

## OBITUARY

## KENDALL SIEBERT TESH

ON Wednesday, August 9, preparatory to giving an examination to one of his classes, Kendall Siebert Tesh died suddenly at his desk in the department of chemistry of the University of Pittsburgh, where he began teaching as an assistant in his senior year in 1917. He obtained the B.S. degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1918, the M.S. degree in 1921, and the Ph.D. degree in 1924. As an undergraduate he served three years as secretary in the department of chemistry, earning his education. He was graduate assistant from 1917 to 1918. From April, 1918, to January, 1919, he was at Camp Custer, Michigan, and Camp Zachary Taylor, Kentucky. He held the title of Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery in World War I. Upon his return to the university, he was advanced to an instructorship. In 1926 he became assistant professor, and in 1928, upon obtaining his professorship, he was made head of the Uniontown Center of the university. In 1933, when this center was closed, he transferred to the headship of the Johnstown Center, returning to the department of chemistry in 1936 as professor of chemistry. Early during his teaching career, he was granted a year's leave of absence to engage in research in spectroscopy on a fellowship under Dr. B. S. Hopkins, of the University of Illinois.

Dr. Tesh was a member of Alpha Chi Sigma fraternity, Phi Lambda Upsilon, Epsilon Chi and Sigma Xi honorary fraternities. He was also a member of the American Chemical Society and the American Association of University Professors. He was a past president of the Faculty Club of the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Tesh is survived by his wife, Flora Hitzfelt Tesh; a brother, Robert Tesh, of Wilmington, Delaware; a sister, Mrs. A. H. Croup, of Erie; and another sister, Miss Sara C. Tesh, who is a teacher in Pittsburgh Public Schools.

ALEXANDER SILVERMAN

## RECENT DEATHS

GEORGE LEROY GUILLET, since 1924 associate professor of mechanical engineering at Pennsylvania State College, died on September 18. He formerly taught at McGill and Queen's Universities in Canada.

DR. WALTER HUGHSON, associate in otology in the Graduate School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania, died on September 13 at the age of fifty-three years.

DR. WALTER SAVAGE LANDIS, vice-president of the American Cyanamid Company, died on September 15 at the age of sixty-three years.

## SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

## THE SUMMER MEETING OF THE AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

THE fiftieth summer meeting of the American Mathematical Society was held at Wellesley College on August 13 and 14, in conjunction with meetings of the Mathematical Association of America and the Institute of Mathematical Statistics. The attendance was about three hundred, including two hundred and thirty-two members of the society. Rooms in the dormitories of the college and the Tower Court cafeteria were made available to the members of the three organizations, their families and guests.

The twenty-sixth colloquium was given by Professor Einar Hille, of Yale University. It consisted of a series of four lectures on "Selected Topics in the Theory of Semi-groups."

Professor C. C. MacDuffee, of the University of Wisconsin, gave an address by invitation "On the Composition of Algebraic Forms of Higher Degree."

Seventy-seven research papers were presented—twenty-seven in person and fifty by title. The society and the institute held a joint session for contributed papers on mathematical statistics.

At a dinner held on Sunday evening, Professor D. V. Widder was toastmaster. An address of welcome was given by Captain Mildred H. McAfee, U.S.N.R., president of Wellesley College, and an address, "American Mathematics in the Present War," by Professor Marshall Stone, president of the society. Professor J. S. Frame, on behalf of the three organizations meeting at Wellesley, presented a resolution of thanks to President McAfee, the local committee and all who assisted them for their excellent arrangements and cordial hospitality.

TEMPLE R. HOLLCROFT,  
*Associate Secretary, The American  
Mathematical Society*

THE INSTITUTE OF BIOLOGY AND  
EXPERIMENTAL MEDICINE  
AT BUENOS AIRES

THE following communication has been addressed to members of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology.

The undersigned, through communication with Professor Bernardo A. Houssay, of Buenos Aires, have

learned of certain urgent needs of this investigator and his devoted group of associates as regards adequate library facilities and especially access to our more important American journals in the broad field of medicine and biology. The group has been cut off from the excellent library built up by Professor Houssay and his staff and given to the University of Buenos Aires. Through the valiant behavior of certain Argentine citizens<sup>1</sup> and confrères, the Houssay group (which includes Drs. Lewis, Orias, Braun-Menendez and Foglia) has been able to set up a laboratory called the Instituto de Biología y Medicina Experimental, Costa Rica 4185, Buenos Aires.

The Pacific Coast Branch of the Pan-American Medical Society has charged itself with sending complete files of the *Annual Reviews of Biochemistry and Physiology* and at least two years' subscriptions to the following:

*The American Journal of Physiology*  
*The Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics*  
*The Journal of Biological Chemistry*  
*The Journal of Nutrition*

In a letter dated June 14 of this year, Dr. Houssay indicates his desire to secure at least current subscriptions to the following additional journals:

*Endocrinology*  
*The Journal of Experimental Medicine*  
*Biological Abstracts*  
*Acta Physiologica Scandinavica*  
*The Quarterly Journal of Experimental Physiology* (English)  
*Nutrition Abstracts*  
*The Biochemical Journal* (English)  
*The Journal of Endocrinology* (English)  
*Physiological Reviews*  
*The Archives of Biochemistry*  
*The Journal of Laboratory and Clinical Medicine*  
*The American Journal of Medical Science*  
*The Annals of Internal Medicine*  
*The Anatomical Record*  
*Nature*

It occurs to the undersigned that many American investigators will wish to contribute (from one to ten dollars) to a modest total sum to be used in this way as evidence of desire to assist a distinguished colleague and his associates. This action is suggested, not only as an expression of sympathy with these public-spirited men who have been penalized for merely stating their judgment as to the correct course of action for their country, but also and especially in recognition of the conspicuous capacity of the leader and his confrères to conduct critically founded investigations in the realm of physiology.

<sup>1</sup> See SCIENCE, 98: 467, 1942; 99: 166, 176, 360, 1944.

The committee subscribed is addressing members of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology for individual cash subscriptions, however small, for this purpose and holds itself pledged to report in detail to contributors as to the amount and disposition of the fund which may be collected. The contributions may be sent to the chairman.

WALTER B. CANNON

CARL J. WIGGERS

JOHN F. FULTON

HERBERT M. EVANS, *Chairman*

#### THE MARINE BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY AND THE HURRICANE

THE many friends of the Marine Biological Laboratory, situated at Woods Hole, Mass., will be glad to learn that the institution came through the hurricane without serious harm. None of its books, apparatus or boats suffered in any way; nor were the buildings damaged except that some lost patches of shingles and many window panes. Although the tide was higher than normal, no sea water entered the Brick Building. Along the waterfront tremendous waves battered the sea wall, washed away a part of the greensward and covered the rest with sand and gravel. The old wharf, considered unsafe for some years, was almost completely destroyed. Repair of the buildings is going forward rapidly.

From the standpoint of investigators now working at the laboratory, the most serious effect of the storm is the loss of electricity to run the salt water pump, refrigerators and other apparatus, and to light the library at night. The cables bringing electricity to the Cape were carried down or broken by falling trees. To restore them is a slow task.

Contrary to many reports, there was no evacuation of the town, nor was any such measure considered for Woods Hole. However, residents of houses built on the beaches near Falmouth were told to leave before the storm broke. Many of those houses were demolished or badly damaged.

The hurricane of this year caused far less damage to the Marine Biological Laboratory than did the storm and flood of 1938.

CHARLES PACKARD,  
*Director*

#### FELLOWSHIPS ESTABLISHED IN HONOR OF DR. FRANK B. JEWETT

THE American Telephone and Telegraph Company has established a trust fund to finance five annual post-doctorate fellowships in physical science "to stimulate and assist research in the fundamental physical sciences and particularly to provide the holders with opportunities for individual growth and development as creative scientists."