

is also qualifying. Persons now enrolled in war-training or college courses may apply, subject to completion of the course. For the higher grades successively greater amounts of education or experience are required.

The majority of positions are in Washington, D. C., but some will be filled in other parts of the United States. There are no age limits, and no written test is required. Applications and complete information may be obtained from first- and second-class post offices, from civil service regional offices and from the commission in Washington, D. C. Applications will be accepted at the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., until the needs at the service have been met.

Trainee positions in technical and scientific work will be filled in Washington, D. C., and vicinity. The salary is \$1,440 a year plus overtime, and the only educational requirement is that the applicant must have completed one high-school credit of physics, chemistry, mathematics, biology or general science. There are no options.

Persons using their highest skills in war work are not encouraged to apply. War manpower restrictions on federal appointments are given in Form 3989, posted in first- and second-class post offices.

ATTITUDES OF STATE ACADEMIES TOWARD WARTIME MEETINGS

IN an effort to discover the attitude of other state academies toward meetings during wartime, and possible action regarding election of officers and publication of papers in the event of the cancellation of a meeting, Secretary V. Earl Light, of the Pennsylvania Academy of Science, questioned secretaries of all academies affiliated with the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Twenty replies have been received to date, the majority of them reporting that meetings will be held this spring. Encouraged both by the nature of these findings and by a canvass of a sampling of its members, the executive committee of the Pennsylvania Academy of Science decided to hold its nineteenth annual meeting in April.

The following academies plan to meet this year: Alabama, Colorado, Wyoming, Illinois, Kansas (seventy-fifth anniversary meeting), Kentucky, Louisiana (one day meeting), Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Wisconsin and Washington, D. C.

An Indiana Academy meeting is "probable"; Tennessee and Virginia are reported "undecided." Two states listed meetings as doubtful; New Hampshire (did not meet in 1942) and West Virginia. Only three academies replied that meetings definitely would

not be held: Mississippi, Northwest and South Carolina.

Secretary R. F. Paton, of the Illinois Academy, expressed what appears to be a general conviction that "state meetings are most important since the national meeting was cancelled."

In the event that no meeting is held, most academies indicated that they would follow the practice of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in retaining present officers. New Hampshire plans to elect new officers by mail ballot.

Continuation of publications may be anticipated on the basis of replies. Mississippi and South Carolina probably will not issue their journals, while West Virginia expects to postpone publication for at least a year. For the first time, several states will accept for publication articles which have not been presented at a meeting of the academy.

The Pennsylvania Academy has shortened its program; it has cancelled its annual banquet and transferred its scheduled meeting from the overcrowded Philadelphia area to more centrally located Harrisburg. The usual submitted papers have been dispensed with, and its program has been organized around reports of state agencies and departments on the role of research in the war and in post-war planning. The meeting of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science has been postponed, but the Senior Academy has undertaken a broad program of assistance for high-school science clubs.

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PACIFIC DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCE- MENT OF SCIENCE

THE twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science will be held from June 14 to 19 at Oregon State College. The executive committee met recently to consider the plans tentatively formulated during the past six months for the Corvallis meeting. Attention was given to the difficulties which have arisen during the past year in respect to the holding of conferences in general. After careful examination of the whole problem, and in the light of communications received from the Office of Defense Transportation, the Science Committee of the National Resources Planning Board and other organizations and individuals who have devoted thought to this problem, the executive committee voted unanimously to approve the holding of the meeting and to confirm the arrangements which have been entered into to date. Of three general addresses which will be presented in the course