

based on the long and varied experience of the various emergency organizations which preceded it.

The official statement points out that the council is doing a work that can not be done by either employment agencies or want advertisements. It is an advisory organization. Younger chemists are given an opportunity to learn about chemical industries. Chemists with experience are told more about industries outside their own immediate field. A number of university and industrial executives are giving liberally of their time to supplement the work of the secretary in advising registrants. All services are free.

#### THE HERZSTEIN LECTURES

THE Morris Herzstein Course of Medical Lectures for 1940 will be given by Dr. David Bruce Dill, of Harvard University, on April 8, 10 and 12.

The titles of the lectures will be:

- April 8—"High Temperatures." Racial and individual adaptability to hot climates; various types of breakdown in temperature regulation; clinical applications of hyperthermia.
- April 10—"Low Temperatures." Metabolic and dietary adjustments in cold climates; dependence of resistance on the internal environment; clinical applications of hypothermia.
- April 12—"High Altitudes." Respiratory adaptations to oxygen lack.

These lectures will be given in the Auditorium of the University of California Extension Division at 540 Powell Street, San Francisco.

The Morris Herzstein Lectures were established in 1929 by the late Dr. Morris Herzstein, of San Francisco, to be given under the direction of the Medical Schools of Stanford University and the University of California. They are given on alternate years by scientific men of outstanding achievement and are open to the public as well as to the medical profession.

Previous courses of Herzstein Lectures have been given as follows:

1929. "Influence of the Sympathetic Nervous System on the Activity of Skeletal Muscles, of Sensory Receptors, and of the Central Nervous System," Dr. L. A. Orbeli, professor of physiology, Medical Institute of Leningrad.
1930. "Medieval and Modern Medicine," Dr. Charles Singer, lecturer in the history of medicine, University of London.
1932. "Carbohydrate Metabolism," Dr. Philip Anderson Shaffer, professor of biological chemistry, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis.

1934. "The Internal Secretions of the Anterior Lobe of the Pituitary Body," Dr. Herbert McLean Evans, professor of anatomy, Morris Herzstein professor of biology, director of the Institute of Experimental Biology, University of California at Berkeley.

1936. "Precept and Practice of Preventive Medicine," Dr. John Gerald FitzGerald, professor of hygiene and preventive medicine, director of Connaught Laboratories, School of Hygiene, University of Toronto.

1938. "The Problem of High Blood Pressure," Dr. George W. Pickering, lecturer in cardiovascular pathology, University College Hospital, London.

#### SUMMER MEETINGS OF ECOLOGISTS

THE 1940 summer meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science will be held at the University of Washington, Seattle, from June 17 to 22, inclusive. The Ecological Society of America will participate as an affiliated society.

These two organizations will present jointly the third of a series of summer meeting symposia. The Ecological Society is planning a few field excursions of interest to animal and plant ecologists. In addition it will hold two sessions for the presentation of papers, for animal ecology and plant ecology, with papers in bio-ecology assigned to either.

Members wishing to present papers should send in the title, the time for presentation (not over 20 minutes) and facilities desired (lantern, chart hangers, etc.) at as early a date as possible so that a satisfactory grouping of related papers can be effected. A member who can not be present at Seattle may arrange to have a paper read. Non-members may present papers when introduced by a member.

All material requested on papers may be mailed either to the secretary of the society, Dr. W. J. Hamilton, Jr., Cornell University, or to any of the three members of the executive committee of the Western Section of the Ecological Society of America, so that the material will be in the hands of the chairman of this committee by May 1. This is necessary in order to secure publication in the program of the Seattle meeting. Members of the executive committee are:

Dr. Frederick A. Davidson, Bureau of Fisheries, 2725 Montlake Boulevard, Seattle, Wash.

Professor Joseph Kittridge, Jr., University of California at Berkeley.

Dr. H. de Forest, *chairman*, University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

## SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. KARL T. COMPTON was the guest of honor on March 5 at an alumni dinner in the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria, New York City, on the occasion of the tenth

anniversary of his presidency of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The speakers were: Dr. Frank B. Jewett, president of the Bell Telephone