

THE WASHINGTON MEETING OF THE AMERICAN GEOPHYSICAL UNION

At the twenty-second annual meeting of the American Geophysical Union held in Washington, D. C., on April 30, May 1, 2 and 3, officers were elected for a term of three years beginning on July 1, as follows:

OFFICERS OF THE UNION: Dr. W. C. Lowdermilk, president; L. H. Adams, vice-president; J. A. Fleming, general secretary continuing in office until June 30, 1943.

OFFICERS OF THE SECTIONS: *Geodesy*, R. M. Wilson, president; C. R. Longwell, vice-president; W. D. Sutcliffe, secretary, continuing in office until June 30, 1943. *Seismology*, H. E. McComb, president; V. C. Stechschulte, vice-president; F. Neumann, secretary, continuing in office until June 30, 1943. *Meteorology*, C. W. Thornthwaite, president; C.-G. Rossby, vice-president; H. D. Harradon, secretary. *Terrestrial Magnetism and Electricity*, E. A. Eck-

hardt, president; H. F. Johnston, vice-president; J. W. Joyce, secretary. *Oceanography*, P. C. Whitney, president; H. U. Sverdrup, vice-president; Waldo E. Smith, secretary. *Volcanology*, A. F. Buddington, president; J. F. Schairer, vice-president; J. S. Vhay, secretary. In the sections of Hydrology and Tectonophysics there were no elections, the present officers remaining in office until June 30, 1943, as follows: *Hydrology*, N. C. Grover, president; M. P. O'Brien, vice-president; K. H. Beij, secretary. *Tectonophysics*, L. H. Adams, president; R. A. Daly, vice-president; D. T. Griggs, secretary.

On the evening of April 30, the third award of the William Bowie Medal of the American Geophysical Union "for distinguished attainment and outstanding contribution to the advancement of cooperative research in fundamental geophysics," was made to Dr. J. A. Fleming. This presentation was followed by an address by President R. M. Field on "Geophysics and World Affairs."

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE Walker Prize for Cancer Research of the Royal College of Surgeons of England has been awarded to Dr. Peyton Rous, of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research.

THE Patron's Medal of the Royal Geographical Society, London, has been awarded to Dr. Isaiah Bowman, president of the Johns Hopkins University, for his travels in South America and for his great services to the science of geography while director of the American Geographical Society of New York.

DR. HENRY SIGERIST, director of the Institute of the History of Medicine of the Johns Hopkins University, and Dr. Esmond R. Long, professor of pathology at the University of Pennsylvania, director of the Henry Phipps Institute and president of the American Association of the History of Medicine, have been elected honorary members of the Atheneum of the History of Medicine, Buenos Aires.

In a celebration on May 11 of the discovery of uranium, students of chemistry at the College of the City of New York presented a scroll to Dr. Enrico Fermi, of Columbia University, in recognition of his work in radioactive chemistry. Dr. Fermi, in accepting the award, outlined the history of experiments with uranium.

THE annual award of merit, given by the Alumni Association of Stevens Institute of Technology for distinguished service to the school, was presented on May 10 to Dr. Franklin De Ronde Furman, professor of mechanism and machine design, who will retire on

September 1, after having served for forty-eight years on the faculty, the last thirteen as dean. Dr. Furman received the award from Dr. Harvey N. Davis, president of the institute, at the alumni dinner at the Union Club. The retiring dean will be succeeded next September by Frederic E. Camp, formerly assistant to the dean of Princeton University and a member of the Stevens Board of Trustees.

DR. F. S. MCKAY has been elected a veteran member of the International Association for Dental Research. This action, which grants a life membership, was in recognition of his outstanding contributions to endemic mottled enamel.

CHARLES RAY, JR., research fellow of the Blandy Experimental Farm of the University of Virginia, was awarded the annual research prize of the Virginia Academy of Science at its annual meeting in Richmond on May 2 and 3, for his paper entitled "Cytology and Genetics in the Flax Genus, *Linum*."

DR. JOHN H. YOE, professor of chemistry at the University of Virginia, and Dr. Lyle G. Overholser, research assistant in analytical chemistry, have been given the 1941 Interacademy Award for their paper on the "Application of a New Class of Organic Reagents to the Detection and Determination of Palladium." This paper won the Jefferson Award of the Virginia Academy of Science at its annual meeting last May and thus automatically entered competition for the Interacademy Award, which is the Jefferson Gold Medal and a cash prize of \$100 for the