

# Association Affairs

## Sessions for Contributed Papers at the Sixth St. Louis Meeting December 26-31, 1952

CONSISTENT with the spirit of the Arden House Conference, the 119th Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science has a theme: "Contributions of the Sciences and Mathematics to Engineering and Industry"—and will put more emphasis on unity. A number of the Association's 18 sections and subsections will have appropriate panels or symposia. In this meeting, the concluding event of the Centennial of Engineering, it is natural that the physical and industrial sciences will play a prominent part. The other sciences and the needs of individual members to report their researches, however, will not be neglected. Already planned are other important programs—notably in the biological and medical sciences—and there will be ample arrangements for contributed papers.

Participating organizations such as the mathematical societies, the Society of Systematic Zoology, and the science teaching societies, will hold paper-reading sessions throughout the week. In addition, at least ten AAAS sections will provide opportunities for their members to read contributed papers. The 25th Newcomb Cleveland Thousand Dollar Prize (formerly the AAAS Thousand Dollar Prize) will be awarded for a noteworthy, noninvited paper read at a regular session of a participating society or a section. Most of the sessions sponsored by the sections will, it is anticipated, be officially co-sponsored by the societies in their fields.

The following sections are calling for papers; titles and brief abstracts should be sent to the indicated section secretary or program chairman:

- C, Chemistry—Ed. F. Degering, 1860 Colonial Dr., Memphis 7, Tenn.
- E, Geology and Geography—Leland Horberg, Department of Geology, University of Chicago, Chicago 37
- F, Zoological Sciences—Waldo Schmitt, U. S. National Museum, Washington 25, D. C.
- G, Botanical Sciences—Stanley A. Cain, School of Natural Resources, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- H, Anthropology—Marian W. Smith, 501 W. 113th St., New York 25
- I, Psychology—Delos D. Wickens, Department of Psychology, Ohio State University, Columbus 10
- M, Engineering—Frank D. Carvin, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago 37
- Nd, Dentistry—Russell W. Bunting, School of Dentistry, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- Np, Pharmacy—George F. Archambault, U. S. Public Health Service, Washington 25, D. C.
- Q, Education—Dean A. Worcester, University of Nebraska, Lincoln

## Gordon Research Conferences June 16-August 29, 1952

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THE annual Gordon Research Conferences for 1952 will be held June 16-August 29 at Colby Junior College, New London, N. H., and the New Hampton School, New Hampton, N. H., under the sponsorship of the AAAS.

The conferences were established to stimulate research in universities, research foundations, and industrial laboratories. This purpose is achieved by an informal type of meeting consisting of the scheduled lectures and free discussion groups. Sufficient time is available to inspire informal discussions among the members of the conference. Meetings are held mornings and evenings, Monday through Friday, with the exception of Friday evening. The afternoons are available for recreation, reading, resting, or participation in discussion groups, as the individual desires. This type of meeting is a valuable means of disseminating information and ideas that otherwise might not reach the normal channels of publication and scientific meetings. In addition, scientists in related fields become acquainted, and valuable associations are formed that result in collaboration and co-operation among different laboratories.

It is hoped that each conference will extend the frontiers of science by fostering a free and informal exchange of ideas among people actively interested in the subjects under discussion. The purpose of the program is not to review the known fields of chemistry, but primarily to bring experts up to date as to the latest developments, to analyze the significance of these developments, and to stimulate suggestions as to the underlying theories and effective methods whereby new progress can be made. In order to protect individual rights and to promote discussion, it is an established requirement of each conference that no information presented is to be used without specific authorization of the individual making the contribution, whether in formal presentation or in discussion. Scientific publications are not prepared as emanating from the conferences.

### REGISTRATION AND RESERVATIONS

Those interested in attending the conferences are requested to send in their applications to the director, on or before *May 15*. Each applicant must state the institution or company with which he is associated and the type of work in which he is most interested. Attendance at each conference is limited to 100.

The director will submit the names of those requesting attendance to the Conference Committee for each conference. This committee will review the names