

Dr. Ray P. Dinsmore, manager, Development Department, The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio.

Admiral J. A. Furer, U. S. Navy, Washington.

Dr. Jerome C. Hunsaker, head of the departments of mechanical and aeronautical engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

H. W. Graham, director of metallurgy and research, Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh.

S. D. Kirkpatrick, editor of *Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering*, New York.

#### LEAVES OF ABSENCE FOR WAR SERVICE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Dr. UDO J. WILE, professor of dermatology and syphilology and chairman of the department at the University of Michigan, has been given a year's leave of absence to enable him to accept a commission as colonel in the Army. He will serve as medical director in charge of venereal disease control in the U. S. Public Health Service.

Dr. Henry M. Kendall, assistant professor of geography, has leave for the first semester of the academic year to accept an appointment to work with the Geographic Section of the Army Intelligence.

Dr. Malcolm H. Soule, professor of bacteriology and chairman of the Hygienic Laboratory, has been on leave of absence since September. He was consultant to the director of the Division of Health and Sanitation, coordinator of Inter-American Affairs at the Pan-American Sanitary Conference in Rio de Janeiro, September 7 to 17. He will remain in South America until the end of November investigating the activities of the division in that continent.

Dr. Lowell T. Coggeshall, professor of epidemiology, has leave of absence for the months of September and October. He is in Washington organizing medical facilities for the prevention of tropical diseases.

#### THE DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

CHANGES in the staff of the department of zoology of Columbia University and the appointment of an advisory committee composed of zoologists in other institutions are announced by President Nicholas Murray Butler.

Professor James H. McGregor, who has been a member of the department since 1897, becomes professor emeritus of zoology. He will continue to give his course on "The Evolution of Man" in the Department of University Extension during the winter session.

Professor H. Burr Steinbach, assistant professor of zoology since 1938, has resigned to become associate professor in the department of zoology at Washington University. Professor Arthur W. Pollister, as-

sistant professor of zoology since 1935, has been promoted to be associate professor.

Dr. Robert Ballentine, National Research Council fellow at the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, has joined the department as lecturer in zoology. He will be associated with Professor Franz Schrader in instruction in elementary zoology and with Professor Pollister in the zoological part of the general science course in Columbia College.

Dr. Francis J. Ryan, National Research Council fellow at Stanford University, returns to Columbia as instructor in zoology. He will give the course in vertebrate zoology for students at Columbia College and will offer a course in invertebrate zoology for graduates and undergraduates. Mordecai Gabriel, lecturer in zoology, has been appointed university fellow.

Dr. Hans Ris, lecturer in zoology, has been appointed Seessel fellow in Yale University. Vernon Bryson has completed his work for the doctorate, and has been appointed to the research staff of the department of genetics of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, Cold Spring Harbor, L. I., N. Y. Dr. Daniel C. Pease, lecturer in zoology, has joined a war research project in the department of biology of Princeton University.

Members of the new Advisory Committee on Zoology, each of whom will serve for three years, are Professor H. B. Goodrich, Wesleyan University; Professor E. N. Harvey, Princeton University; Professor D. E. Lancefield, Queens College; Professor C. W. Metz, University of Pennsylvania; Professor H. J. Muller, Amherst College; Dr. W. Procter, Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia; Professor A. S. Romer, Harvard University, and Professor L. L. Woodruff, Yale University.

The committee, it is planned, will hold annual meetings at Columbia to give the members of the Columbia department staff the benefit of their criticism and advice and to serve as a liaison between the department and the zoologists in other universities.

#### NATIONAL LECTURERS OF THE SOCIETY OF THE SIGMA XI

DR. GEORGE A. BAITSELL, secretary of the Society of the Sigma Xi, the national honor society for the promotion of scientific research, announces that five leading American scientific men have been named Sigma Xi national lecturers for 1943.

Chosen to address special meetings at universities and colleges throughout the nation, they will deliver their lectures during January, February, March and April of next year, and will discuss scientific subjects upon which they are authorities.

Each of the lecturers will speak in a series of insti-