

Vertebrate Paleontology.

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SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

WISCONSIN AAPT

The annual meeting of the Wisconsin section of the American Association of Physics Teachers was held at Lawrence College in Appleton, Wisconsin May 6 and 7. A recent communication from the Wisconsin section announces the election of the following officers for the coming year: E. H. Schrieber, president; V. P. Batha, vice president; W. P. Clark, secretary-treasurer; and R. R. Palmer, regional representative. According to present plans, the next annual meeting will be held at Carroll College, Waukesha, Wisconsin, on or about May 6, 1950.

SIGMA PI SIGMA

A recent compilation of membership data shows that the sixty-seven chapters of Sigma Pi Sigma in the academic year 1948-49 received one thousand two hundred and thirty-four new members, including the four hundred and four charter members of fourteen chapters installed during the year. There were eleven hundred and forty-three additional active members received previously in the chapters so that the total active chapter membership included twenty-three hundred and seventy-seven persons. Since its founding in 1921 the Society has received about seven thousand seven hundred persons into membership in recognition of high scholarship and interest in physics.

A national Sigma Pi Sigma convention is being planned for the latter part of the next Christmas vacation period. The host chapter will be selected from one of the institutions in Indiana or Kentucky.

ROBERT D. CONRAD

Robert D. Conrad, assistant director of the Brookhaven National Laboratory, died at New York's Memorial Hospital on July 26 after an extended illness. A retired Navy Captain, he had been associated with the Laboratory during the past two years, where he helped organize the medical department. Previously he had been director of the planning division of the Navy Office of Research and Development and had received the Legion

of Merit. He was a consultant to the Sloane-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research at the Memorial Hospital.

HYMAN H. GOLDSMITH

Hyman H. Goldsmith, chief of the information and publications division at the Brookhaven National Laboratory, died August 7 from injuries suffered in a swimming accident while vacationing in Vermont. He was forty-two years old. Dr. Goldsmith joined the Manhattan District in 1943 as coordinator of information for the metallurgical laboratory at the University of Chicago. He was a member of the editorial panel concerned with preparing the National Nuclear Energy Series, an editor of *The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, and a member of the editorial board of *Nucleonics*. He was a fellow of the American Physical Society.

PERLEY G. NUTTING

Perley G. Nutting, retired optical physicist, died August 8 in Washington, D. C. at the age of seventy-six. A graduate of Stanford and Cornell Universities, he joined the Bureau of Standards in 1903. He later became assistant director of research for Eastman Kodak Company at Rochester and director of research for the Westinghouse Electric Company at Pittsburgh. In 1928 he joined the U. S. Geological Survey as a geophysicist. Dr. Nutting was a member of the American Physical Society and in 1917 served as president of the Optical Society of America.

ROLAND G. D. RICHARDSON

Roland G. D. Richardson, mathematician and dean emeritus of the Brown University graduate school, died July 17 at the age of seventy-one. He was chairman of the department of mathematics from 1915 until his retirement in 1948. Dr. Richardson continued his work in mathematics and was secretary of the International Congress of Mathematicians. He was a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, an officer of the American Mathematical Society, and held several positions with the American Association of Universities.

W. N. STOCKER

W. N. Stocker, Oxford mathematician and physicist and the oldest of the British university's dons, died August 2 at his home in Brasenose College, Oxford. He was ninety-eight years of age at the time of his death and had been at Oxford since he entered as a student eighty years ago.

ARCHIE G. WORTHING

Archie G. Worthing, University of Pittsburgh professor of physics, died July 30 at the age of sixty-eight. Dr. Worthing, best known for his high temperature measurements, was the author of two physics textbooks and co-authored the book "Properties of Tungsten." He was a fellow of the American Physical Society, past president of the Optical Society of America, past president of the American Association of Physics Teachers, and a member of the governing board of the American Institute of Physics. He was also a member of Sigma Pi Sigma, Sigma Xi, and the Phi Beta Kappa Society.