

ern Betterment," and George J. Wilds, president of the Pedigreed Seed Company, of Hartsville, S. C., on "Research and the Southern Farmer."

At the final session addresses were scheduled to be made by Dr. David E. Lilienthal, chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority, on "Southern Development and Regional Planning," and by Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson, formerly president of the Standard Oil Development Company, on "Research and Industrial Development."

THE DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY OF THE CARNEGIE LIBRARY OF PITTSBURGH

IN the fall of 1944 the Pittsburgh Section of the American Chemical Society initiated a campaign to raise funds in support of the department of technology of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh.

This department was the first of its kind in any public library and for some years was one the finest technical libraries in the country. Its files of older scientific periodicals are remarkably complete. Even to-day, there are on the shelves a few foreign journals not found elsewhere in America. Material in the department is for reference use only, but thousands of circulating books in pure and applied science may be borrowed from the lending department.

The catalogue system is a unique type of classified, annotated index which does not exist in any other library. The department has had the services of one of the outstanding technology librarians of the country, E. H. McClelland, but has lacked funds during recent years to maintain its former excellence; it has been open to the public eighty-two hours per week but has had to curtail rather than expand its service.

The section has had for many years a standing Library Committee, formed some years ago under a former section chairman, Dr. J. O. Handy, during whose administration the sum of \$2,600 was turned over to the department. The library was then and still is supported by city funds and has no endowment.

Last summer, Dr. Gilbert Thiessen, chairman of the Library Committee of the Pittsburgh Section, began some constructive work to obtain funds for the department of technology. He gained the enthusiastic support of Dr. W. A. Gruse, then chairman of the section. As a result, a Technology Library Fund Committee was appointed. It included a number of scientific men—many of them directors of local research laboratories.

The work started by Dr. Gruse was continued by Dr. H. K. Work, the present chairman of the section, when he assumed office in the early part of the year. The work of raising the money was handled by C. G. Fisher, chairman of the Fund Committee, who has long been chairman of the Finance Committee of the Pittsburgh Section.

The Technology Library Fund was inaugurated with a goal set at \$50,000. The Pittsburgh Section of the American Chemical Society contributed \$2,000 from its treasury. Through the efforts of Mr. Fisher and his committee, the total amount of the fund is now \$66,195. Most of it has come from industries, some of which are more than a hundred miles from Pittsburgh. A contribution of \$10,000 came from the Buhl Foundation and others came from individuals.

The fund is administered by a seven-member committee consisting of representatives of the Pittsburgh Section of the American Chemical Society, the Mellon Institute for Industrial Research, the Carnegie Institute of Technology, the University of Pittsburgh and the technology librarian of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. The present members of the committee are:

Pittsburgh Section, American Chemical Society: *Chairman-elect*, Dr. R. N. Wenzel; *Chairman of the Library Committee*, Dr. Gilbert Thiessen; *Chairman of the Finance Committee*, C. G. Fisher.

The Mellon Institute: Dr. W. A. Hamor.

The Carnegie Institute of Technology: Dr. B. R. Teare, Jr.

This committee confers regarding purchases to be made with the fund which is not an endowment but is designed to supplement the funds regularly made available; the department already has placed subscriptions for many new technical journals, and is again buying technical literature in accordance with the needs of the district. Although the amount to be expended as initial outlay and for the maintenance of subscriptions each year will vary, it is estimated that the fund will be sufficient for several years.

The library fund will not be restricted to the purchase of chemical literature. Chemists are represented in all industries and utilize the technical developments of all branches of science. The fund is designed to enable the department to regain, and to improve upon, its former service in providing reference literature in the entire field of pure and applied science—the whole field of technology in its broadest interpretation.

THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

THERE has been formed a national committee of more than one hundred members, sponsors for the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration of the New York Botanical Garden. John W. Davis, formerly ambassador to Great Britain, has accepted the chairmanship. The committee includes prominent botanists, scientists and industrial and lay leaders in all parts of the nation.

The fiftieth anniversary will be observed in various ways throughout the year. The first major event of