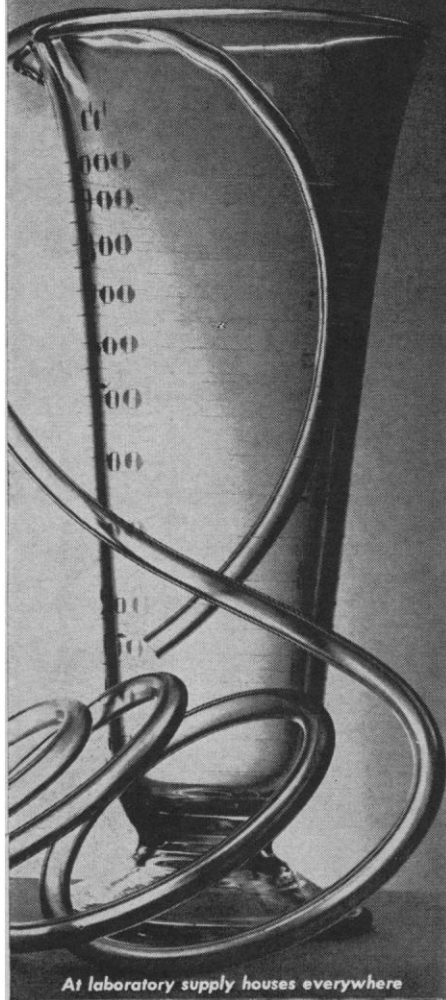


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Botanical Field Meeting

Each year, usually toward the latter part of June, the North East Section of the Botanical Society of America has a field meeting. The central theme is plants in their natural environment. This year Drew University at Madison, New Jersey, was host (14-17 June 1964).

Kemble Widmer (state geologist for New Jersey) spoke on the relationship between the extremely complex geology (formations from archaean to the last glaciation are represented) and the distribution of plants in the Garden State. An exhibit of herbarium specimens of the flora of the Great Swamp was arranged by Florence M. Zuck. Visits by the group were made to the Great Swamp (the newest National Wildlife Refuge, dedicated 29 May 1964) and the Cedar Bog at High Point. The rather rare submerged aquatic *Hottonia inflata*, first reported from the Great Swamp by R. K. Zuck, was, perhaps, the outstanding botanical feature. The bog at High Point is one of the rare sites where all plants expected in a particular environment are well represented and can easily be seen from an encircling road. The display of the swamp calla was spectacular.

Louis Hand and Dorothy Everett spoke on the plants of the Pine Barrens of New Jersey in preparation for a field trip to this area. Everett's slides, produced by her and her husband, were some of the most technically perfect ever done for the flora of this area. The Pine Barrens are among the richest areas in the temperate region for number and variety of species of plants. Two outstanding and rare plants, the curly grass fern, *Schizaea pusilla*, and a curious morning glory, *Breweria Pickeringii* var. *caesariensis*, the latter a true endemic, were seen in the field, as well as hosts of three species of sun dews (*Drosera rotundi-*

folia, *D. intermedia*, and *D. filiformis*) and two orchids (*Pogonia ophioglossoides* and *Calopogon pulchella*).

At Island Heights, New Jersey, John Small (Rutgers University) spoke on the general botanical aspects of New Jersey and about Island Beach State Park in particular. He discussed the relationship of wind and wave action to the formation of Island Beach and the stabilizing influence of plants on the sand dunes in the area. Plant life is delicately balanced, and man's inroads must be curtailed if the area is to be maintained in its present state. Here we saw sea rocket (*Cakile edentula*), beach plum (*Prunus maritima*), and Spanish Oak (*Quercus falcata*) as plants typical of the region.

The host institution for the 1965 summer field meeting will be the University of Maine.

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Forthcoming Events

September

16-18. American Assoc. of **Medical Clinics**, annual, Bal Harbour, Fla. (The Association, Box 58, Charlottesville, Va.)

17-18. **Computing**, 7th annual Northwest conf., Seattle, Wash. (R. K. Smith, Northwest Computing Assoc., Box 836, Seahurst, Wash.)

17-18. **Engineering Management**, conf., Cleveland, Ohio. (Inst. of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Box A, Lenox Hill Station, New York, N.Y. 10021)

17-18. **Polypropylene Fibers**, symp., Southern Research Inst., Birmingham, Ala. (W. C. Sheehan, SRI, 2000 Ninth Ave. S., Birmingham, Ala. 35205)

17-19. **Cancer**, 5th natl. conf., Philadelphia, Pa. (American Cancer Soc., 219 E. 42 St., New York, N.Y. 10017)

17-19. British Assoc. of **Urological Surgeons**, annual, Sheffield, England. (Joint Secretariat, 47 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2, England)

17-20. **Science Education**, intern. conf., Banff, Alberta, Canada. (S. Trieger, Faculty of Education, Univ. of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada)

18. Hungarian **Chemical Soc.**, Tihany. (M. T. Beck, Szabadsag ter 17, Budapest 5, Hungary)

19-26. **Gynecology and Obstetrics**, 4th world congr., Buenos Aires, Argentina. (R. Lede, Primera Catedra de Ginecología, Hospital de Clínicas, Córdoba 2149, Buenos Aires)

19-27. **Scientific Films Assoc.**, 18th intern. congr., Athens, Greece. (SFA, 38, Avenue des Ternes, Paris 17^e, France)

20-23. **Ceramic-Metal Systems**, American Ceramic Soc., French Lick, Ind. (ACS, 4055 North High St., Columbus, Ohio)

20-23. American Inst. of **Chemical Engineers**, Las Vegas, Nev. (F. J. Van