

1935 a member of the Board of Control of the Michigan College of Mining and Technology, died on September 29. A correspondent writes: "Mr. Schacht was president and general manager of the Copper Range

Company and president of the Copper District Power Company. He was a graduate of the Michigan College of Mines, which in 1940 conferred upon him the honorary degree of doctor of engineering."

## SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

### THE SCOTTISH SEAWEED RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

A SCOTTISH Seaweed Research Association has been established with the cooperation of the British Ministry of Supply and the Scottish Council of Industry. It will derive half its funds from private subscription and half from the Development Commissioners.

It is reported in *The Times*, London, that through its survey and ecology division the association will attempt to discover or develop reliable methods of survey of littoral and sublittoral seaweed, and conduct surveys. The engineering division will maintain and develop *The Prospector*, a ship specially equipped for the survey and collection of deep seaweeds. It will also be the task of this division to develop equipment for littoral surveys, for landing weed, for assisting crofters and farmers in collecting seaweed and to investigate the possibilities of pressing, drying and milling equipment. The chemistry division will study seasonal variations of various Scottish seaweeds and provide information for those engaged in the extraction of chemicals and who market or use seaweed for feeding stuffs or fertilizers.

A director will be appointed to coordinate all these activities. The board of the association is being assisted by leading scientific men and has been promised the fullest use of the facilities of other scientific organizations. It is intended that the results of the investigations will stand the scrutiny of both technical and commercial groups. The work of the association will largely determine the future development of seaweed resources in Scotland and subsidiary and allied industries associated with seaweed products.

The chairman of the association is Sir A. Steven Bilsland.

### THE ALABAMA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

THE Alabama Academy of Science held its twenty-first annual meeting in Birmingham on April 14 under the presidency of E. V. Jones, of Birmingham-Southern College. The meeting was well attended, having a registration of over a hundred members and visitors. Fifty-nine papers were presented in the various sections.

Dr. Jones's presidential address was entitled "Challenges Facing the Alabama Academy of Science."

New and reelected officers for 1944-45 are:

*President*, James T. MacKenzie, American Cast Iron Pipe Company, Birmingham.

*President-Elect*, J. M. Robinson, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn.

*Vice-presidents and Section Chairmen*: Biology and Medical Sciences, J. P. Reynolds, Birmingham-Southern College, *Secretary*, Alvin V. Beatty, University; Chemistry, G. H. Evans, Huntingdon College, Montgomery, *Secretary*, Davis H. Thomson, Birmingham; Geology and Anthropology, E. C. Horton, U. S. Weather Bureau, Birmingham, *Secretary*, Peter A. Brannon, Department of Archives and History, Montgomery; Geography and Conservation, J. M. Stauffer, Department of Conservation, Montgomery, *Secretary*, Thomas A. Ford, Department of Conservation, Montgomery; Physics and Mathematics, A. T. Wager, Birmingham-Southern College; Industry and Economics, W. M. Mobley, Alabama By-Products Corporation, Tarrant; The Teaching of Science, Mrs. W. D. Thompson, Birmingham-Southern College.

*Treasurer*, John Xan, Howard College, Birmingham, reelected for three years.

*Councilor of the American Association for the Advancement of Science*, Septima C. Smith, University, reelected.

*Long Range Planning Committee*, member, Section III, S. J. Lloyd, University.

*Councilor for the Junior Academy* for three years, Miss Lillian Worley, Alabama College, Montevallo.

The Alabama Junior Academy of Science was in session at the same time, at the Phillips High School, with exhibits constituting a special feature of the program.

The next annual meeting of the academy will be held in Birmingham in the spring, the date to be determined later.

WINNIE MCGLAMERY,  
*Secretary*

### DECORATIONS OF RUSSIAN SCIENTIFIC MEN BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT

*The Information Bulletin* of the Embassy of the U.S.S.R. reports the following decorations conferred on eighty-one members and workers of the Academy of Sciences of the Ukrainian SSR in recognition of notable services in various branches of science:

The highest decoration, the Order of Lenin, has been conferred upon Academician Vladimir Filatov, famous oculist, whose method of cornea transplanting has helped to restore sight to thousands of wounded men during the war. Academician Filatov has also scored important successes in the field of tissue therapy. In a number of diseases, even those entirely unconnected with the eyes,