

### LIFE INSURANCE MEDICAL RESEARCH FUND

ONE hundred and forty-six life insurance companies in the United States and Canada have cooperated to establish an organization known as the Life Insurance Medical Research Fund. It is the purpose of this fund to support fundamental research bearing on cardiovascular disease, including rheumatic fever, hypertension, arteriosclerosis and allied disorders.

To assist the board of directors of the fund in making grants an advisory council has been appointed with the following membership: Dr. Francis G. Blake, *chairman*; Dr. Ernest W. Goodpasture, Dr. A. Baird Hastings, Dr. Eugene M. Landis, Dr. Robert F. Loeb, Dr. C. N. H. Long, Dr. Seeley G. Mudd and Dr. Cecil J. Watson.

Funds will become available after January 1, 1946, and grants will be made for varying periods of time in accordance with the specific requirements of the research problems.

Applications for grants may now be made to the chairman of the advisory council and should be transmitted in duplicate through the administrative officer of the institution making application. Requests for grants should include a description of the proposed research, a budget, and the date when funds are desired. Applications received by February 1, 1946, will be given consideration at a meeting of the council to be held on or about March 1, 1946.

FRANCIS G. BLAKE, M.D., *Chairman,*  
*Advisory Council*

YALE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE,  
333 CEDAR STREET,  
NEW HAVEN 11, CONNECTICUT

### STAFF CHANGES OF THE U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

DIRECTOR W. E. WRATHER, of the United States Geological Survey, has announced recent organizational changes within the Geologic Branch of the Survey, which is headed by Chief Geologist W. H. Bradley.

The Geologic Branch has been subdivided into two divisions and a technical service and administrative group. Dr. H. M. Bannerman has been named chief of the Division of Economic Geology. During most of the war period he served as chief of the Section of Non-metallic Minerals.

Dr. H. S. Ladd has been designated chief of the Division of Areal Geology and Basic Sciences. He was formerly regional geologist, in charge of the Rolla, Missouri, office of the Survey. Dr. J. W. Peoples, assistant chief geologist, has been named head of the Technical and Administrative Group.

A Special Research Staff has been set up within the Geologic Branch, having advisory functions in

connection with long-range research planning and Branch policies. This staff includes Drs. D. F. Hewett, G. F. Loughlin and W. W. Rubey. Other geologists are temporarily assigned to this staff as the planning needs dictate.

A new Section of Geologic Information and Reports has been established. Don L. Carroll, until recently foreign editor and staff geologist of the *Oil Weekly*, has been designated chief of the new section.

The following sections now comprise the Division of Economic Geology:

*Geology of Fuels*: H. D. Miser, chief

*Geology of Metalliferous Deposits*: Charles P. Park, Jr., chief

*Geology of Non-Metalliferous Deposits*: Josiah Bridge, acting chief

*Foreign Geology*: J. V. N. Dorr, 2d, acting chief

Within the Division of Areal Geology and Basic Sciences are included the following sections:

*Areal Geology*: J. T. Hack, acting chief

*Engineering Geology*: E. C. Eckel, chief

*Chemistry and Physics*: W. T. Schaller, chief

*Paleontology and Stratigraphy*: J. B. Reeside, Jr., chief

*Petrology*: C. S. Ross, chief

*Military Geology*: E. S. Larsen, 3rd, acting chief

*Geophysics*: J. R. Balsley, acting chief

The Technical Service and Administrative Group includes the following units:

*Manuscript Review Board*: C. H. Dane, chairman

*Geologic Map Editor*: E. N. Goddard

*Geologic Cartography*: L. B. Pusey, chief

*Committee on Geologic Names*: Miss Frances Willoughby, secretary

*Office of the Chief Clerk*: Mrs. A. L. Brown, chief

Changes in field assignments have also been announced. A. L. Weissenborn, of the Rolla, Missouri, office, has been designated as regional geologist at Spokane, Washington. Robert A. Laurence has been made Eastern regional geologist, with temporary headquarters at Jefferson City, Tennessee. Charles B. Hunt, formerly chief of the Military Geology Unit, has been designated regional geologist at Salt Lake City.

### NEWS FROM ABROAD

#### LETTER FROM DR. KARRE MÜNSTER STRØM

Dr. Karre Münster Strøm, head of the Department of Limnology of Oslo University, Norway, writes to Dr. Wm. Randolph Taylor that he and his colleagues have come through the war well, that he worked quietly at home most of the period, and that he hopes to pay the scientific visit to this country in 1946 that he had planned to take just before the war.