

University—The preparation of a book on nervous tension in man.

Dr. E. Yale Dawson, Captain, Army; assistant in botany, University of California—Exploration of the Pacific coast of Mexico and Central America for marine algae and the continuation of monograph studies of the marine flora of that region.

Dr. Harold F. Blum, principal biophysicist, Naval Medical Research Institute, Bethesda, Md.—An evaluation of evolutionary concepts, with special emphasis on physiological and environmental aspects.

Dr. Orville T. Bailey, pathologist, Harvard Medical School; War Research under OSRD contract—Studies of the application of physiological methods to problems of degeneration in nerve fibers and myelin sheaths, in correlation with cytological studies.

Dr. Roy Overstreet, assistant soil chemist, Division of Soils, and research associate, Radiation Laboratory, University of California—A study of the absorption and behavior of inorganic ions in plant nutrition by means of radioactive elements and the preparation of radioautographs of the plant tissues.

Dr. George L. Kreezer, associate professor of psychology, Cornell University; staff member, Radiation Laboratory, Massachusetts Institute of Technology—Mathematical analysis of physiological regulatory systems on the basis of physical automatic control theory.

Walter H. Pitts, mathematician; staff member, Radiation Laboratory, Massachusetts Institute of Technology—Studies of the mathematics of the nervous system.

Dr. Britton Chance, assistant professor, School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania: Doing War Research under OSRD contract—An experimental study of the chemical kinetics of the respiratory enzymes.

Dr. Charles Kittel, physicist; supervisor, Submarine Operations Research Group, Navy—Studies of the theory of the electrical and mechanical properties of matter at microwave radio frequencies.

Dr. Lindsay Helmholtz, assistant professor of chemistry, Dartmouth College; chemist working on War Department contract—a study of absorption spectra and structures of solids with the purpose of finding relations that will make possible wider use of absorption data in obtaining information of chemical importance concerning crystals and their constituent atoms or ions.

### THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE

THE twelfth annual meeting of the American Academy of Tropical Medicine was held on November 14 at Cincinnati, Ohio, in conjunction with the Southern Medical Association and the American Society of Tropical Medicine. Dr. E. V. Cowdry, of Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., served as toastmaster. Dr. Mark F. Boyd, Rockefeller Foundation, Tallahassee, Fla., delivered the presidential address. His subject was "International Appraisal of Tropical Medicine." Dr. Louis van den Berghe, of the Belgian Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp, spoke on

"The Importance of Tropical Medicine in International Health and Economics."

The following were elected to membership in the academy: Leon A. Fox, M.C., U.S.A.; Clay G. Huff, University of Chicago; Henry Pinkerton, St. Louis University; Paul W. Wilson, M.C., U.S.N., and Willard H. Wright, National Institute of Health, Bethesda, Md.

The following were elected to emeritus membership: R. C. Connor, Charles A. Kofoed, Ernest L. Walker and George H. Whipple.

Officers and councilors elected for the ensuing year are as follows:

*President*, James S. Simmons, M.C., U.S.A.

*Vice-president*, George K. Strode, Rockefeller Foundation.

*Secretary*, Ernest Carroll Faust, Tulane University.

*Treasurer*, Thomas T. Mackie, M.C., A.U.S.

*Councilor* (5-year term), L. T. Coggeshall, M.C., U.S.N.(R).

*Councilor* (3-year term), Karl F. Meyer, Hooper Foundation, San Francisco.

ERNEST CARROLL FAUST,  
*Secretary*

### NEWS FROM ABROAD

THE following information has been received by Dr. R. C. Mason, of the Research Laboratories at Pittsburgh of the Westinghouse Electrical and Manufacturing Company, from Dr. H. Brinkman concerning the laboratories of physics in Holland.

... In Amsterdam, the Germans stole many instruments, especially the high tension apparatus and the neutron generator tube from the physical institute of Dr. G. T. Sizoo, who is working on radioactive and nuclear physics problems. Some instruments were taken from Leiden, but other university laboratories (Utrecht, Amsterdam, Groningen and the Technical High School at Delft) suffered no permanent loss, as practically all apparatus was concealed in cellars of buildings, churches, etc. The same is true of the research laboratories of the Shell Company at Amsterdam, and the Phillips Company at Eindhoven. The Agricultural High School at Wageningen was heavily looted, and the laboratories of the N. V. KEMA (Electrical Testing Laboratories) at Arnhem were completely looted by the Germans between October, 1944, and March, 1945, at a damage of three million guilders.

More than by material losses the universities and high schools suffered personal losses. Several professors and very many students died in concentration camps or because of their illegal (resistance movement) work. For instance, by execution and concentration camps, 150 students and two professors of the Technical High School at Delft alone died. The Dutch Physical Society lost in that way 16 of its members.

On September 29, we had the first gathering of the