

interest was fixed on the influence of growth and sexuality factors for fungi and growth factors for bacteria. To these problems he brought a shrewd and penetrating mind and a great persistence in overcoming difficulties. Whenever possible his method of attack was direct, and nothing pleased him more than the successful use of a simple demonstration to establish some fundamental finding.

His third field of science brought him much pleasure and many friends in other than academic circles. His avocation was the growing, improving and breeding of delphiniums, day lilies and oriental poppies. To this enterprise he gave the name "Lyondel Gardens," and in the flower season it was one of the show places of Morgantown. He delighted in showing his treasures to those who appreciated them. He was a speaker of reputation before garden clubs.

For many years he was editor of the *Delphinium Year Book*, and in 1935 published a book entitled "How to Grow Delphiniums."

He will be remembered by his students as a teacher and as a man who understood their problems. Many students came to him for counsel and help. And in an unobtrusive way he performed many kind deeds which he hid as best he could. His colleagues will miss his example and his determined stand for those things he considered right and just. His friends have indeed suffered a grievous loss. A student loan fund

has been established by friends and associates in his memory.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Nell Lanham Leonian, and three sons, Phillip, Armen and John. In addition, two brothers and a sister survive in the Armenian Republic of the U.S.S.R.

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RECENT DEATHS

DR. NEVIN M. FENNEMAN, until his retirement in 1937 with the title emeritus, professor of geology and geography at the University of Cincinnati, died on July 4 at the age of seventy-nine years.

DR. DANIEL ROCKMAN BERGSMARK, associate professor of geography at the University of Cincinnati, died on June 25 at the age of forty-six years.

THE death on June 24 at the age of sixty-eight years is announced of Dr. Arthur W. Walker, professor emeritus of bacteriology of Northwestern University.

EDITH REBECCA SAUNDERS, formerly fellow and director of studies in the natural sciences at Newnham College, Cambridge, died on June 4 from injuries received in a motor accident.

SIR PETER CHALMERS MITCHELL, F.R.S., secretary to the Zoological Society of London from 1903 to 1935, was struck by a taxi-cab on June 29 and died on July 2 from the result of injuries received.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

THE GERARD SWOPE FOUNDATION OF THE GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

To assist in higher education and fundamental research work in scientific and industrial fields, a fund of \$400,000 has been set aside by the directors of the General Electric Company to be known as the Gerard Swope Foundation. Mr. Swope served as president of the company for more than nineteen years, from May, 1922, until the close of 1939, and for an additional two years in 1942-44 he returned to head the company when C. E. Wilson, now president, was acting as executive vice-chairman of the War Production Board. When he resigned at the close of 1944, Mr. Swope had also served as a director of the company for more than twenty-two years.

The new foundation was created "as an expression of appreciation of Mr. Swope's great contribution as the leader and inspiration of the General Electric Company for so many years, and as a means of making this appreciation of enduring and constructive benefit to the company and to the electrical industry."

It is proposed to utilize the income of the foundation in the following ways:

In granting loans or scholarships to employees and to the children of present or former employees of the company and its affiliated companies, to help them pursue their work in any field of study and in any approved university, college or technical school in the United States that they may select;

In granting graduate fellowships to the same classifications of individuals to be used by the recipient for graduate work in industrial management, engineering, the physical sciences and in any other scientific or industrial field;

In granting loans, scholarships or fellowships in any of the above fields to any other person that may be deemed worthy of assistance;

And finally, in granting graduate fellowships, to make contributions to the university, college or technical school to help in defraying the cost of equipment and material, especially needed in connection with a research project.

Applicants for loans, scholarships and fellowships will be considered not only from the standpoint of academic attainment and financial needs, but also from the standpoint of character and personal qualifications for deriving the greatest good from the continuation of their studies. The grants will be made without regard to sex, color, creed or national origin.