

more than a hundred graduate research workers, thus enabling them to carry on their own research at the same time. Included in the grant again this year is an appropriation of \$17,000 to permit faculty members to carry on during the summer certain lines of research which are already under way.

Funds are again included for the continuation of special fellowships and scholarships and for several post-doctorate fellowships. \$20,000 is appropriated for the special fellowships and scholarships which were inaugurated two years ago. Known as the Wisconsin Alumni Foundation fellowships, these special fellowships and scholarships are granted to the most gifted young scholars and scientists that can be found in the United States.

The sum of \$7,500 is included in this year's grant for the continuation of several post-doctorate fellowships with which it will be possible to bring to the state university unusually gifted men who have already proved their ability to carry on independent research work in the natural sciences.

A new item in the allotment is a fund of \$10,500 for the establishment of a "University Press." The establishment of the University Press does not mean that the university will engage in the printing business, but merely means that funds of the press will be used to publish pamphlets and books on scientific and educational reports of the university, and that all such publications will bear the stamp, "The University of Wisconsin Press."

The grant also includes \$8,000, which will provide for the continuation of the work now being done by Professor Aldo Leopold on game management and land-waste problems in connection with the university arboretum. Dr. H. L. Russell, director of the foundation, in a statement recently issued said:

When it is realized that this organization started only ten years ago with no capital other than a single application in the U. S. Patent Office; that in this period of time it has built up a list of sixteen patents, not only in the United States and Canada, but in foreign countries as well; that it has developed a business organization with permanent offices in Madison, Chicago and New York, and has created an investment portfolio capable of yielding as interest over \$160,000 this year, it is apparent that this method of handling university patentable ideas is being worked out in a unique way at the University of Wisconsin.

MEETING OF TEXAS GEOLOGISTS

THE Southwestern Geological Society, the Bureau of Economic Geology and the Department of Geology of the University of Texas were hosts to the geologists of Texas and adjacent states on February 13. A preliminary meeting was held at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel on Friday evening, at which the leaders of the

three field trips briefly outlined the area to be covered. These were as follows: One to the central mineral region under the leadership of Dr. H. B. Stenzel; one to the Cretaceous in the vicinity of Austin under the direction of Professor F. L. Whitney, and one to the lower Tertiary to the east of Austin led by Dr. R. H. Cuyler. Approximately one hundred and forty geologists attended the various field trips.

Following the field trips, dinner was served at the University Commons. At the dinner Dr. H. Y. Benedict, president of the University of Texas, spoke briefly of his student days at the university under Dr. R. T. Hill, first professor of geology, and Dr. F. W. Simonds, Dr. Hill's successor. Both Dr. Hill and Dr. Simonds were guests at the dinner. At the close of Dr. Benedict's talk, portraits of both Dr. Hill and Dr. Simonds were presented to the department of geology to be hung in the seminar room of the geology building. Following the presentation of the portraits, Dr. Parker D. Trask, a graduate of the University of Texas, spoke on "Source Beds of Petroleum." Dr. Trask is an associate geologist with the United States Geological Survey and has been identified with the National Research Council in an investigation of the source beds of petroleum. Following his address the visiting geologists were conducted through the geology building and were entertained at an informal reception by the faculty and students.

FOSTER LECTURE FOUNDATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BUFFALO

MRS. ORRIN E. FOSTER, of Buffalo, has established and endowed as a memorial to her husband at the University of Buffalo a permanent lecture foundation in chemistry and allied sciences.

Long-time friends of the university, Orrin E. Foster and his family were the donors of Foster Hall, which was the first new building to be erected on the North Main Street Campus. The hall was dedicated on October 27, 1922, in connection with the inauguration of Chancellor Capen as head of the university. It has served as a laboratory for students of chemistry and pharmacy.

Since income from the new gift is now available, plans have been completed to inaugurate the foundation at once, with a series of public lectures, beginning in March. Four of the lecturers and their subjects are as follows:

March 18, Dr. Karl K. Darrow, of the Bell Telephone Laboratories of New York City, "Atoms and Elements."

March 23, Dr. Marston T. Bogert, professor of chemistry at Columbia University, "Around the World in Search of Perfumes."

April 6, Dr. Frank C. Whitmore, dean of physical sciences at Pennsylvania State College and president-elect of the American Chemical Society, "What Do the Organic Chemists Really Know?"