

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.

Miss Gretta Baker, well-known script writer and former member of the faculty at New York University, will write the series for *The Mutual Life*, under the guidance of the company's medical department. In discussing the new series, Miss Baker said: "The scripts can be used on or off the air. They are simply written and easy to produce and make fascinating program material for club meetings, school assemblies, radio workshops, little theatres, and other community groups. Teachers of English, speech, dramatics, hygiene, and science will find the scripts especially helpful in classroom work." For free copies write to the public relations division, THE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK, 34 Nassau Street, New York 5, New York.

LETTERS

Dear Sir:

The following is a motivating puzzle which I thought the readers of the magazine might find use. The idea is not an original one. However, I use it to make biology more interesting to high school sophomores.

These are names of North American trees. First fill in the vertical column with the letters spelling a name of a tree. The first letter is given as a clue. Then fill in the horizontal columns with the names of trees

ROBERT H. CARLETON, newly appointed executive secretary of the National Science Teachers Association has assumed office and field duties with headquarters in the National Education Association office building, Washington, D. C. He left his position as assistant professor of physical science, Michigan State College, East Lansing, to accept the appointment. A contributor to science teachers' magazines and reports in science education, he is also the author, singly and with others, of ten science textbooks. In the new office, Mr. Carleton will be responsible for many promotional and service activities of the National Science Teachers Association directed toward aiding science teachers at all educational levels.

whose names begin with the correct letters. The numbers indicate the number of letters in each name. Only the first vertical column spells a tree but all the horizontal ones do.

I use one or two of these to begin the study of trees. Students like to make up their own. They can also make up puzzles for the human body, mammals, insects, and others.

Very truly yours,
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