



Centennial Membership Goal—15,000 New Members in 1948

Since mid-January 7,000 new members have joined the Association, and with the continued vigorous campaigning of the AAAS local membership committees the objective set by the Centennial Policy Committee—15,000 new members in 1948—will be successfully attained.

Approximately 104 committees have been organized locally throughout this country, Canada, and Hawaii, and their productive activities are daily giving impetus to the membership campaign. Some indication of the enthusiastic response among members of the Association is reflected in the following extracts from letters of local committee chairmen:

Philip H. Cinis, secretary of the local committee in Springfield, Massachusetts, reports that his group plans to arrange a program to coincide with the Centennial Celebration in Washington, and then to continue as a permanent group with bi-monthly meetings at which members and their guests will meet and deliver papers on their work. Other officers of this progressive group are I. Jacques Yetwin, chairman; R. K. Mueller, vice-chairman; D. S. Pollard, treasurer; and W. W. Williams, program committee chairman.

Paul G. Rooft, chairman of the local committee at the University of Kansas, states that all science teachers have volunteered to canvass their classes for membership, that a AAAS radio script is being prepared for local broadcast, and that feature articles are in the making for local papers. Dr. Rooft's committee is also planning an "All University Science Convocation."

R. A. Fennel, chairman of the Michigan State College group, states in a progress report on the work of his committee that Chester F. Lawson, a member of the M.S.C. group, has informed all department heads as to the objectives and work of the Association and that they in turn will promote its purposes among students and colleagues. The technical employees of the Reo Motor Company and the Olds Motor Company

are being screened for invitations, and Dr. Fennel's committee has nominated for membership the staff members of the Michigan State Department of Health and Michigan State College.

E. W. Bird and his committee on the campus of Iowa State College are proceeding to acquaint non-members with some of the advantages of belonging to the Association. A recent letter from the committee to all staff members of the college is quoted below in its entirety.

Several of us who are members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science have been asked to acquaint those of you who are not members of the Association with the organization, its aims and purposes. The Association formed in 1848 will celebrate its hundredth anniversary this year and an effort is being made at this time to solicit you as a possible member of the AAAS.

Membership in the Association is open to individuals in the fields of pure and applied science, the social sciences and engineering. Individuals who are members of the staff, but whose interests in these fields are those of the layman, are, likewise, asked to join us since one of the society's objectives is a wide-spread dissemination of scientific information to all intelligent individuals.

The current membership of the Association is approximately 40,000. Some of the great names to be found in the Association's rosters are Joseph Henry, Louis Agassiz, Simon Newcomb, Asa Gray, William H. Welch, T. C. Chamberlin, A. A. Michelson, Charles W. Elliot. Locally there are 126 members of the Association.

The objectives of the Association are "to further the work of scientists, to facilitate cooperation among them, to improve the effectiveness of science in the promotion of human welfare, and to increase public understanding and appreciation of the importance and promise of the methods of science in human progress."

In order to facilitate these objectives, the Association issues two publications, *Science* and *The Scientific Monthly*. You will find these publications thoroughly modern and in keeping with the times. Copies of these publications have been made available in the lower lobby of the library through the kindness of Mr. Robert Orr. These, together with other information relative to the Association, will be on display during the week of June 6.

We of the committee urge you to join us in membership. Will those of you who are interested, kindly so signify to E. W. Bird, 200 Dairy Industry Building, by June 18, so that we may recommend you for membership to the national organization. We of the committee urge you to contact any of us if you desire further personalized information relative to the Association.

From time to time the action of the local membership committees will be reported in *Science*. All those serving on these committees are volunteers, who have indicated a desire to help promote the objectives of the Association by participating in the membership drive. The value of the personal approach to stimulate interest in the Association cannot be overestimated, and in large communities several committees are independently soliciting new members in order to cover effectively each campaign area. When three or more committees have been organized in one locality, the chairmen are asked to meet and elect

an area chairman to coordinate the local program. Members of the Association who wish to take an active part in this worth-while endeavor to increase the AAAS membership—15,000 new members in 1948—may secure the name and address of their local committee chairman by writing to the Washington office of the Association.

Now available for the use of members only are special Centennial Membership Application Forms to be used for the personal solicitation of members among friends and colleagues. These forms will be furnished promptly upon request.

NEWS and Notes

W. V. Lambert has resigned as administrator of the Agricultural Research Administration, USDA, to become dean of the School of Agriculture and director of the Experiment Station at the University of Nebraska. He will take up his new duties October 1. Other departmental changes recently announced include the appointments of **Frank H. Spencer**, assistant chief, Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, as the assistant administrator of the Agricultural Research Administration, and **Edmund Stephens** as the new assistant chief of the Bureau.

Roger Revelle, who was in charge of the oceanographic section in the Bikini atomic bomb tests, has been named associate director of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography of the University of California. Dr. Revelle is an authority on marine sediments.

Clayton M. Zieman has been appointed assistant professor of physics at Wabash College, effective in September.

Samuel Goldich, of the Texas Bureau of Economic Geology and the U. S. Geological Survey, has been made associate professor of petrography and petrology in the Department of Geology at the University of Minnesota, effective September 15. Dr. Goldich succeeds **F. F. Grout**, who has recently retired.

Hubert O. Jenkins has been appointed professor of biological sci-

ences at the newly formed Sacramento (California) State College. For the past 17 years he has been associated with the Sacramento Junior College.

Francis W. Stengle, Technical Services Division, Chemical Corps Technical Command, Army Chemical Center, Maryland, formerly curator of the Chemical Warfare Materiel Museum, is now serving as technical editor with the Editorial Branch of the Division.

Lowell Besley, professor of forest management, West Virginia University, has resigned to become head of the Department of Forestry at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver.

John Field, physiologist at Stanford University, will leave shortly for the Arctic Research Laboratory, Point Barrow, Alaska, to begin a study on the mechanisms by which small cold-blooded animals adapt themselves to climatic extremes of heat and cold. Working under a contract with the Office of Naval Research, Dr. Field will study related forms of life in Alaska, in the more temperate areas of the Pacific Coast, and in the tropical zone of Panama. **Clarence N. Peiss**, of Palo Alto, California, will serve as research assistant in the project, remaining at Point Barrow until next March.

Neil W. Stuart, plant physiologist, Bureau of Plant Industry, Soils, and Agricultural Engineering, USDA, **C. J. Willard**, professor of agronomy at Ohio State University, and **J. L. Lush**, professor of animal genetics at Iowa State College, recently arrived in England for a 3-month survey of agricultural research while serving on the staff of the U. S. Mission on Science

and Technology, which is surveying and evaluating research in Great Britain on medicine, public health, engineering, and agriculture.

James G. Retallack, of the University of California, Berkeley, and **Robert W. Thompson**, research associate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, have recently been appointed assistant professors of physics at Indiana University.

James Murray Luck, professor of biochemistry at Stanford University, represented the National Academy of Sciences at a conference on scientific information held last week by the Royal Society in London.

M. John Boyd, associate professor of biological chemistry in the College of Medicine, University of Cincinnati, will become professor of chemistry and head of the Hahnemann Medical College Division of Chemistry beginning September 1. His wife, **Marion Abbott Boyd**, plans to resign her present position as associate professor of hygiene at Cincinnati to accompany Dr. Boyd to Philadelphia.

Visitors to U. S.

Karl Frederick Bonhoeffer, formerly of the Kaiser-Wilhelm Institute, Berlin, has recently arrived to serve as the first Reilly Lecturer in Chemistry at the University of Notre Dame. He will lecture to the staff and graduate students throughout the summer session, ending August 13.

Ian W. Wark, chief of the Chemical Division of the Australian Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, expects to arrive from England the first