

later, having published a valuable report ("Fauna of the National Parks," a preliminary survey of faunal relationships in national parks, National Park Service, Fauna Series No. 1, May, 1933, 157 pp.) he became associate field naturalist and chief of the Wildlife Division. Another report dealing with wildlife management in the national parks was published as a second unit in the fauna series in 1935.

Called to Washington to aid with emergency work, Mr. Wright directed the efforts of a committee which prepared the Recreation Section of the National Resources Board Report (now in press). Minor biological papers and notes have appeared in *The Condor*, *The Gull*, *The Scientific Monthly* and *The Journal of Mammalogy*. His writings, as well as his work, indicate a unique vitality and intellectual integrity. To him, perhaps, more than to any one else must go the credit for developing a concept of conservation in which man mingles with the other animals and maintains that priceless association by intelligently restraining his own acquisitive and reorganizing tendencies.

H. C. B.

RECENT DEATHS

PROFESSOR WILLIAM GILBERT MIXTER, who was a member of the faculty of Yale University for forty-

five years, died on March 10. He was in his ninetieth year. Professor Mixter, who retired from active teaching in 1913, was known for his work in inorganic and thermal chemistry.

DR. WILLIAM HOLLAND WILMER, who was director of the Wilmer Ophthalmological Institute at the Johns Hopkins University from its founding in 1922 until his retirement in 1934, died on March 12 at the age of seventy-three years.

A CORRESPONDENT writes: "Dr. Kary Cadmus Davis, professor of the teaching of agriculture at the George Peabody College for Teachers, died on February 4 at the age of sixty-eight years. He was the first to receive the Ph.D. degree in agriculture (Cornell) in the United States. He was the author of some forty books on agricultural topics, and had taught at Peabody for twenty-two years."

JOHN SCOTT HALDANE, honorary professor and director of the Mining Research Laboratory of Birmingham University, died on March 15. He was seventy-six years old.

GEORGE THURLAND PRIOR, formerly keeper of the Department of Minerals at the Museum of Natural History, Kensington, London, died on March 8 at the age of seventy-three years.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

SCIENTIFIC MEN AND THE AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION

ACCORDING to a United Press dispatch, a number of scientific men connected with the U. S. Department of Agriculture have been stranded without money in out-of-the-way places throughout the world since the AAA was invalidated on January 6.

They were sent to their various posts to investigate methods of promoting agriculture in the United States. They searched for insects with which to combat farm blights such as the Mediterranean fruit-fly and for new plants which would aid in fighting water and wind erosion.

Several went to Hawaii to study conditions there and twenty others went to Puerto Rico. Others traveled to scattered points in Africa, India and South America. All, according to the dispatch, except a fortunate few who had built up a reserve fund of cash, were forced to exist on loans or the charity of friends since the AAA decision.

The dispatch continues:

On January 6 the Supreme Court declared processing taxes invalid. Payments were halted on all items which previously had been paid from processing tax receipts. No more money was available.

AAA officials, mindful of the plight of the scientists, succeeded in having an item inserted in the deficiency appropriation bill setting aside \$670,000 to carry on and complete the surveys—and, incidentally, provide salary payments to the scientists as well as sufficient money to bring them back to this country. The bill was approved on February 11.

The money thus far has not been made available to the AAA or to the Department of Agriculture, however, because Comptroller-General John R. McCarl questions whether continuation of the project is legal under the court's ruling.

IN HONOR OF PROFESSOR CHANCEY JUDAY, OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

FRIENDS of Professor Chancey Juday gathered at dinner on Friday, February 28, at the Memorial Union of the University of Wisconsin, to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of his service with the Natural History Division of the Wisconsin Geological Survey. Professor Juday has conducted his researches on fresh-water lakes continuously since 1905. Having been president of the Microscopical Society and the Ecological Society, he was elected first president of the American Limnological Society, which was founded at St. Louis in June, 1935.