

Seismological Observatory and the estate of Joseph Desloge on the Missouri River.

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### THE PROPOSED AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY

PROPOSALS for the organization of an American Association of Applied and Professional Psychology have been issued by a national committee, and a program of professional activities and applied research is planned for August 30 and 31 at the University of Minnesota in connection with the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association. All psychologists concerned with the application of psychology as a science, whether members or not of a national, regional, state or local association of applied psychology, are invited to participate in these meetings. The proposals for the American Association of Applied Psychology are published in full in the June issue of *The Journal of Applied Psychology*.

The need for a professional psychological organization had its inception in 1917 among psychologists in the United States Army during the World War and an association of clinical psychologists was then formed which in 1919 became the Clinical Section of the American Psychological Association. State associations of professional psychology commenced their development in 1921 with the New York State Association of Consulting Psychologists, out of which grew the present regional Association of Consulting Psychologists with a membership in twenty-one states and the District of Columbia. Now there are about fifteen state and regional associations, including associations well advanced in professional organization in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Minnesota, Illinois and Indiana. The proposals provide for an amalgamation of all professional psychological interests along similar lines to those followed by other professional national bodies.

The National Committee for Affiliation of Applied and Professional Psychology, which is composed of Robert G. Bernreuter (Penn. State), Francis N. Maxfield (Ohio State), Donald G. Paterson (Minnesota), Martin L. Reymert (Mooseheart) and Douglas Fryer (N. Y. U.); *chairman*, has had the assistance of a number of special committees in the preparation of its plans for the association. The program of the Minnesota meetings is prepared by a committee of affiliated organizations, of which Robert A. Brotemarkle, University of Pennsylvania, is chairman. Reports of applied research will be given on the mornings of August 30 and 31 and the afternoon programs consist of symposia for the discussion of professional problems such as the standardization of psychological measures, the

training and internship of applied psychologists, methods of conducting surveys of group attitudes and market research, the development of technical psychological manuals, the establishing of quantitative standards for the licensing of professional psychologists and planning for technical exhibits of psychological work.

The organization for an educational section has been prepared by a committee of fifty educational psychologists under the chairmanship of P. M. Symonds, Teachers College, Columbia University; for a clinical section it has been prepared by a committee under the chairmanship of F. N. Maxfield, the Ohio State University; for a consulting section by a committee under the chairmanship of Richard Paynter, Long Island University, and for an industrial and business section by a committee under the chairmanship of Harold E. Burt, the Ohio State University. Organization meetings for these sections will be held on August 30. Proposals for the organization of a board of affiliates, for the representation of state professional associations, have been prepared by J. Q. Holsopple, Trenton. The board of affiliates, which will integrate state professional activities on a national basis, will have its organization meeting on August 31. Members of the association may be accepted as members of specialized sections according to standards established by them, and these sections and the board of affiliates will have representation in the governing body of the association.

### MARINE BIOLOGICAL LABORATORIES

THE Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole, Mass., has opened its fiftieth summer season with the largest attendance in its history. The number of investigators and research assistants, when the registration for 1937 is complete, promises considerably to surpass the previous high figures of 362 in 1931 and 358 in 1936. The registration in the courses of instruction, which is limited by the available classroom space, as in past years, will be about 140. Of the five courses given in 1937, those in embryology, physiology and protozoology will be held during the first and those in invertebrate zoology and botany during the second half of the summer. As head of the course in invertebrate zoology, Professor T. H. Bissonnette, of Trinity College, this year succeeds Professor E. C. Cole, of Williams College, whose very successful services in this capacity began in 1932. Among the recent additions to the scientific equipment of the laboratory the most important is a new and very powerful x-ray unit, which will be under the general scientific supervision of Dr. G. Failla, of Memorial Hospital, New York City, and will be operated by an experienced technician. Another recently completed and useful aid to investigation is a large dehumidified room in which electrical measurements and experiments of various