

### NOMINATIONS FOR DECEMBER ELECTION

A nominating committee of Major E. H. Bowie, Chairman, Dr. C.-G. Rossby, and G. R. Parkinson, appointed by the President, report the following slate for election in December:

For Secretary, Charles F. Brooks, for 1941.

For Treasurer, Leroy T. Samuels, for 1941.

For Councillors, (for 1941-43),

José C. Gomez

Hurd C. Willett

Benjamin Holzman

C.-G. Rossby

Charles H. Pierce

N. E. Bradbury

Rev. C. E. Deppermann, S.J.

Additional nominations may be made by petition (20 signatures) if received by the Secretary, by November 20.

### Meteorology in the Graduate School of the Department of Agriculture, 1940-41

This season courses in "Forecasting Analysis" and in "Synoptic Weather-map Analysis" (lab.) are being offered in the second semester (begin Feb. 3) by Mr. B. C. Haynes; in "Climatology" by C. W. Thornthwaite in the 2nd semester; in "Descriptive Meteorology" by Mr. Haynes and others in the fall semester (Oct. 1): in "Dynamic Meteorology" by Dr. C.-G. Rossby and others, in both semesters. These courses are open to Government employees around Washington who meet the required prerequisites.

### Training of Meteorologists under the Civilian Pilot Training Program, 1940-41

The Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Mr. R. H. Hinckley, announced on August 16 that arrangements had been made for cooperation of the Weather Bureau and the Civil Aeronautics Authority in offering to approximately one hundred graduates of the civilian pilots training program of 1939-40 the opportunity for a year of study in meteorology at one of the universities which offer advanced courses in this subject. Training began in September. Tuition and a sum not to exceed seventy-five dollars per month for living expenses will be defrayed as part of the defense program. The primary purpose of this program for training a large number of meteorologists is to provide qualified men for service with the Army, Navy or Weather Bureau in connection with national defense.

### Prof. Bjerknes Heads New Department of Meteorology at University of California at Los Angeles

We are happy to learn that the stimulus of the Norwegian School will now be deeply transplanted in this country and continued in freedom from the restrictions of war-torn Europe. Prof. J. Bjerknes, having been well known for many years to American meteorologists through his works and having resided here since 1939, seems as one of us. It is most fitting that he be occupying a chair of meteorology in one of our great universities. American Meteorology will gain vastly by his active teaching, while the science will gain equally from the opportunity offered to a master of weather analysis to work with the unparalleled American resources of upper-air data.

Prof. Bjerknes is ably assisted by Mr. J. Holmboe, who was called from Norway to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology several years ago; the department also has several younger assistants assigned from the U. S. Weather Bureau. We have not yet seen the statement of courses offered this year but are led to expect the same unique quality, in both the synoptic and dynamic spheres, with which the Bergen school and its leaders have always been synonymous. We note, too, with gratification that the new department is associated with the administration of physical science at the University. With this new school, the new district forecast center at Los Angeles and the Cal. Inst. of Technology, Los Angeles now becomes a leading center of meteorological professional activity.—*The editor.*