

that in order to provide facilities for the production of optical instruments and optical parts required by the National Defense Program it has let a contract for the construction of new buildings which will provide about 130,000 square feet of additional floor space. The new buildings will make use of the latest developments in heating, lighting, plant layout, flexibility for expansion and changes, and working conditions and facilities contributing to the welfare of employees. Orders for machinery and equipment have been placed, and it is planned to have the new unit in operation not later than February 1, 1941. Approximately one million and a quarter dollars will be expended in carrying through the current program.

THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON HUMAN HEREDITY has at its disposal certain funds for use in furthering studies in human inheritance. Qualified persons are invited to submit requests for grants where needed to initiate or to continue research in this field. Requests should be sent as soon as possible to any member of the committee, and should include a clear statement of the problem, results already achieved, if any, the approximate time required to finish the problem, the amount of money needed, and a statement as to how the money will be spent if granted.

The committee consists of Halbert L. Dunn, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D. C.; L. C. Dunn, Department of Zoology, Columbia University, New York City; K. S. Lashley, Department of Psychology, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.; George L. Streeter, Bureau of Embryology, Carnegie Institution of Washington, Baltimore, Md.; Sewall Wright, Department of Zoology, The University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.; and Laurence H. Snyder, *chairman*, Department of Zoology, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

## JOINT MEETING WITH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF SCIENCE AND MATHE- MATICS TEACHERS

On November 22 and 23, 1940, at the Hollenden Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio, will be held the annual convention of the Central Association of Science and Mathematics Teachers. By the approval of the executive board of *The National Association of Biology Teachers* we are cooperating in this meeting. The Greater Cleveland Biology Society will hold a joint meeting with the Biology section of the Central Association. *The National Association of Biology Teachers* will cooperate in other ways in the promotion of this important meeting for biologists.

The principal speakers on the joint program will be Dr. Visscher of Western Reserve University, and Dr. Williams of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. This part of the program has been arranged by Mr. Al. G. Grosche, Chairman, and Mr. John C. Mayfield, Secretary of the Division. The Greater Cleveland Biology Society will cooperate through the leadership of their president, Miss Nell C. Henry, in furnishing a group of teachers who will organize the discussion period growing out of the two papers presented. There will be other factors in the cooperation in this joint meeting.

All biology teachers within a reasonable distance of Cleveland are urged to attend this meeting which will be open to all members of the Central Association, The Greater Cleveland Biology Society, and *The National Association of Biology Teachers*. For details of the program, interested teachers may correspond with Mr. John C. Mayfield, The University of Chicago, or Miss Nell C. Henry, 732 East 105th St., Cleveland, Ohio.