one time specialist in the U. S. Bureau of Education, the author of many publications on anthropology and criminology, died on January 17 at the age of seventy-nine years.

FOSTER HENDRICKSON BENJAMIN, associate entomologist in the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, died on January 21. He was forty years old.

THE Albany Medical College and Hospital announces that it has named the new laboratory building "The Theobald Smith Memorial Laboratory" in recognition of his outstanding scientific achievements. Dr. Smith was a native of Albany, where he was born on July 31, 1859. He attended the city schools and was graduated from the Albany High School from which he went to Cornell University. In 1883 he received the degree of doctor of medicine from the Albany Medical College.

THE trustees of the American Museum of Natural History have adopted a resolution directing that a bust of the late Henry Fairfield Osborn, for twenty-five years president of the museum, be placed in the memorial hall of that institution in commemoration of

his work. The trustees also decided that Professor Osborn's rooms in the southeast tower, where he worked, should be set aside as a place for paleontological research.

THE *Journal* of the American Medical Association states that a room containing historical material has been set aside at the University of California Medical School in honor of the late Dr. Leroy Crummer, Los Angeles, who inaugurated systematic instruction in medical history in the school. The exhibit includes Dr. Crummer's library and donations by physicians. Dr. Crummer, who died in 1934, was clinical professor of medical history and bibliography at the medical school and professor of the history of medicine, University of Southern California School of Medicine.

*Nature* reports that a marble plaque has recently been affixed to the birthplace at Villeneuve-le-Guyard of Professor Chauveau, who was born there in 1827 and died in Paris in 1917. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Academy of Medicine, honorary professor of the Veterinary School at Lyons, professor at the Paris Museum and inspector of the French Veterinary Schools.

## SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE F. Paul Anderson Gold Medal for distinguished scientific achievements in the field of heating, ventilating and air conditioning has been awarded to Dr. Arthur Cutts Willard, president of the University of Illinois, by the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers. The presentation was made at the forty-second annual meeting of the society held in Chicago on January 29. The faculty and officers of administration of the University of Illinois will honor Dr. Willard at a function on the evening of February 3. The occasion is for the purpose of "expressing our appreciation of the action of the board of trustees in selecting as president a distinguished member of our group. We can also express to President Willard our admiration for his work as a member of the faculty and for his leadership since he became president in July, 1934."

FRANK W. CALDWELL, engineering manager of the Hamilton Standard propeller division of the United Aircraft Manufacturing Corporation of East Hartford, Conn., has received the Sylvanus Albert Reed Award of the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences. This award, consisting of a certificate and \$250, was endowed with a bequest of \$10,000 by the late Dr. S. A. Reed and is presented annually for "a notable contribution to the aeronautical sciences resulting from experimental or theoretical investigations, the beneficial influence of which on the development of prac-

tical aeronautics is apparent." Mr. Caldwell received the presentation at the annual dinner of the institute, held at Columbia University on January 30, for "increasing the effectiveness of aircraft through development and improvement of controllable and constant-speed propellers."

DR. E. V. MCCOLLUM, professor of biochemistry at the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health, has been presented with the Callahan Memorial Award by the Ohio State Dental Society. This award is a gold medal given each year to a person "who has made a contribution to dental science which is of very exceptional value."

OFFICERS of the American Physical Society were elected at the St. Louis meeting as follows: *President*, Dr. F. K. Richtmyer, professor of physics and dean of the Graduate School of Cornell University; *Vice-president*, Dr. H. M. Randall, professor of physics and director of the physical laboratory of the University of Michigan; *Members of the Council*, Dr. J. W. Beams, professor of physics at the University of Virginia, and E. C. Crittenden, physicist of the Bureau of Standards. *Members of the board of editors of The Physical Review*, Dr. H. A. Bethe, Dr. L. A. DuBridge, assistant professor of physics, Washington University (St. Louis) and Dr. M. A. Tuve, physicist at the Carnegie Institution of Washington.