

THE CORNELL PLANTATIONS

The appointment of Dr. John Farnsworth Cornman as first director of the Cornell Plantations was announced at Cornell University by President Edmund E. Day. An assistant professor of ornamental horticulture at Cornell, Dr. Cornman will direct the project on a part-time basis. He will continue to teach in the College of Agriculture and to supervise the college's work in ornamental turf.

The Cornell Plantations—a unique combination of botanical gardens and arboreta embracing nearly 1,000 acres of trees, vines, shrubs, woody and flowering perennials—has been in development since the opening of Cornell University in 1868.

A master plan for development of the tract was drawn up in the 1930s and, with the assistance of the Civilian Conservation Corps, road, driveways, bridges and other engineering improvements were made. The name Cornell Plantations was adopted in 1944.

The garden and arboretum areas are supplemented by extensive laboratory and library facilities, a herbarium in the College of Agriculture, and the collection of palms and cultivated plants in the Bailey Hortorium—the only collection of its kind in the world.

A long-range development program for the Plantations calls for the integration of all Cornell land holdings with formally arranged botanical gardens and arboreta for testing and research. Other areas will be preserved in their naturally wild state.

Some of our readers are perhaps not aware of the fact that THE AMERICAN NATURE STUDY SOCIETY and THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BIOLOGY TEACHERS are regularly featured in a page in NATURE MAGAZINE. Summarized information concerning the Washington meetings of the two organizations appears on page 496 of the current (November) issue of the magazine.

CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP DUES

Early in October our secretary sent the following letter to all members of THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BIOLOGY TEACHERS. This is the action of the Executive Board, authorized at the annual meeting in Chicago in December 1947.

Dear Member:

Due to the unavoidable increase in the cost of publishing our journal *The American Biology Teacher*, and due to the general rise in costs of all activities of our association, your Executive Board has authorized an increase in dues from \$2.00 to \$2.50 for U. S. and Canada. Foreign memberships will be raised from \$2.50 to \$3.00. Single copy price will be raised from 25¢ to 35¢.

Since our fiscal year begins January first, and also due to the reluctance of your Executive Board to authorize an increase in dues, your secretary has set December 1, 1948 as the date for the new rates to become effective.

New and renewal memberships postmarked not later than December 1, 1948, will be accepted by your secretary at the old rates.

MAIL YOUR RENEWAL IN NOW!

Enclosed you will find your ballot for the 1949 officers. Be sure to mark it and include your ballot with your dues.

If you have already paid your 1949 dues, do not fail to mail your ballot.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN P. HARROLD,
Secretary-Treasurer

HEALTH SCRIPTS

An educational series of 15-minute radio scripts, dramatizing public health problems, is now available according to an announcement by The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York. The scripts will be released on a monthly basis through May and will be offered without charge as an educational service to teachers, librarians, club leaders, and radio stations.