

The award in horticulture in the field of vegetable crops for 1943 has been made to Dr. Henry A. Jones and Dr. Alfred E. Clark, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Beltsville, Md., for their paper entitled "Inheritance of Male Sterility in the Onion and the Production of Hybrid Seed," and in the field of floriculture to Dr. L. F. Randolph and Dr. Leland G. Cox, of Cornell University, for their paper entitled "Factors Influencing the Germination of Iris Seed and the Relation of Inhibiting Substances to Embryo Dormancy."

### THE NORTH AMERICAN ARCTIC

THE war has focussed attention anew upon North America's last frontier—the Far North. It is inevitable that this attention will grow into deep interest in the post-war years. The development of the areas involved should be based upon careful planning, which in turn demands as a background the best and broadest scientific study that can be brought to bear on the Arctic regions.

A meeting was held in New York City on May 13 to consider the feasibility of establishing a regional North American Arctic Institute with scientific objectives in view. The following men were present:

Major Patrick D. Baird, Ottawa, Canada.  
 Dr. E. Gordon Bill, Hanover, N. H.  
 Dr. R. W. Boyle, Ottawa, Canada.  
 Dr. Charles Camsell, Ottawa, Canada.  
 Lt. Colonel William S. Carlson, New York, N. Y.  
 Major Richard F. Flint, New York, N. Y.  
 Dr. L. M. Gould, New York, N. Y.  
 A. D. P. Heeney, Ottawa, Canada.  
 Dr. Diamond Jenness, Ottawa, Canada.  
 W. L. G. Joerg, Washington, D. C.  
 Dr. Hugh Keenleyside, Ottawa, Canada.  
 Dr. Trevor Lloyd, Hanover, N. H.  
 G. R. Parkin, Montreal, Canada.  
 Erling Porsild, Ottawa, Canada.  
 Walter Rogers, New York, N. Y.  
 Dr. V. Stefansson, New York, N. Y.  
 Lt. A. L. Washburn, New York, N. Y.  
 Colonel J. T. Wilson, Ottawa, Canada.  
 Dr. John K. Wright, New York, N. Y.  
 Dr. V. C. Wynne-Edwards, Montreal, Canada.

Further consideration of the ideas and suggestions made at the meeting will be given by a small continuing committee. Communications should be addressed to L. M. Gould, 446 East 66th Street, Apt. 2-J, New York 21, New York.

## SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE Sociedad Mexicana de Historia Natural at a meeting held in Mexico City on May 12 conferred honorary membership on Dr. Richard B. Goldschmidt, professor of zoology at the University of California at Berkeley. Dr. Goldschmidt made an address on "Genes and Chromosomes."

THE Ohio State University will confer at its commencement in June the doctorate of science on Thomas Midgley, Jr., vice-president of the Ethyl Gasoline Corporation, president of the American Chemical Society, and on Dr. Arno Carl Fieldner, chief of the Fuels and Explosives Service of the U. S. Bureau of Mines.

RUSSELL SAGE COLLEGE at its twenty-seventh commencement exercises on May 14 conferred the doctorate of science on Dr. Katharine B. Blodgett, research physicist of the General Electric Company.

THE degree of doctor of science was conferred at the sixty-sixth annual commencement of Smith College on Sophie Satina, research associate in cytogenetics in the department of botany.

THE Howard Taylor Ricketts Prize of the University of Chicago has been awarded to Dr. Paul Everett Thompson, of the university, in recognition of "outstanding research on malaria."

THE Bessemer Gold Medal for 1944 of the British Iron and Steel Institute has been awarded to Essington Lewis, director-general of munitions and of aircraft production for Australia, "in recognition of his outstanding services to the iron and steel industry of Australia."

DR. WARFIELD T. LONGCOPE, professor of medicine in the School of Medicine of the Johns Hopkins University, was elected at the Atlantic City meeting president of the Association of American Physicians.

GEORGE F. BATEMAN, dean of the Schools of Engineering of Cooper Union, has been elected president of the New York Electrical Society; Dr. Colin G. Fink, professor of electrochemistry at Columbia University, first vice-president, and Dr. Ernst Weber, research professor in electrical engineering at the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, second vice-president.

DR. CHARLES R. DOWNS, consulting chemical engineer, has been elected president of The Chemists Club, New York City. He succeeds Carl Raymond DeLong.

DR. SANFORD S. ATWOOD, who has been associated with the U. S. Regional Pasture Research Laboratory at the Pennsylvania State College since 1937, has become assistant professor in the department of plant