

### THE NUTRITION FOUNDATION

GRANTS amounting to \$258,100 were made at the third anniversary meeting on March 29 of the Nutrition Foundation. These cover six new research projects and twenty-four renewals of grants for studies now under way.

The grants made were as follows:

Harvard University received \$47,500 for a five-year study of nutrition in relation to maternal health, which will include the problems of pregnancy, childbirth, the condition of the newborn infant and its subsequent health and development.

The Public Health Research Institute of the City of New York received \$10,500 for a three-year study of the development of microchemical methods for evaluating nutritional status. There is a critical need for practical methods of measuring the influence of nutrition on public health in the marginal zones of malnutrition.

The School of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Rochester received \$10,000 for a two-year study of the nature and significance of a pigment associated with vitamin deficiency.

Grants were also made to the University of Pittsburgh for studies on self-selection of diets; to Washington University for studies on the mechanism of carbohydrate reactions in animal tissues, and to the University of Wisconsin to study the characterization of compounds containing bound biotin and other vitamins.

Renewals were made of grants previously made to nineteen universities and institutions, including Stanford University, the University of Wisconsin, the University of California, Columbia University, Duke University, the University of Illinois, the University of Cincinnati, Ontario Agricultural College, Purdue University, the University of Arkansas, Oregon State College, the University of Toronto, New York University, the Oklahoma Experiment Station, Vanderbilt University, Yale University, Harvard University, Cornell University and the National Research Council.

### PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

At the recent annual meeting of the Executive Council of the Pennsylvania Academy of Science, held in Philadelphia, the following officers were elected for the coming year:

*President*, Dr. Bradford Willard, chairman of the geology department, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa.

*President-elect*, Dr. T. L. Guyton, state entomologist and chief of the Bureau of Entomology, Department of Agriculture, Harrisburg, Pa.

*Vice-president*, Eastern Division, Dr. H. K. Lane, professor of science, Hershey Junior College, Hershey, Pa.

*Vice-president*, Western Division, Miss Marie B. Knauz, teacher of biology, Pittsburgh, Pa.

*Secretary-Treasurer*, Dr. V. Earl Light, professor of zoology, Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pa.

*Editor of Journal*, Dr. R. M. Foose, senior geologist, Pennsylvania Geological Survey, Harrisburg, Pa.

*Editor of Pennsylvania Science News-Letter*, Charles E. Mohr, director of education, Academy of Natural Science, Philadelphia.

*Junior Academy of Science Sponsor*, Miss Sophie Moiles, teacher of physics, Johnstown, Pa.

The regular annual Easter meeting of the entire membership of the academy, scheduled for Juniata College, was cancelled by request of the War and Navy Departments. Acting officially in its place the executive council met for two days to transact the necessary business. Membership of the academy increased over ten per cent. this year and now numbers over five hundred members, coming chiefly from the colleges, universities, high schools and research laboratories of the state. The next annual Easter meeting of the academy will be held at Lehigh University, if transportation regulations permit.

JOHN C. JOHNSON, *Press Secretary*

## SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE American Institute of Nutrition has awarded the Mead Johnson and Company Prize for 1945 to Dr. Dillworth Wayne Woolley, of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, in recognition of his studies on the inhibitors of vitamins and for his many contributions to the identification of nutritional factors of a vitamin nature. The Borden Award in nutrition has been conferred on Dr. H. H. Mitchell, of the University of Illinois, in recognition of his outstanding contributions, which have emphasized the nutritive significance of the components of milk and of dairy products.

At a meeting of the Society of Experimental Psychologists, Inc., the Howard Crosby Warren Medal was awarded to Professor Clark L. Hull, of Yale University. The citation reads: "For his careful development of a synthetic theory of behavior. This theory has stimulated much research and it has been developed in a precise and quantitative form so as to permit predictions which can be tested empirically. The theory thus contains within itself the seeds of its own ultimate verification or of its possible final disproof. A truly unique achievement in the history of psychology to date."