

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE MINNESOTA AND SOUTH CAROLINA ACADEMIES OF SCIENCE

THE reorganized Minnesota Academy of Science held its eighth annual meeting at the University of Minnesota on April 19 and 20, with an attendance of five hundred. On Friday evening there was a banquet and a public lecture. Dr. A. J. Carlson, professor of physiology at the University of Chicago, spoke on "The Physiology of Aging." The meeting of the Junior Academy of Science was held at the same time and a program was presented by the members of the various science clubs. Officers of the academy for the coming year include:

President, J. W. Buchta, University of Minnesota.

Vice-president, Sister Antonius Kennelly, College of St. Catharine.

Secretary-Treasurer, H. K. Wilson, University of Minnesota.

Councilors, H. E. Essex, Mayo Foundation; E. T. Tufte, St. Olaf College; L. M. Gould, Carleton College, and C. O. Rost, University of Minnesota.

The South Carolina Academy of Science held its annual meeting at Furman University, Greenville, on April 20. At the business meeting the following officers were elected: *President*, John R. Sampey, Jr.; *Vice-president*, F. W. Kinard; *Secretary-Treasurer*, G. G. Naudain; *Curator*, J. E. Copenhaver; *Representative to the American Association for the Advancement of Science*, Gilbeart H. Collings; *Executive Committee members*, E. B. Chamberlain, D. C. Agnew, W. E. Hoy, Robert B. Taft and H. L. Hunter. The program consisted of thirty-five papers. Approximately three hundred and fifty members and visitors attended. The academy meets at the University of South Carolina next year.

IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH GERTRUDE KNIGHT BRITTON

IN a ceremony accompanied by an all-day program at the New York Botanical Garden on May 9, a bronze plaque was unveiled to the memory of Elizabeth Gertrude Knight Britton, wife of the first director-in-chief of the garden, Dr. Nathaniel Lord Britton. Mrs. Britton was a pioneer in the movement for the protection of wild flowers. The New York Bird and Tree Club presented a sum of money to the garden to be known as the Elizabeth Gertrude Knight Britton Fund for the purpose of furthering interest in the study and protection of wild flowers and the maintenance of a Wild Flower Sanctuary at the Botanical Garden.

The plaque will be placed in the southeastern portion of the Thompson Memorial Rock Garden, where for the past several years the native plants of the region have been collected for the establishment of a wild flower garden.

The program was concerned with wild flowers and their protection. The four addresses in the morning dealt with the protection and preservation of wild flowers by education, legislation and by raising them in the garden from seed. P. L. Ricker, of Washington, D. C., president of the Wild Flower Preservation Society, opened the program with an address on "Methods and Aims in Protecting Wild Flowers." Other speakers of the morning session were Dr. E. L. Palmer, of Cornell University; Robert S. Lemmon, editor of *Real Gardening*, and Mrs. Alfred Roelker, representing the Conservation Committee of the Garden Club of America.

Herman Forster opened the afternoon's program with a brief talk in appreciation of the things of nature, entitled "Wild Flowers—To-day and To-morrow." He was followed by Dr. C. Stuart Gager, director of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, and by Dr. J. H. Barnhart, of the New York Botanical Garden, who gave reminiscences of Mrs. Britton, and by Dr. Clyde Fisher, of the Hayden Planetarium, who, as president of the New York Bird and Tree Club, presented the Elizabeth Gertrude Britton Fund to the New York Botanical Garden. It was accepted by Henry de Forest Baldwin, vice-president of the garden.

After the unveiling and dedication of the plaque, tea was served by the New York Bird and Tree Club.

RECENT DEATHS AND MEMORIALS

DR. EDWIN FITCH NORTHROP, since 1920 vice-president and technical adviser of the Ajax Electrothermic Corporation of Trenton, N. J., previously for ten years assistant professor of physics at Princeton University, died on April 29 at the age of seventy-four years.

DR. W. A. BRYAN, professor of clinical surgery at the Medical School of Vanderbilt University, died suddenly on April 30 at the age of sixty-six years.

DR. ADRIAN JOHN PIETERS, head of the Division of Forest Crops and Diseases, in charge of Lespedeza investigations, in the Bureau of Plant Industry of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, with which he had been connected since 1895, died on April 25 in his seventy-fourth year.

DR. ALFRED HANS WARING CAULFEILD, research member of the Connaught Laboratories of Toronto, died on May 2. He was fifty-nine years old.

ACCORDING to *Nature*, the Polish Government Information Department has issued a communiqué stating that up till February 1 the following professors, among others, of Polish universities have died in the concentration camp Sachsenhausen-Oranienburg, or have died since their release from camp: Tadeusz Grabowski, philosophy; Antoni Hoborski, mathematics; Kazimierz Kostanecki, comparative anatomy; Jan Nowak, geology; Feliks Rogoziński, physiology;