

employed, as Woodley rapidly came to understand our needs. As one of the association officers once said, Woodley proved to be "a whirlwind at getting things done." From the beginning, he showed remarkable ability, capacity and reliability, not only along many lines of clerical work but also in general executive management. He showed understanding and enthusiasm and he obviously liked his new position.

For years his evenings were partly devoted to the advancement of his own formal education in his chosen field. By 1926 he had completed the high-school course and had attained the bachelor's degree and the master's degree in commercial science at Southeastern University. He rapidly developed a highly appreciative and sympathetic understanding of the ideals of professional scientists and the aims of the association.

The Woodleys were married at Kewanee in 1912. Mrs. Woodley, whose parents were of old Pennsylvania stock, was Icy Dora Miller. Since October, 1924, she has been a most valuable assistant in the Washington office of the association, having charge of the complex details of the membership and subscription records, to which she devotes precise and constant care; many members will remember her as a very busy person in the registration offices at some of the association meetings. She keeps the books, writes outgoing checks and handles annually in recent years about thirty-five thousand incoming checks for dues and other payments. Mr. Woodley always gives to her much credit for the smooth operation of the office in carrying out the instructions of the executive committee and of the permanent secretary.

The Woodleys have a convenient and attractive home near Rock Creek Park, with two devoted pet cats and a garden of both ornamental and vegetable plants. Their daughter, Priscilla, a graduate of Washington College of Music and of Wellesley College, is the wife of Charles F. Tank, a West Point graduate who is now a Lieutenant Colonel in the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army. They have two little daughters.

Woodley has worked with four permanent secretaries of the association, to all of whom he has given loyal and affable cooperation at all times. With the growth of our organization, his responsibilities have naturally broadened and increased throughout the years. He has served as secretary of the executive committee at more than a hundred of its business sessions. In a similar way he has served the finance

committee also, which manages the association's investment portfolio. He has prepared the annual financial reports for the permanent secretary and the treasurer, and the reports made by the association to the U. S. Bureau of Internal Revenue. For the permanent secretary and the local committees, he has arranged the complex details of many association meetings, including the publication of the general programs, sizeable books that must be edited, printed and bound in the hectic hours just before a meeting opens. He has had charge of the preparation and publication of four volumes of the "Summarized Proceedings" and the accompanying directories of members. The recurring circularization for new members is another of his many jobs. The American Association has been fortunate in having Woodley on its staff for twenty-five years and we hope that his service may continue for an additional quarter century and longer.

I now add a few quotations from some of those who have worked closely with Woodley. "His outstanding characteristics are his efficiency and his unfailing good nature. He has an uncanny ability to segregate the essential from the unessential. In emergencies he never loses his head or shows irritation."—"The most prominent characteristic of Sam's personality is shown by his quiet, self-reliant, cordial cooperation with others and his generous habit of giving full credit to his associates for accomplishments toward which he has personally devoted a great deal of time and thought."—"If he ever makes a mistake he is always ready to correct it promptly, and if one of his associates makes a mistake he uncomplainingly pitches in to set things right."—"Throughout these years we have all recognized in Sam the most effective type of intelligent, informed and devoted service. Local committees for association meetings have many times expressed their admiration and their appreciation of his great contributions of study and effort to further the success of the meetings. He is a most efficient office manager."—"Both Mr. and Mrs. Woodley rank exceptionally high in intellectual integrity, in intelligence and in industry and the ability to get work done in spite of difficulties."—"Besides being constantly devoted to the larger projects and problems of the association, Sam is ever alert to care for trivial troubles before they can become important. When need arises, he gladly and ably becomes the handy man of the Washington office."

OBITUARY

RECENT DEATHS

DR. HORACE CLARK RICHARDS, emeritus professor of physics of the University of Pennsylvania, died on May 20 at the age of seventy-seven years.

DR. HAROLD ORVILLE WHITNALL, head of the department of geology and geography of Colgate University, died on May 18 at the age of sixty-seven years.

DR. LEE MAIDMENT HURD, since 1932 emeritus pro-

fessor of laryngology of New York University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College, died on May 15. He was seventy-one years old.

THE death is announced of H. C. Moreno, professor emeritus of mathematics of Stanford University.

THOMAS ARCHIBALD WRIGHT, president of Lucius Pitkin, Inc., consulting chemists, of New York City, died on May 25 at the age of fifty-eight years.

THE death in April is announced of Lieutenant Stafford M. Wheeler (M.C.), U.S.N.R. Prior to his active naval service, Lieutenant Wheeler was an instructor in the department of preventive medicine at the Harvard Medical-School. He was appointed assistant professor of epidemiology in the DeLamar Institute of Public Health of Columbia University, but

never worked on his appointment, being given a leave of absence for service. Lieutenant Wheeler was accidentally killed in a land mine explosion in Yugoslavia while serving as a member of the U. S. Army Typhus Fever Commission.

DR. STANLEY WELLS KEMP, since 1936 director of the Plymouth Laboratories of England, and secretary to the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom, died on May 16 at the age of sixty-four years.

ALEXANDER FERSMAN, the mineralogist, a director of the Museum of the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R., director of the Geographical Institute and chairman of the Institute of Archeological Technology, died on May 20 at the age of sixty-two years.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION IN INDIA

THE Government of India has accepted the constitution of the permanent Food and Agricultural Organization (F.A.O.) of the United Nations, drawn up by the United Nations Interim Commission appointed in July, 1943, to prepare for submission to governments a specific plan for a permanent International Organization for Food and Agriculture as recommended by the Hot Springs Conference.

The broad objectives of the Food and Agricultural Organization, as set forth in the preamble to the constitution and printed in *The Journal of Scientific and Industrial Research*, are:

- (1) to raise the levels of nutrition and standards of living among the peoples of the world,
- (2) to secure improvements in the efficiency of the production and distribution of all food and agricultural products,
- (3) to better the conditions of rural populations, and
- (4) to contribute by these means towards an expanding world economy.

The member nations undertake to report to one another through the Food and Agricultural Organization on the measures taken and the progress achieved in these fields of action.

The methods to be employed by the Food and Agricultural Organization are indicated in Article I of the Constitution, which outlines the functions of the organization:

- (1) The organization shall collect, analyze, interpret and disseminate information relating to nutrition, food and agriculture.
- (2) The organization shall promote and, where appropriate, shall recommend national and international action with respect to

(a) the scientific, technological, social and economic research relating to nutrition, food and agriculture;

(b) the improvement of education and administration relating to nutrition, food and agriculture, and the spread of public knowledge of nutritional and agricultural science and practice;

(c) the conservation of natural resources and the adoption of improved methods of agricultural production;

(d) the improvement of the processing, marketing and distribution of food and agricultural products;

(e) the adoption of policies for the provision of adequate agricultural credit, national and international;

(f) the adoption of international policies with respect to agricultural commodity arrangements.

(3) It shall be the function of the organization

(a) to furnish such technical assistance as governments may request;

(b) to organize, in cooperation with governments concerned, such missions as may be needed to assist them to fulfil the obligations arising from their acceptance of the recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Food and Agriculture; and

(c) generally to take all necessary and appropriate action to implement the purposes of the organization as set forth in the preamble.

The Food and Agricultural Organization will include in its scope forestry and fisheries as well as agriculture. It will be concerned not only with food but with non-food agricultural products, such as fibers and oils, and with the primary products of forests. Nutrition as well as the production, processing and marketing of foods will lie within its field of activity.

THE FOOD STANDARDS COMMITTEE OF THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

A MID-JUNE meeting of the Food Standards Committee of the Food and Drug Administration has been