

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

THE PERMANENT SCIENCE FUND OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

INCOME from the Permanent Science Fund, according to agreement and declaration of trust, shall be applied by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences to such scientific research as shall be selected "... in such sciences as mathematics, physics, chemistry, astronomy, geology and geography, zoology, botany, anthropology, psychology, sociology and economics, history and philology, engineering, medicine and surgery, agriculture, manufacturing and commerce, education and any other science of any nature or description, whether or not now known or now recognized as scientific, and may be applied to or through public or private associations, societies, or institutions, whether incorporated or not, or through one or more individuals."

Applications for grants under this indenture are considered by a committee of this academy on stated dates only. The next meeting to consider applications will be held on February 15, 1942. Applications should be made on special forms furnished by the committee. Correspondence, including requests for application blanks, should be addressed to the chairman of the Committee on the Permanent Science Fund, Professor John W. M. Bunker, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Grants-in-aid, varying from \$150 to \$600, from this fund have been made to Warren Andrew, assistant professor of histology and embryology, Baylor University; to Forrest F. Cleveland, associate professor of physics, Illinois Institute of Technology; to Rita Guttman, instructor, Brooklyn College; to Rudolf Höber, visiting professor of physiology, University of Pennsylvania; to Lewis H. Kleinholz, instructor, Cambridge Junior College; to Irvin M. Korr, instructor, New York University; to Valy Menkin, assistant professor of pathology, Harvard Medical School; to George H. Parker, professor of zoology, emeritus, Harvard University; to Edward J. Schremp, assistant professor, University of Cincinnati; to Charles W. Turner, professor of dairy husbandry, University of Missouri; to Clarence Zener and Kenneth Fitzsimmons, associate professor and instructor, respectively, State College of Washington.

NEW YORK INSTITUTE FOR HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS

A NEW YORK Institute for Hospital Administrators was conducted by the American College of Hospital Administrators at the Cornell University Medical College from October 20 to October 31, inclusive. The institute, the second of its kind, the first having been

held in New York in 1939, dealt particularly with the critical problems now confronting hospitals and included conferences on every phase of hospital management. A discussion of the aims of hospital administration was presented by Dr. S. S. Goldwater, president of the Associated Hospital Service of New York, and the problems of hospitals and the government were discussed by Dr. C. W. Munger, director of St. Luke's Hospital. The director of the institute, Dr. Munger, and the secretary, Dr. Jack Masur, executive director of Lebanon Hospital, were in charge of the program.

Hospital administration under wartime conditions was described by Dr. Gerald F. Houser, who has recently returned from the Red Cross-Harvard Hospital, London, and an address on preparing hospitals for war conditions was given by Dr. Albert G. Engelbach, director of the Cambridge Hospital. Other problems relating to hospitals and national defense were covered in a round-table discussion. Field trips were conducted through the New York Hospital-Cornell University Medical College, the offices of the Associated Hospital Service and the department of nutrition of the New York, Presbyterian and St. Luke's Hospitals. Dr. Willard C. Rappleye, commissioner of hospitals of the City of New York, is a member of the executive committee.

Cooperating with the American College of Hospital Administrators in conducting the institute were the faculty of the Cornell University Medical College, the Greater New York Hospital Association, the Hospital Council of Greater New York and hospital associations of the states of New York, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island.

The institute was closed with a dinner on October 31, when certificates were presented to those who had participated.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FEDERATION OF AMERICAN SOCIETIES FOR EXPERIMENTAL BIOLOGY

THE Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology will issue in March, 1942, the first number of a quarterly publication to be named the *Federation Proceedings*. This will be published by an editorial board representing the five constituent societies of the federation: The American Physiological Society, The American Society of Biological Chemists, The American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, The American Society for Experimental Pathology and The American Institute of Nutrition.

Four numbers will be published each year. The

March issue will appear just previous to the annual meeting of the federation, and will be composed of two parts. Part I will include the abstracts of all the papers to be presented at the annual meeting, about a thousand in all. These abstracts will be segregated as to society origin and will be indexed according to subjects and authors. Part II will comprise the program of the scientific sessions of all the constituent societies of the federation. The June and September issues will include the full text of perhaps twenty of the papers presented at the annual meeting as selected by the editorial board, including probably the papers on the joint program of the federation as a whole as well as the papers of one symposium of each of the five societies. The December issue will include material pertinent to the federation membership, which was formerly published in the *Federation Yearbook*, which will hereafter be discontinued.

In the past each society has printed its own abstracts in advance of the meeting in a separate pamphlet. After the meeting the abstracts were republished in permanent form in the journals of the various societies. In the future a single publication will suffice and abstracts of all the societies will be available in a single volume. Moreover, journal space formerly devoted to abstracts will now be available for the usual scientific papers. The new procedure will be more convenient for reference and will be on the whole more economical. This new publication is certain to be in great demand in libraries because of the large number of short papers which it will contain and to which frequent reference will be made in the literature. In addition, it will make universally available a certain number of the more valuable papers read at the annual meeting which only relatively few persons can hear at the time of actual delivery.

The *Federation Proceedings* will be distributed on payment of dues without further charge to the seventeen hundred members of the federation. The subscription price to non-members will be \$4.00 (\$4.50 foreign), payable in advance. Single issues may be purchased, if ordered in advance of publication, at prices to be determined at the time of issue. Subscriptions and other communications concerning advertising space, etc., should be addressed to: Dr. D. R. Hooker, Managing Editor, 19 West Chase Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

BOSTON MEETING OF THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

THE fifty-fourth annual meeting of the Geological Society of America will be held from December 29 to 31 at the Hotel Statler, Boston, under the auspices of the Geological Society of Boston, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University.

The address of the retiring president, Dr. Charles P. Berkey, professor emeritus of geology of Columbia University, will be delivered in the Ball Room, on Monday evening, December 29, at 8 o'clock. It will be followed by a smoker.

Associated societies that will hold meetings in conjunction with the Geological Society are:

The Paleontological Society, thirty-third annual meeting, secretary, H. E. Vokes, American Museum of Natural History, New York.

The Mineralogical Society of America, twenty-second annual meeting, secretary, Paul F. Kerr, Columbia University.

The Society of Economic Geologists, twenty-second annual meeting, secretary, W. D. Johnston, Jr., U. S. Geological Survey.

The Society of Vertebrate Paleontology, first annual meeting, secretary, George G. Simpson, American Museum of Natural History, New York.

There will be an all-day tour of Boston Harbor and historic Boston on Tuesday, December 30, and the annual dinner will be held in the ball room of the Hotel Statler at 7 o'clock in the evening. Trips for small groups will be arranged on request. Because of the uncertainty of weather conditions and probable gasoline rationing, no geological trips have been planned. The local geologists, however, will be glad to make tentative plans for informal trips. Any one interested should communicate with Dr. Cornelius S. Hurlbut, Jr., department of mineralogy and petrography, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., giving that phase of the local geology in which he is interested. During the meeting fellows of the society are invited to visit the departments of geology at Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The Geological Society will join with Section E of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Texas Academy of Science and the Association of American Geographers in sponsoring the meetings to be held in Dallas on December 29, 30 and 31. Hugh D. Miser as retiring vice-president will deliver the principal address: "Quartz Veins in the Ouachita Mountains of Arkansas and Oklahoma." The subjects of the three days of meetings are scheduled as follows:

December 29: "Structure and Stratigraphy of the Southwest."

December 30, morning session, jointly with the American Geophysical Union: "Relation of Geology to the Ground-Water Problems of the Southwest."

December 30, afternoon session, jointly with the Section on Anthropology: "Early Man in North America."

December 31: "Regional Geography of the Southwest."