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RECENT DEATHS

DR. JOHN M. MACFARLANE, since 1920 professor emeritus of botany of the University of Pennsylvania, died on September 16 at the age of eighty-seven years.

DR. FREEMAN WARD, professor of geology and head

of the department of geology of Lafayette College, died on September 14. He was sixty-four years old.

DR. IVON R. TAYLOR, associate professor of psychology at Brown University, died on September 20. He was forty-five years old.

DR. CHARLES E. RESSER, since 1914 assistant curator of paleontology and curator of invertebrate paleontology and paleobotany at the Smithsonian Institution, died on September 17 at the age of fifty-four years.

HAL W. HARDINGE, mining and metallurgical engineer and inventor, died on September 15. He would have been eighty-eight years old on September 30.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

THE NORTH PACIFIC PLANNING PROJECT

AT a meeting last August, according to *The New York Times*, the National Resources Planning Board suggested to the co-chairmen of the Joint Economic Committees of the United States and Canada that the possibilities of the North Pacific region would merit careful study. As a result the two nations have begun the North Pacific planning project, the first step of which is to study the area preliminary to considering proposals for developing its resources, improving living standards and increasing the population, now about one hundred thousand.

The joint committees decided to sponsor such a survey, and the following aims have been announced:

(1) Enhanced security for Alaska, Canada and North America through well-conceived development of the North Pacific.

(2) Positive and active use of the area as a strategic key in a post-war system of world security.

(3) Development of the resources and transportation advantages as contributions to a better balanced continental economy.

(4) Development of economic opportunity for demobilized service-men and others who are adaptable to the region.

(5) A demonstration of the potential benefits of international collaboration in the development of backward and unoccupied areas; a testing of the various devices for implementing collaboration between all the governmental and corporate organizations and commissions and treaties between the two nations.

The United States National Resources Planning Board has provided the full-time assistance of its Alaska regional office staff, with headquarters at Portland, Oregon. James C. Rettie, of Portland, has been designated United States co-director. Actively participating are the Departments of State, Agriculture and Interior and the Board of Economic Warfare, together with Federal and territorial agencies in Alaska.

For Canada, Dr. Charles Camsell, deputy minister of the Department of Mines and Resources, has been named Canadian co-director, with agencies of the Dominion and of the provincial government of British Columbia cooperating.

The specific boundaries of the territory to be considered have not yet been clearly defined, pending the outcome of the study. Mr. Camsell said that the territory embraces part of Alberta, the northern half of British Columbia, the Yukon Territory, Alaska and the Mackenzie River portion of the Northwest Territories. He said that the eastern boundary would take in all territory which had any bearing on the economic aspect of the new Canada-Alaska highway and its related air routes.

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

THIS institution, situated twenty-five miles from Tegucigalpa, capital of the Republic of Honduras, opened its doors on September 1 with seventy-four students representing seven countries—Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama. Its establishment was made possible by a gift of \$500,000 from the United Fruit Company of Boston. It is governed by a board of directors composed of Samuel Zemurray, president; W. Latimer Gray, secretary-treasurer; Thomas Barbour, Thomas D. Cabot and T. Jefferson Coolidge. Operation is carried out through a board of regents, of which the members are Wilson Popenoe, chairman; Fernando Castro C., Luis Landa, Carlos Mirón, Doris Zemurray Stone, W. L. Taillon and Walter E. Turnbull.

All students enjoy full scholarships, including transportation from their homes to the school, board, lodging, clothing, laundry service, medical attention and tuition. Equipment includes 3,500 acres of land, lying between 2,500 and 5,000 feet in elevation; a