

WE ARE QUOTED

“Among the several fine publications which carry suggestions valuable to teachers interested in using conservation material in their classes, we consider THE AMERICAN BIOLOGY TEACHER, published by the National Association of Biology Teachers, one of the best.” This is the lead-off sentence of a fine tribute appearing in the April, 1940, number of *Virginia Wildlife*, the official bulletin of the Virginia Wildlife Federation, published monthly at Blacksburg, Virginia. The article ends by advising those interested to send a dollar to our secretary-treasurer, Mr. P. K. Houdek. In this case we can return the compliment for we can say that the *Virginia Wildlife* is probably the best state organ devoted to Conservation Education that has come to our attention. Incidentally, this fine monthly bulletin costs only twenty-five cents a year.

Virginia Wildlife follows this up in the May number by quoting from the article “A Dependable Remedy for the Poison Ivy Group” by James B. McNair, which appeared in THE AMERICAN BIOLOGY TEACHER for January, 1940.

That our *Exchange Items* are appreciated is shown by the fact that the entire Exchange note of W. W. Collins, in

the January number is quoted in full in the May 13th number of *National Nature News*, published weekly at Washington, D. C. The subscription rates for this magazine are: 50 cents per person each semester, for clubs of five or more; \$1.50 per school year, or two years for two dollars.

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EXPERIMENTS IN HEREDITY

Teachers of biology are reminded of the generous offer made by the Department of Genetics, Carnegie Institution of Washington, Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island, New York, proposing to furnish without charge a variety of mutant types of the vinegar-fly, *Drosophila melanogaster*, for starting stock cultures. Detailed instructions concerning the care and handling of the flies will be furnished at the time the flies are sent, as will also the essential biological data requisite for successful completion of the experiments. The full announcement of this offer was published in the May issue of THE AMERICAN BIOLOGY TEACHER. The purpose of this service is the encouragement of a wider use of laboratory experiments in the study of heredity in classes of biology and in biology clubs. Correspondence should be sent to the above address.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

A Renewal blank is enclosed with this issue. By sending your renewal without further request you will make a contribution to the funds of your association available for promotion.

Already a considerable number of our members have sent in their renewals, some for several years ahead. If you have already renewed you may use the enclosed blank to enroll a new member.

Members who are also members of a local affiliated biology teachers association may use the renewal blank to remit their dues through their local officers.

Your suggestions to the Editor or officers may be written on the back of your renewal blank.