

of case lighting and the device of painting the walls and the cases in the same color, lends a greater visibility to the specimens than they previously enjoyed.

The Hall of Mexican and Central American Archeology is under the charge of the Department of Anthropology, of which Dr. Harry L. Shapiro is chairman. The revision of the exhibits was planned and executed by Dr. Gordon F. Ekholm, assistant curator, and Clarence L. Hay, research associate. They were assisted by Victor Ronfeldt, Miss Katharine Beneker, Joseph M. Guerrey and Matthew Kalmenoff.

THE MUNSELL FOUNDATION TO PROMOTE COLOR STANDARDIZATION

It is reported in *Industrial Standardization* that the promotion of color standardization, nomenclature and specification is one of the primary objects of the Munsell Color Foundation, Inc., which was organized recently. The foundation will also encourage the application of scientific knowledge to color problems arising in science, art and industry.

The foundation is a non-profit organization, which will have a board of trustees, one of whom is to be a member of the staff of the National Bureau of Standards; one to be appointed by the executive committee of the Inter-Society Color Council; one by the manager of the Munsell Color Company; one to be the representative of the Munsell family, and three trustees at large.

Deane B. Judd is the first trustee of the new foundation to be appointed by the director of the National Bureau of Standards, and Loyd A. Jones, nominated by the Optical Society of America, is one of the trustees at large. Both Dr. Judd and Mr. Jones are active in technical committees working on American standards under the procedure of the American Standards Association.

The American War Standard on Specification and Description of Color, approved by the American Standards Association in 1942, recognizes the Munsell Book of Color as the only system of material color standards calibrated in terms of the basic specification—the percentage of light reflected or transmitted by the color, as determined by the spectrophotometer. The system of color names of the Inter-Society Color Council—National Bureau of Standards is also based on the Munsell system.

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE COLLEGE CHAPTER OF THE SOCIETY OF THE SIGMA XI

THE Sigma Xi Club at North Carolina State College has become the North Carolina State College Chapter of the Society of Sigma Xi. The installation took place on April 17 in the college Y. M. C. A. auditorium. The activities of the day began with a

business meeting, with Dr. George A. Baitsell, executive secretary of the national chapter, presiding. The constitution for the new chapter was adopted, charter members signed the constitution and the following were elected officers: Dr. Ralph W. Cummings, head of the department of agronomy, *President*; Dr. G. Wallace Smith, head of the department of engineering mechanics, *Vice-president*; Dr. Samuel G. Lehman, professor of plant pathology, *Secretary*; Dr. William G. Van Note, associate professor of metallurgy, *Treasurer*; Professor L. L. Vaughn, dean of the Engineering School, and Dr. F. H. McCutcheon, professor of zoology, *Members of the Executive Committee*.

At the installation ceremony the petition for the new chapter was presented by Dr. F. H. McCutcheon, retiring president of the club. This was accepted on behalf of the national society by Dr. Baitsell, who reviewed the grounds for installation of the chapter and presented the charter. Dr. Ernest Carroll Faust, a member of the National Executive Committee, made the installation address, presenting the charge to the new chapter. Dr. Cummings accepted the charter and made the response for the petitioning group. Colonel John W. Harrelson, dean of administration, reviewed the advancements and achievements in research of the college and pledged the administration to increased support of research in the future.

Following the formal installation, a reception for members and delegates was held at the home of Colonel and Mrs. Harrelson. In the evening a dinner was served for the national officers, visiting delegates, chapter members and their wives. Following the dinner, Dr. Ernest Carroll Faust delivered an address entitled "Some Biological Interrelationships."

ELECTIONS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

ELECTIONS at the spring meeting of the National Academy of Sciences held in Washington on April 25 are:

Treasurer: Dr. J. C. Hunsaker, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (for a further term of four years; ending June 30, 1948).

Members of the Council (for terms of three years ending June 30, 1947):

Ernest W. Goodpasture, Vanderbilt University.

Irving Langmuir, General Electric Company, Schenectady, New York.

New Foreign Associates:

Edward B. Bailey, Geological Survey, Exhibition Road, S. W. 7, London, England.

Leopold Ruzicka, Department of Organic Chemistry, Institute of Technology, Zurich, Switzerland.

New Members:

Thomas Addis, Stanford University Medical School, San Francisco.