

The executive council recommends that the accelerated program consist of four full academic sessions of not less than thirty-two weeks each and that graduation shall not follow sooner than thirty-five months after first matriculation as a freshman.

The executive council recommends that as many colleges as can do so start instruction of the next freshman class on or about July 1, 1942, and subsequent freshman classes at approximately nine-month intervals until July 1, 1945.

The executive council recommends that, in admitting students for the accelerated program, eligibility requirements for admission be not lowered from the present minimum standards set by the Association of American Medical Colleges.

The Association of American Medical Colleges requests that the Federation of State Medical Boards recommend to its members that they arrange to make whatever changes are necessary in state licensing laws and/or board regulations to legalize licensure of students graduating under the accelerated program adopted by medical schools to meet the needs of the national emergency.

*Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States.*—WHEREAS, As a war emergency measure several approved medical schools of the United States are contemplating accelerating the courses of medical education so as to comprise four full academic sessions of at least thirty-two weeks each and that at least thirty-six months shall elapse between the beginning of medical instruction and graduation; and

WHEREAS, The medical schools initiating such an accelerated curriculum will be able to maintain the personnel, facilities and equipment necessary to give a medical education without deterioration of the quality of the medical instruction and in conformity with the statutes and licensure regulations of their respective states and territories of the United States and the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, The proposed accelerated course of medical education as a war emergency measure is expected not to extend beyond the present period of war emergency; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States in annual session assembled in Chicago, February 17, 1942, hereby endorse the proposed accelerated course of medical education and recommend it in principle as a war emergency measure for favorable consideration by the licensing authorities of the several states and territories of the United States and the District of Columbia.

## SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

ACCORDING to a United Press dispatch, the Russian Academy of Sciences has elected to honorary membership three Americans and two Englishmen, the first foreigners to be so honored since the Russian revolution. The Americans are Dr. Walter Bradford Cannon, George Higginson professor of physiology at Harvard University; Dr. Gilbert Newton Lewis, professor of chemistry, and Dr. Ernest Orlando Lawrence,

In adopting these resolutions, all three agencies emphasized the importance of the maintenance of high standards of medical education in connection with any program adopted.

### THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE TORREY BOTANICAL CLUB

THE seventy-fifth anniversary celebration of the Torrey Botanical Club will be held from June 22 to 27 at Columbia University, the New York Botanical Garden, the Brooklyn Botanical Garden and the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research, Yonkers. The history of the institutions at which the meeting is held will be given at the opening session of each as follows:

The History of Botany at Columbia University, by Dr. John S. Karling, professor of botany.

The History of the New York Botanical Garden, by Dr. William J. Robbins, director.

The History and Organization of the Boyce Thompson Institute, by Dr. William J. Crocker, director.

The History of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, by Dr. C. Stuart Gager, director.

During the week symposia are planned as follows:

*June 22 Symposium on Morphology:* Speakers: Dr. F. T. Lewis, Dr. C. E. Allen, Dr. R. H. Wetmore and Dr. E. W. Sinnott.

*June 23 Symposium on Taxonomy:* Speakers: Dr. H. A. Gleason, Dr. H. K. Swenson, Dr. E. D. Merrill and Dr. F. D. Kern.

*June 24 Symposium on Growth:* Speakers: Dr. L. O. Kunkel, Princeton, N. J., Dr. P. W. Zimmerman and Dr. Oscar Riddle.

*June 25 Symposium on Genetics:* Speakers: Dr. George H. Shull, Dr. Stanley Cain, Dr. George M. Reed and Dr. A. F. Blakeslee.

Dr. Robbins will give a public lecture at the American Museum of Natural History on the afternoon of June 24. It will be entitled "Plants Need Vitamins Too."

The anniversary banquet will be held on the evening of June 22. There will be luncheons, inspection tours of the gardens and laboratories and a two-day field trip under the direction of Dr. John H. Small, of the New Jersey College for Women.

professor of physics, both of the University of California. The Englishmen are Sir Henry Hallett Dale, president of the Royal Society and director of the National Institute for Medical Research, and Dr. John B. S. Haldane, professor of biometry, University College, London.

At its fifty-seventh annual meeting in Atlantic City,