

agricultural, grazing, forest, recreational and wildlife lands. Each statement outlines the general objectives of the program of land conservation, development and economic use in the field covered, indicates the types of public works which contribute toward accomplishment of this program and sets forth certain standards for evaluating individual works projects of various types.

THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

CHARGES that the University of Illinois had deteriorated during the past eight years as the result of political activity by the board of trustees resulted in action by the board at its June, 1942, meeting inviting the American Council on Education and the American Medical Association to investigate the university. The American Council on Education has not yet reported, but the American Medical Association has submitted an elaborate report after an exhaustive study of the College of Medicine. According to this report,

the College of Medicine is an integral part of the University of Illinois, a state-owned institution, controlled by an elected board of trustees, of which Dr. Karl Meyer, Chicago, is president. There is apparently being effected a rather progressive reorganization of the curriculum which promises much more satisfactory clinical training during the third and fourth years than was possible at the time of the last visit (1935). Members of the faculty, both preclinical and clinical, are in general outstanding and competent men who appear to be greatly interested in teaching, and it would appear that the heads of practically all the clinical departments recognize the need for additional clinical facilities under their immediate supervision.

There is being developed in connection with the dental, medical and pharmacy schools, correlated, cooperative and even integrated teaching programs. The school is to be commended for undertaking this interesting experiment which should be a real contribution to professional education.

Further developments are currently being effected or studied and these promise to offer unusual opportunities in the fields of both undergraduate and graduate medical education.

The physical plant for the preclinical departments is apparently satisfactory, and the departments of pathology and bacteriology which were very unsatisfactorily housed

at the time of the previous visit now have satisfactory quarters.

Dr. Raymond B. Allen, executive dean of the three Chicago colleges of the University of Illinois, is reported to have said:

In no important particular has the report brought forth any facts or conclusions about which the university has been unaware or about which something has not or is not being done. Many of the suggestions for further improvement must await sufficient financial aid. Nevertheless, it is invaluable to have outside agencies express their unbiased, informed judgment as exemplified in this report.

THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL OF THE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

A SPECIAL war program for the Semi-Centennial graduation exercises of the University of Texas Medical School, Galveston, was held on December 18. At the morning session Dr. Chauncey D. Leake, dean and vice-president, welcomed those in attendance with a discussion on the medical responsibilities of war. Dr. E. H. Cary, professor of oto-rhino-laryngology at the Baylor University Medical School, Dallas, past-president of the American Medical Association, spoke on "The Role of the Specialist in Military Medicine," and Dr. I. S. Ravdin, Lieutenant Colonel, M.C., professor of surgery at the University of Pennsylvania, gave an address entitled "A New Era in Military Surgery." At the afternoon session, Dr. C. C. Sturgis, professor of medicine at the University of Michigan, discussed blood and substitutes in shock. A survey of wound healing was given by Dr. Alton Ochsner, professor of surgery at the Medical School of Tulane University. Dr. F. G. Ebaugh, Lieutenant Colonel, M.C., professor of psychiatry at the Medical School of the University of Colorado, spoke on "Psychiatry and War." The scientific session was concluded by a consideration of "Obstacles in the Path of an Optimum Diet," by Dr. A. J. Carlson, Hixson distinguished service professor of physiology of the University of Chicago. At the graduation exercises in the evening, Dr. Judson L. Taylor, Lieutenant Commander, M.C., president of the Texas State Medical Association, will give the address. Honor guests on the occasion will be Dr. Edward Randall, professor of therapeutics emeritus, and Dr. Seth M. Morris, professor of ophthalmology emeritus, who are two living members from the original faculty of the school.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

IGOR I. SIKORSKY was presented on December 7 with the Sylvanus Albert Reed Award for 1942 of the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences. It carries an honorarium of \$250 and is made annually for "a notable contribution to the aeronautical sciences whose

practical value is apparent." The award was made in recognition of work on "the creation and reduction to successful practice of a helicopter of superior controllability." The presentation was made on the same occasion as the delivery by Edmund D. Allen of the