

successive monthly meetings, culminating at the April meeting when the constitution and by-laws were adopted.

The organizing committee was headed by George C. Grow, Jr., who has also been selected as president of the society for the year 1945-1946. Other first-year officers are Raymond E. Birch, *vice-president*; W. B. Robinson, *secretary*; and Dr. Shailer S. Philbrick, *treasurer*. These officers, together with the following, comprise the council: Robert E. Bayles, Hugh R. Brankstone, C. H. Feldmiller, Dr. Richard M. Foose, John T. Gale, David K. Kirk and Dr. J. H. C. Martens.

Speakers at the first six meetings and their subjects follow: Major Raymond C. Moore, State Geologist of Kansas, now on leave in the Army, "Geology and Geomachy"; Dr. Kirk Bryan, Harvard University, "The Geological Antiquity of Man in America"; Dr. Carey Croneis, president, Beloit College, "Science and the Future"; Dr. Philip S. Smith, chief Alaskan geologist of the U. S. Geological Survey, "Alaska's Potential Oil Resources"; Dr. W. C. Krumbein, senior geologist, Beach Erosion Board, "Sedimentation and Its Relation to Oil Finding"; and Dr. Walter H. Bucher, professor of geology, Columbia University, "The Deformation of the Earth's Crust."

Except for Major Moore and Drs. Croneis and Bucher, these speakers were obtained through the Distinguished Lecturers Committee of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

Attendance at the first six meetings, each held in Pittsburgh, has averaged slightly more than a hundred persons. As has been hoped for by the organizers, the drawing range extends into Ohio and West Virginia as well as throughout western Pennsylvania. The cooperation of personnel of the U. S. Geological Survey and of the Pennsylvania and West Virginia geological survey groups has been of much assistance. It is planned to hold monthly meetings except for the summer months, these to be in Pittsburgh. Field conferences may be held when transportation facilities are improved.

The diverse geologic interests represented in this area include petroleum and gas, coal, iron and steel, refractories and other ceramic industries, as well as academic groups and amateur geologists.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 P.M., May 28, in the club rooms of the Engineers Society of Western Pennsylvania in the Hotel William Penn. This will be a symposium on the wartime activity of the U. S. Geological Survey in the Ohio-West Virginia-Pennsylvania area, particularly concerned with detailed study of the Berea sandstone. The discussion will be led by Dr. James F. Pepper, David F. Demarest and Dr. Gordon Rittenhouse.

Further information concerning the society and its

activities may be obtained by addressing W. B. Robinson, Gulf Research and Development Company, Box 2038, Pittsburgh 30, Pa.

THE EFFECT OF NUTRITION ON THE COURSE OF TUBERCULOSIS

THE Hastings Foundation has purchased a tract of land from the La Vina Sanatorium and is converting a former preventorium building into the Charles Cook Hastings Home. The site is just north of Pasadena, Calif. Construction is nearing completion, and Dr. Edward Kupka, medical director of both institutions, has announced that the opening day will be about August 1. The Hastings Home is being established pursuant to the will of Charles H. Hastings, who left approximately three million dollars for the study and treatment of tuberculosis. The institution is to be a research type hospital in memory of his father, who died of the disease.

Agreement has been made with the Veterans' Facility, San Fernando, to treat twenty veterans of this war who have developed tuberculosis. The entire cost of their care will be paid by the Hastings Foundation.

Dr. Horace R. Getz, research associate of the Henry Phipps Institute of Philadelphia, will be director of the laboratories. He will continue the research on nutrition hitherto carried on by him in Philadelphia.

An attempt will be made to learn the effect of nutrition on the course of tuberculosis. It is planned to study minimal cases only at first. Objective nutrition tests on the blood and biomicroscopic examination of the eyes, tongue and gums will be a part of the routine examination of the subjects, all of whom will receive a good standard sanatorium diet with one half being given food supplements. Progress of the disease in both groups will then be carefully compared.

AFFILIATION OF SIGMA ALPHA WITH ALPHA EPSILON DELTA

SIGMA ALPHA, premedical fraternity of the University of Louisville, on April 29 became affiliated with Alpha Epsilon Delta, national honorary premedical fraternity, upon their installation as the Kentucky Alpha chapter. The initiation of eighteen active and three honorary members was conducted by Dr. Hugh E. Setterfield, associate professor of anatomy at the School of Medicine of the Ohio State University and national president of Alpha Epsilon Delta. Sigma Alpha was organized on March 29, 1933, at Louisville, under the auspices of Dr. A. W. Homberger, head of the department of chemistry and premedical adviser. Their affiliation marks another step in the activities of Alpha Epsilon Delta.

Founded at the University of Alabama in 1926 by a group of premedical students, Alpha Epsilon Delta has expanded its membership to include thirty-four