

tor of the Lalor Foundation, the present plan of the foundation is now to discontinue its regular program of fellowship awards until the demobilization of scientific personnel at the end of the war. Thus it is planned that the usual fellowship awards of the foundation will go into a reserve to form an accumulation for post-war assignment. To date fifteen such awards will be made available at that time for post-doctorate research in chemistry. The standard annual stipend of a Lalor Foundation award is \$2,000.

#### THE AMERICAN SOCIETIES OF AGRONOMY AND SOIL SCIENCE

THE annual meeting of the American Society of Agronomy and Soil Science Society of America will be held on November 11, 12 and 13 at the Hotel Statler in Saint Louis. Particular attention will be given to the part which agronomists can take in the war effort. The general meeting will be held on Thursday morning, November 12, at which time Dr. O. S. Aamodt, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, will discuss "The Seed Situation and the War," and Dr. F. W. Parker, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, will speak on "Fertilizer in the War Program." Following these papers a round-table discussion will be held on "The American Society of Agronomy and the War." The business meeting of the society will be held after the round-table discussion.

The Crops Section will have a general program on Wednesday afternoon and sectional meetings on Wednesday morning, Thursday afternoon and Friday, both morning and afternoon. The Soil Science Society will have its general program on Thursday afternoon and sectional programs on Wednesday and Friday. The American Society of Agronomy will hold its annual banquet on Thursday, November 12, at which time Dr. Richard Bradfield, president of the society, will give the presidential address entitled "Our Job Ahead." The Soil Science Society will hold its annual banquet on Wednesday with D. Howard Doane, Doane Agricultural Service, St. Louis, as the principal speaker. His subject will be "Soil Science and its Practical Application."

On Monday and Tuesday, November 9 and 10, the Fertilizer Committee of the society will hold its annual meeting, the meeting of the Joint Committee on Fer-

tilizer Application and an organization meeting of the National Joint Committee on Nitrogen Utilization.

#### EXPEDITION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TROPICAL RESEARCH OF THE NEW YORK ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

THE New York Zoological Society's forty-third expedition of the Department of Tropical Research has just come to an end. Dr. William Beebe with a staff of three—Jocelyn Crane, research zoologist, George Swanson, artist, and Henry Fleming, entomologist—left New York for Venezuela on February 12 and returned on September 20, flying both ways on Pan-American planes.

Invaluable assistance and support were given by a grant from the Committee for Inter-American Artistic and Intellectual Relations; by the Standard Oil Companies of New Jersey and Venezuela, and by the following trustees of the Zoological Society: Laurance Rockefeller, Childs Frick, Herbert L. Satterlee and George C. Clark.

The field work was carried on in the jungles about Caripito, Venezuela. The objects were to conclude life history studies begun in British Guiana ten years ago; to secure a representative record of wild life in colored motion pictures; to record the reactions of animals to the very distinct dry and wet seasons; to investigate the night life of jungle organisms; and to make observations through very high power binoculars (12, 20 and 40 diameters).

In the course of the seven months, upwards of 40,000 insects were collected and 150 color plates completed, while Jocelyn Crane took 6,000 feet of color motion picture film and more than 1,000 stills, both black-and-white and colored. The great amount of observational data obtained will be evident in forthcoming technical and popular contributions. Substantial foundations were laid for a future source of supply of living, neotropical vertebrates and invertebrates for the Zoological Park. There seems to be no reason why there should not be a continuous flow of animals suitable for exhibition, when the end of the war again permits the safe passage of oil tankers.

Five lectures with motion pictures were given in Caripito and Caracas, and constant, constructive relationships initiated and maintained with Venezuelan scientists and institutions.

## SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. ARTHUR B. LAMB, professor of chemistry and director of the chemical laboratory at Harvard University, has been awarded the 1943 William H. Nichols Medal of the New York Section of the American Chemical Society.

THE John Fritz Medal has been awarded to Dr. Willis Rodney Whitney, honorary vice-president of the General Electric Company. The medal is given for "notable scientific or industrial achievement, without restriction on account of nationality or sex." The