

station; the Psychiatric Institute; the State Laboratory of Hygiene; the State geologist; and the class instruction, correspondence study and general program of the University Extension Division.

Under the heading of research the budget provides for the study and investigation of special problems affecting the welfare of the people of Wisconsin, including studies in the prevention and cure of cancer, improvements in agricultural production and marketing, industrial research and the prevention and cure of diseases of animals and plants.

### REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE CHICAGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

THE acting director of the Chicago Natural History Museum, Orr Goodson, gives in his annual report the following summary of the work of the museum:

The conditions existing in a nation whose efforts were almost totally directed to the demands of war naturally affected adversely the progress of the museum.

The inroads on the personnel continued at a steady pace, with a resulting decrease in the scope of museum activities, although every effort was made to operate all departments on a normal basis.

Under the policy adopted in 1942, to be continued for the duration of the war, there were no expeditions during 1943, and even local field work was held to a minimum.

Some new exhibits were prepared and installed, although not as many as would have been the case had the full staff been present.

Research slowed up in ratio to the shrinkage of the staff, and many projects that were in progress have been halted.

Seven men and two women were granted leave of absence in 1943 for service with the armed forces or other governmental agencies, bringing the total number of trustees, staff members and volunteer associates in service to 38.

The outstanding event of the year was the program on September 15 commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the museum.

In conformity with the suggestion of Trustee Marshall Field and President Stanley Field, duly approved by the board of trustees, the name of the museum was officially changed on December 6, 1943, from Field Museum of Natural History to Chicago Natural History Museum.

Among contributions during the year toward the work of the museum \$100,916 was received from Marshall Field, and from Stanley Field, president of the museum, \$20,075.

The number of visitors to the museum during 1943 declined to 1,021,289 from 1,025,002 in 1942. Of this number all but 77,980 were admitted free.

Included in the report are résumés of the year's activities of the four scientific departments, anthro-

pology, botany, geology and zoology; and of all the administrative and other divisions of the museum.

### THE PACIFIC DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

THE twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Phytopathological Society was held from June 26 to 28 at Oregon State College at Corvallis. Thirty-two members and twelve non-members from Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Nevada and Washington, D. C., were present, and twenty-two scientific papers were presented.

New diseases reported included the destructive blind-seed disease on rye grass caused by *Phialea temulenta* and described by Geo. W. Fischer. New methods for the control of plant disease included the disinfection of old stakes for the control of bean rust on pole beans, as reported by J. A. Milbrath. Officers elected for 1945 are: *President*, B. L. Richards; *Vice-president*, H. R. McLarty; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Geo. W. Fischer; *Councilor*, L. D. Leach; and *Representative on the Council* of the Pacific Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, L. D. Leach.

C. E. YARWOOD,  
*Secretary-Treasurer*

### THE CHARLES MAYER FELLOWSHIPS

THE *Journal* of the American Medical Association reports that three of four fellowships entrusted to the committee on medical education of the New York Academy of Medicine have been awarded. The fellowships were provided by Charles Mayer of New York and consist of \$2,000 each.

The recipients were Dr. Harry Goldblatt, associate director of the Institute of Pathology of the School of Medicine of Western Reserve University, and Dr. Philip Handler, associate in physiology and nutrition at the School of Medicine of Duke University, for work on "use of choline and other lipotropic factors in the prevention and treatment of fatty infiltration of the liver and hepatic insufficiency"; Dr. Richard Lewisohn, of the cancer research laboratory of the Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, for work on "the action of ingested choline, lecithin, methionine and inositol on precancerous lesions and disorders associated with neoplastic diseases"; and Dr. John R. Murlin, professor of physiology at the University of Rochester, for research on "the effects of riboflavin, certain amino acids and casein on the development and growth of cancer."

### IN HONOR OF RALPH E. SMITH

A DINNER in honor of Professor Ralph E. Smith, who retired on June 30 as the oldest staff member in