

(2) The purpose of the National Research Council shall be:

- (a) to plan and watch over the main lines of research and technical developments in accordance with national needs to see that the application of science to the public welfare is adjusted to some consistent plan, to advise the Government on a common policy and to insure that available resources for research and developments are distributed to the best advantage of the country;
- (b) to advise and help relevant authorities and institutions regarding the training and supply of scientific personnel for pure and applied research, and
- (c) to distribute grants for promoting approved researches, for the maintenance of selected research scholars, for scientific publication and other purposes.

The president of the National Research Council shall be a member of the viceroy's cabinet.

For the performance of its functions, the National Research Council shall, in consultation with non-official scientific organizations, universities and institutions of a university rank, scientific departments of the Government and federations of chambers of commerce, constitute the following boards of research, each of which will be responsible within its own particular sphere for giving effect to the policy of the National Research Council.

(1) Board of Scientific Research (mathematics, statistics, physics, chemistry, botany, zoology, geology, geography, psychology, etc.).

(2) Board of Agricultural Research (soils, crops, animal husbandry, fishery and forestry).

(3) Board of Medical and Public Health Research, including medical science.

(4) Board of Engineering Research, including mining, metallurgy and such other boards as may be considered to be necessary.

For the purpose of its work each board will be authorized to constitute research committees for all important subjects, to settle the objects of the research, indicate the individuals or organizations which could undertake the several component parts of the inquiry, receive and co-ordinate the information, make it available to those who will turn it to advantage to form a national plan into which all who are in position to contribute information can fit the particular lines on research. Governing bodies of the National Research Laboratories when established shall be constituted in consultation with the relevant research committees.

The National Research Council shall work in close co-operation with the development organizations in the country. To enable effect to be given to the policy of scientific development determined by the National Research Council the Government should make an annual grant of at least five crores of rupees.

THE WISCONSIN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, ARTS AND LETTERS

THE seventy-fourth annual meeting of the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters was held

on April 14 and 15 at the University of Wisconsin. Approximately a hundred members and guests gathered to hear the address delivered by the retiring president, Dr. A. W. Schorger, president of the Burgess Cellulose Company, Madison. The title of his address was "The Abundant Life." Dr. Leon J. Cole, professor of genetics at the university, showed colored motion pictures illustrating the life of the fur seals of the Pribilof Islands. Dr. Schorger was elected a life member of the academy.

The following officers were elected to serve in 1944:

President, Dr. H. A. Schuette, department of chemistry, University of Wisconsin.

Vice-president in Sciences, Ruth Walker, Milwaukee.

Vice-president in Arts, Walter Bubbert, Milwaukee.

Vice-president in Letters, Dr. Helen White, department of English, University of Wisconsin.

Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Banner Bill Morgan, parasitologist, department of veterinary science, University of Wisconsin.

Librarian, Halvor O. Teisberg, University Library, University of Wisconsin.

Curator, Dr. Edward P. Alexander, superintendent of the Wisconsin State Historical Society, Madison.

Member, Committee on Publications, Dr. Philo M. Buck, Jr., professor of comparative literature, University of Wisconsin.

Members, Library Committee, Dr. O. L. Kowalke, professor of chemical engineering, University of Wisconsin; Professor Ruth Marshall, Wisconsin Dells; Dr. James F. Groves, department of biology, Ripon College; and Dr. W. N. Steil, Marquette University, Milwaukee.

Representative on the Council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Dr. Banner Bill Morgan.

Approximately twenty-four papers were presented at the regular sessions, including ornithology, botany, mammalogy, bacteriology, plant pathology, zoology, limnology, entomology, protozoology, chemistry, forest products, medicine, soils and agriculture.

Dr. Michael F. Guyer, professor of zoology at the university, presented a memorial tribute to the late Professor Chancey Juday, life member and past-president of the academy.

THE CHICAGO CONVENTION OF FOOD TECHNOLOGISTS

THE fifth annual meeting of the Institute of Food Technologists will be held under the presidency of W. V. Cruess on May 29, 30 and 31 at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago. Major General S. G. Henry, director of New Developments Division, Office of Chief of Staff of the U. S. War Department, will deliver the keynote address on "The Food Technologist's Role in the War." George A. Sloan, president