

On February 9, 1941, the Fairchild Connecticut Garden, Incorporated, a non-profit educational corporation, was formed, which has acquired title to 127.49 acres of the garden, the portion of greatest floristic and ecological value. It is planned to make it a center of educational work for nature study and related subjects.

The trustees of the Fairchild Connecticut Garden, Inc., are as follows: B. Tappen Fairchild, president of Fairchild Brothers and Foster, manufacturing chemists, who inherited the estate from his uncle; Mrs. B. Tappen Fairchild (Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild have maintained the sanctuary since the death of Benjamin Fairchild); also Thomas J. Watson, president, International Business Machines Corporation; Dr. Harry Woodburn Chase, chancellor of New York University; Dr. Robert Cushman Murphy, curator of oceanic birds, American Museum of Natural History, and honorary president of the National Audubon Society; Dr. Elmer Drew Merrill, professor of botany and supervisor of the Arnold Arboretum, Harvard University; Dr. Frederick H. Pough, assistant curator of mineralogy, American Museum of Natural History. Dr. C. Stuart Gager, director, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, is serving as president *pro tempore*, and Percy H. Jennings, president of the Vita-Glass Corporation, is treasurer.

THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY AND ORGANIZED LABOR

EFFORTS to enrol chemists in the ranks of organized labor are opposed by the American Chemical Society, according to an announcement made by Dr. Charles L. Parsons, secretary of the society.

The society has been informed of "a very serious situation" at Emeryville, Calif., where an attempt is being made to force professional men, including all research workers below the rank of department heads, to join a closed shop union within the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians, a C.I.O. affiliate. The plant affected is that of the Shell Development Company.

The directors of the society, Dr. Parsons points out, have definitely gone on record against the association of professional chemists and chemical engineers with a union, "thereby being rated as laborers and losing their status as professional men." He questions whether a pure research corporation can hope to survive under non-professional control.

Dr. Parsons wrote to members of the society in Emeryville in part as follows:

Nothing could be more fatal to the chemist, the engineer, the doctor or the lawyer than the loss of professional status. The society, of necessity, would be obliged to inform the chemical departments of every college and uni-

versity, as well as the chemists of America, as to the conditions to which their graduates would be subject should they accept employment with any corporation that would consent to any such fate for its professional men.

In the event that the Shell Development Company consents to a closed shop, with the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians as sole bargaining agent, and includes its professional men—which I can not conceive to be possible—every chemist who is a member of the union will very distinctly jeopardize his future.

Dr. Parsons reports that the American Chemical Society now has approximately 28,000 members, the largest number in its history. He states that the society will resist any attempt to coerce its members into any form of closed shop unionization. He concludes: "This is a professional organization, and the membership must make every effort to see that it so remains."

THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MAMMALOGISTS

THE twenty-third annual meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists was held in Chicago from June 9 to 13.

Officers of the society elected for the ensuing year are as follows: *President*, Walter P. Taylor, Texas A. and M. College, College Station; *Vice-presidents*, E. Raymond Hall, University of California at Berkeley, and A. Brazier Howell, the Johns Hopkins Medical School; *Recording Secretary*, Robert T. Orr, California Academy of Sciences; *Corresponding Secretary*, Emmet T. Hooper, Museum of Zoology, University of Michigan; *Treasurer*, Viola S. Schantz, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D. C.; *Editor*, William B. Davis, Texas A. and M. College, College Station. *Directors*, elected for the period 1941-1943, are: Victor H. Cahalane, National Park Service, Washington, D. C.; William J. Hamilton, Cornell University; John Eric Hill, American Museum of Natural History; Remington Kellogg, U. S. National Museum, and Otis Wade, University of Nebraska. *Additional directors* are: William H. Burt, University of Michigan; Joseph S. Dixon, National Park Service, California; Colin C. Sanborn, Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago; W. E. Saunders, London, Ontario, and George Willett, Los Angeles Museum, California.

The following resolution unanimously adopted by the society is of general interest:

WHEREAS, There is now before the House of Representatives of the United States a bill known as the Murdock Bill (H. R. 2675) and a companion bill before the Senate (S. 260) to open the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, Arizona, to prospecting and mining;

WHEREAS, The Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument was established to preserve for public use, education and

enjoyment the outstanding example of Sonoran desert in the United States;

WHEREAS, The area has been prospected for generations, without producing important mines and no mines are being operated therein to-day;

WHEREAS, The enactment of legislation opening this national monument to prospecting and mining under these circumstances would be a negative approach to the problems of an important and unique public reservation, which, by virtue of its situation on the international boundary between Mexico and the United States, has scientific and cultural possibilities of international importance;

Therefore, be it Resolved, That the American Society of Mammalogists, comprising a membership of about 1,000 scientists and educators, at its annual conference, June 12, 1941, petitions the Congress of the United States not to enact the Murdock and Hayden bills, which would result in impairment of this great public reservation, but petitions the Congress to appropriate sufficient funds to provide the protection and facilities required to put the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument to its highest public use.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY FOR RESEARCH ON METEORITES

THE council of the Society for Research on Meteorites, an affiliated organization of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, as elected for the 1941-45 term at the eighth meeting of the society held in Flagstaff, Ariz., on June 23, 24 and 25, is as follows:

President: Dr. Lincoln La Paz, Ohio State University.

Vice-presidents: Dr. F. R. Moulton, Smithsonian Institution Building, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Charles P. Olivier, Flower Observatory, University of Pennsylvania; Dr. L. J. Spencer, London.

Secretary: Dr. C. H. Clemminshaw, Griffith Observatory and the University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

Treasurer: Major L. F. Brady, Mesa Ranch School, Mesa, and the Museum of Northern Arizona, Flagstaff.

Editor: Dr. Frederick C. Leonard, University of California at Los Angeles.

Councillors: Professor Earle G. Linsley, Chabot Observatory and Mills College, Oakland, Calif.; Dr. Howard A. Meyerhoff, Smith College; Oscar E. Monnig, Texas Observers, Fort Worth, Texas; Dr. F. A. Paneth, University of Durham, England; Stuart H. Perry, *Adrian Telegram*, Michigan; Professor J. Hugh Pruett, University of Oregon; Dr. Fred L. Whipple, Harvard College Observatory.

The president during the 1937-41 term, Dr. H. H. Nininger, Colorado Museum of Natural History and the American Meteorite Laboratory, Denver, is *ex officio* a councilor during the 1941-45 term.

THE BIRTHDAY HONORS CONFERRED BY THE KING OF ENGLAND

Nature prints the names of scientific men and others

associated with scientific work that appear in the King's Birthday Honors List. These include:

Baron: F. A. Lindemann, personal assistant to the Prime Minister, professor of experimental philosophy, Oxford.

G.B.E.: Viscount Nuffield.

K.C.B.: Sir George Gater, permanent Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies and secretary, Ministry of Home Security, formerly clerk and education officer to the London County Council.

K.C.M.G.: Frank Gill, for services in development of the telephone industry and of international telephony; Dr. H. H. Scott, director of the Bureau of Hygiene and Tropical Diseases, London.

Knights Bachelor: Colonel A. S. Angwin, engineer-in-chief, General Post Office; R. W. Gillespie, a founder of the Fairbridge Farm Schools in Australia; Professor J. P. V. Madsen, professor of electrical engineering, University of Sydney, and chairman of the Radio Research Board, Australia; Dr. P. H. Manson-Bahr, for services to tropical medicine and as consulting physician to the Colonial Office; K. G. Mitchell, consulting engineer (roads), India; E. B. Pratt, managing director, Imperial Chemical Industries (India), Ltd.; Professor J. B. S. Stopford, vice-chancellor, University of Manchester.

C.B.: C. A. Taylor, regional director, London Telecommunications, General Post Office; F. A. Whitaker, civil engineer in chief, Admiralty.

C.M.G.: The Honorable F. E. Harris, Minister of Agriculture and Lands, Minister of Supply, Industry and Post-war Development, Southern Rhodesia; Dr. S. A. Neave, assistant director, Imperial Institute of Entomology; Dr. H. A. Tempany, agricultural adviser to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

C.I.E.: W. Meiklejohn, senior conservator of forests, Bengal; C. F. C. Beeson, forest entomologist and conservator, Government of India.

C.B.E.: Professor F. C. Bartlett, professor of experimental psychology at the University of Cambridge and a member of the Flying Personnel Research Committee; Major G. P. Bulman, director of engine development and production, Ministry of Aircraft Production; W. Deacon, president of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain; W. A. Elder, principal veterinary and agricultural officer, Swaziland; R. H. Franklin, assistant secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries; Dr. J. A. Glover, lately senior medical officer, Board of Education; P. Good, deputy director, British Standards Institution; M. T. Tudsbery, civil engineer to the British Broadcasting Corporation; Dr. R. Wilson, Commonwealth statistician and economic adviser to the Treasury, Australia.