

Dr. E. C. Williams	"Catalysis"	June 24
Dr. H. L. Bender	"Physical Data and Structural Interpretation of Organic High Molecular Weight Type Compounds"	July 8
Dr. C. G. King	"Vitamins"	July 15
Dr. Walter H. Hartung	"Relation of Structure to Physiological Action"	July 22
Dr. Maurice L. Huggins	"Applications of X-Ray and Electron Diffraction"	July 29

All those desiring to receive the complete program, including the names of the speakers and their topics for the various weeks or for any particular week, should apply to the director, Professor Neil E. Gordon, Central College, Fayette, Missouri.

BERMUDA BIOLOGICAL STATION FOR RESEARCH

THE fourteenth annual meeting of the corporation and a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Bermuda Biological Station for Research, Inc., were held, December 16, in New York City.

Officers elected for 1940 were: *President*, Columbus Iselin, II; *Vice-president*, A. G. Huntsman; *Treasurer*, Ross G. Harrison; *Secretary*, J. H. Welsh.

Reelected as trustees of the class retiring in 1943 were: P. S. Galtsoff, E. N. Harvey, Columbus Iselin, II, Stanley Kemp, H. W. Rand. New trustees elected were: C. P. Curtis, Jr., and G. P. Woollard.

The station has been closed for a few months due largely to the fact that at the outbreak of the war in Europe the director was on leave of absence in England. He has recently returned to Bermuda and since weekly sailings from New York are now being made by an American steamer, the laboratory will be reopened to investigators at once. Those interested in working at the station during 1940 may obtain information regarding accommodations by writing the director, Dr. J. F. G. Wheeler, St. Georges, Bermuda, or the secretary, J. H. Welsh, Biological Laboratories, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

THE PHIPPS AUDITORIUM OF THE COLORADO MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

THE attendance—463,130 for the year—at the Colorado Museum, Denver, of which Alfred M. Bailey is director, was the largest in its history. During the year the Phipps Auditorium, which seats about 1,000 people, has been erected as a result of a gift of \$137,500 by former United States Senator and Mrs. Lawrence C. Phipps, of Denver, and a grant of \$112,500 by the Public Works Administration. The program of dedication took place on January 11, with eight

hundred invited guests in attendance. Governor Ralph L. Carr, Mayor Benjamin F. Stapleton, Charles H. Hanington, president of the museum, Thomas A. Dines and Senator Lawrence C. Phipps were the principal speakers. Director Alfred M. Bailey showed excerpts from the museum's new color films, and Major Alfred M. Collins, guest speaker, told of his African travels.

The auditorium, which was designed by Architect Roland L. Linder, is 98 feet wide and 140 feet long, of terra cotta, brick and Fort Collins stone. In presenting funds to match the Federal grant, Senator Phipps, long a trustee, expressed the wish that the auditorium "would fulfill cultural needs by making a common meeting place for those interested in the arts and sciences." In designing the auditorium the latest information available on acoustical treatment has been taken into consideration; space is provided for a concert organ and the stage accommodates a seventy-five piece orchestra. The latest type of standard and sixteen millimeter motion picture projection and sound equipment has been installed, including two motiograph standards and one Holmes sixteen millimeter, so that educational programs for adults and children may be provided. The main floor has a seating capacity of seven hundred and fifty, with two hundred and fifty additional seats in the balcony. Motion-picture programs have been arranged for children each Saturday morning and on Sunday afternoons for naturalists, travelers and explorers. Provision has been made for the dismantling of the old North American and South American bird groups and for the installation of new habitat cases. The exhibits will be reassembled in the new cases, with those of the Standley Memorial Wing depicting habitats from the Arctic areas to the Gulf of Mexico, and those in the James Memorial Wing showing bird life from Mexico through South America. The new cases have concave backgrounds with domed ceilings and slanting plate glass fronts seven and a half feet high, and from thirteen to fourteen feet in length. The new type General Electric fluorescent lights have been installed in especially built fixtures. A group of W.P.A. artists, under the supervision of Curator Robert J. Niedrach, are now painting the large panoramic views of the Bering Sea Island Group, the Ice Floe Group, the Alaskan Tundra, the Bonaventure Island Group and several Brazilian backgrounds.

GIFTS FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY

CORNELL UNIVERSITY received gifts amounting to \$489,805 during the first half of the academic year ending January 1, the colleges at Ithaca receiving the sum of \$349,170 and Cornell University Medical College in New York City \$140,635, the total amount representing an increase of \$130,651 over gifts of \$359,154 received during the same period last year.