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Simultaneously with the meeting of the academy, 210 members of the Junior Academy met under the direction of Professor Karl F. Oerlein, Pennsylvania State Teachers College at California. It is planned to hold the 1939 summer meeting at Laporte, Pa., when geologic and biologic field trips will be arranged. The regular meeting for 1940 is to take place at Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa. The dates of these meetings are to be determined and announced later.

BRADFORD WILLARD,
Press Secretary

THE OKLAHOMA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

THE twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Oklahoma Academy of Science was held at Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, Stillwater, Oklahoma, on December 2 and 3, 1938. Of the 478 members, 275 attended the meeting. One hundred and twenty-five papers were presented in the various sections.

President Charles M. Perry presented the annual presidential address on Friday noon, December 2. The title of his talk was "The Doctrine of Levels Applied to the Sciences." Dr. Howard Odum, professor of sociology at the University of North Carolina, gave the annual address on Friday evening. The title of his lecture was "Social Conditions in the South." Another outstanding event of the meeting was an address by Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of the University of Oklahoma at Norman. Dr. Bizzell spoke on "Regionalism in Public Life."

A research award of \$50 for 1938, financed by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, was made to Dr. Henry Artis Miley, of Oklahoma A. and M. College. Dr. Miley is investigating tarnish films on copper. L. D. Alley of Enid and Oneta Carroll of Newkirk, two outstanding students from the state high school science clubs, were elected for honorary membership in the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The annual business meeting was held on Saturday, December 3. The following officers were elected for 1939:

President: H. D. Chase, University of Tulsa.

Vice-President, Section A: Roy M. Jones, Central State Teachers College.

Vice-President, Section B: Hugh M. Eley, University of Oklahoma.

Vice-President, Section C: Mark R. Everett, Medical School of the University of Oklahoma.

Vice-President, Section D: S. L. Reed, Oklahoma A. and M. College.

High School Relations Committee: Ora M. Clark, Bristow, and James G. Harlow, Oklahoma City.

Secretary-Treasurer: G. L. Cross, University of Oklahoma.

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer: H. I. Featherly, Oklahoma A. and M. College.

G. L. CROSS
Secretary-Treasurer

ACTIVITIES OF THE CUBAN SOCIETY OF NATURAL HISTORY

THE Cuban Society of Natural History (Sociedad Cubana de Historia Natural "Felipe Poey") held a memorial session on the one hundredth anniversary of the arrival in Cuba of three noted German naturalists: John Gundlach, Louis Pfeiffer and Edward Otto.

These three scientists, who had planned to go on to Central and South America, landed in Havana on the 5th of January, 1839. Gundlach, being unable to continue his trip to Surinam, Dutch Guiana, stayed in Cuba for the rest of his life and worked intensively on the Cuban fauna, building up a museum, the collections of which are to-day kept at the Instituto de la Habana. Pfeiffer, during his short stay, collected many mollusks and later was in constant correspondence with Gundlach, who supplied him with much material, enabling him to work extensively on the Cuban shells. Pfeiffer, due to his knowledge of mollusks, was called the "prince of malacology." Otto, botanist, collected a great number of plants from this tropical island. As a result of the work done by these scientists during the past century, the Cuban society rendered a hearty tribute to them at the University Museum (Museo Poey) in the University of Havana. This session, under the direction of Dr. Carlos de la Torre, president of the society, at the same time inaugurated its new board of governors, which had been elected last December to serve during 1939.

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FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE BIOLOGICAL STAIN COMMISSION

THE Commission on Standardization of Biological Stains was organized nearly 20 years ago under the auspices of the National Research Council. The expenses in connection with organizing the work were

borne by the Chemical Foundation. Later, as the work developed and as its possibilities for service to biologists became more and more evident, increasing support was obtained through the generosity of the foundation, until about 1928 one or two annual appropriations of roughly \$10,000 were thus granted the