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G. Walker Gilmer, 3d, engineer with Pan American Airways-Africa, Ltd., on stress analysis and repair design on the aircraft ferried by the company to Africa under the defense program, will receive the 1940 Undergraduate Student Award of the society for his paper, "Center of Pressure Characteristics of a Marconix Yacht Sail."

### THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL CORPORATION

A LUNCHEON and a panel program to mark the twentieth anniversary of the Psychological Corporation and to honor its founder, James McKeen Cattell, was held in the Hotel Roosevelt, New York, on November 28. At the luncheon Professor Walter R. Miles, of Yale University, presided, and addresses were made by Professor Edward L. Thorndike, of

Teachers College, Columbia University, and Dr. Paul S. Achilles, vice-president and managing director of the Psychological Corporation. The luncheon was attended by more than three hundred of those interested in psychology. Announcement was made of the establishment of grants in honor of Dr. Cattell to be made annually to graduate students to promote work in applied psychology.

Panel discussions, in which twenty-five psychologists took part, and their chairmen were as follows:

*Public Opinion and Consumer Surveys*, Dr. George H. Gallup, of the American Institute of Public Opinion.

*Industrial Psychology and Personnel*, Dr. Walter V. Bingham, chief psychologist, Personnel Procedures Section, the Adjutant General's Office.

*Psychology in Guidance and Counseling*, Dr. Walter R. Miles, professor of psychology, School of Medicine, Yale University.

## SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

PROFESSOR HARLOW SHAPLEY, director of the Harvard College Observatory, has been awarded the Pius XI Prize for Astronomy of the Pontifical Academy of Science amounting to approximately \$2,500 at normal exchange. The announcement of the award was made by the president of the academy, the Rev. Agostino Gemelli, at the inauguration of the new academic year, which was attended by the Pope.

PROFESSOR FRED C. KOCH, Frank P. Hixon distinguished service professor emeritus at the University of Chicago, has been elected honorary foreign member of the National Academy of Medicine of Buenos Aires.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY has conferred the degree of doctor of laws on Dr. Percy R. Howe, Thomas Alexander Forsyth professor of dental science and director of the research laboratory of Forsyth Dental Infirmary in the Harvard Medical School.

IN HONOR of Dr. David D. Leib, who for twenty-five years has been professor of mathematics, registrar and director of admissions at Connecticut College, New London, the college hopes to raise \$100,000 for a scholarship fund.

PROFESSOR EDWARD J. KEEGAN, chairman of the department of biology of St. John's University, Brooklyn, has been elected president of the New York Chapter of the Society of American Bacteriologists.

DR. KATHARINE ELIZABETH MCBRIDE, dean of Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Mass., A.B. and Ph.D. of Bryn Mawr College and formerly associate professor of education and philosophy there, has been elected

president of the college, to succeed Dr. Marion Edwards Park, who has been president since 1922.

DR. CLARENCE H. BEECHER, professor of medicine at the University of Vermont College of Medicine, has been appointed dean to succeed Dr. Hardy A. Kemp, who has become dean of the College of Medicine of the Ohio State University.

DR. GEORGE W. MUHLEMAN, who retired recently from Hamline University, has become visiting professor of chemistry at Alma College, Michigan.

DR. WILLIAM T. CLARK, associate professor of hygiene and public health at the School of Medicine of the University of Buffalo, has been appointed professor and head of the department, to succeed the late Dr. Walter S. Goodale, who had held the position for sixteen years prior to his death on October 8.

DR. RAFAEL E. PONTIS, director of the Government Laboratory of Phytopathology at Mendoza, Argentina, has become a member of the division of plant pathology of the College of Agriculture of the University of California.

DR. MILO HELLMAN, professor of dentistry at Columbia University and research associate in physical anthropology at the American Museum of Natural History, New York, has retired from active practice and will devote his time to consultation and research.

DR. WILLY PRAGER, formerly acting director of the Institute of Applied Mechanics of the University of Göttingen and, after having been "requested" to leave Germany in 1933, professor of applied mechanics at the University of Istanbul, has been appointed professor of mechanics at Brown University.