

ning and was followed by an address by W. G. Theisinger, director of welding research, Lukens Steel Company, on "The Science of Making Steel and Steel Defense Products." This lecture was illustrated by colored moving pictures taken in the mills of the Lukens Steel Company.

At the business meeting on Saturday the following officers were elected: *President*, E. A. Vuilleumier, Dickinson College, Carlisle; *President-elect*, Charles E. Mohr, the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia; *Vice-presidents*, Marcus H. Green, Albright College, Reading, and Thomas H. Knepp, Everett High School; *Secretary-Treasurer*, V. Earl Light, Lebanon Valley College, Annville; *Editor*, Robert T. Hance, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh; *Press Secretary*, Lawrence Whitcomb, Lehigh University, Bethlehem; *Junior Academy Adviser*, Karl F. Oerlein, State Teachers College, California.

It was decided that the summer meeting in 1941 would be held at Bedford, Pa., on August 8 and 9, the 1942 spring meeting at State Teachers College, Edinboro, Pa., on April 3 and 4, and the 1943 spring meeting at Beaver College, Jenkintown.

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THE IOWA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

THE fifty-fifth annual meeting of the Iowa Academy of Science was held at Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, on April 25 and 26, with 260 registered members and visitors attending.

A symposium, "Recent Advances in Genetics," with President Charles Carter, of Parsons College, presiding, took the place of the customary Friday morning presidential address. The three topics discussed and the leaders were as follows: "Theoretical Genetics," E. W. Timm, Iowa State College; "Applied Plant Genetics," I. J. Johnson, Iowa State College; "Applied Animal Genetics," J. L. Lush, Iowa State College; "Human Genetics," K. A. Stiles, Coe College. A joint symposium with the Iowa Medical Society, "Virus

Diseases," was held on Friday afternoon, with J. W. Gowen, of Iowa State College, in the chair. The topics and leaders were as follows: "The Chemistry of Plant Viruses," C. G. Vinson, University of Missouri; "Experimental Leukosis," C. D. Lee, Iowa State College; "Viruses Affecting the Respiratory Tract of Man," W. M. Hale, Iowa City. The Friday evening dinner address, "Simultaneity and Originality in Human Thought," by Professor George Glockler, of the State University of Iowa, presented a thought-provoking viewpoint to about 180 diners. The annual academy address on Friday night was delivered by C. R. Keyes, of Cornell College. The Iowa audience was quite surprised to learn of the archeological possibilities in the state.

The academy likewise met in 9 sections for the presentation of 141 papers of special interest. The science teaching section held a symposium, "Tests and Measurements in Science." The leaders were D. B. Stuit, State University of Iowa; S. M. Dietz, Iowa State College; and P. E. Kambly, University High School, Iowa City.

Iowa Wesleyan College, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, will be the host of the academy in 1942. The officers and section chairmen for the new year are as follows: *President*, Roy A. Nelson, Cornell College; *Vice-president*, C. W. Lantz, Iowa State Teachers College; *Secretary-Treasurer*, E. R. Becker, Ames, Iowa; *Editor*, L. R. Wilson, Coe College; botany and bacteriology, M. L. Grant, Iowa State Teachers College; chemistry, general and physical, H. H. Rowley, State University of Iowa; chemistry, organic and biological, Henry Gilman, Iowa State College; geology, L. W. Wood, Iowa State Highway Commission; mathematics, Orlando Kreider, Iowa Falls Junior College; physics, C. O. Gale, Grinnell College; psychology, M. T. Henderson, Grinnell College; science teaching, S. M. Dietz, Iowa State College; zoology, J. A. Adams, Grinnell College.

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REPORTS

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CLASSIFICATION OF MILITARY PERSONNEL ADVISORY TO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE¹

THE Committee on Classification of Military Personnel held its first meeting at the National Research Council on May 24, 1940. Subsequent meetings were held on August 9, December 9 and February 23 and 24, 1941. In addition, there has been much individual

conference and correspondence with officials in the War Department.

The problems with which the committee has dealt have arisen mainly out of the work of the Personnel Research Section in the Personnel Bureau of the Adjutant General's Office. This section is responsible for developing aids to correct classification of officers and men with respect to their abilities and skills, educational background, civilian and military experience, intellectual capacity, personal qualifications, special aptitudes and indicated best Army usefulness.

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