

### United States Geological Survey Papers

CERTAIN technical files of the Paleontology and Stratigraphy Branch of the United States Geological Survey have been recently released as open file reports, and arrangements have been made whereby either microfilm or paper facsimile copies may be purchased at the cost of reproduction by interested members of the public. These reports are the result of work by members of the Survey, carried out for some time, and consist primarily of uncritical compilations, mainly brought together by clerical help. They are being made available to the public in recognition of the fact that they have been compiled at public expense and that it is virtually impossible to bring them into shape for publication as critical indexes within the foreseeable future. Information on the available reports, number of microfilm rolls and images, and prices can be obtained from Mr. Jerome Kilmartin, chief of the Map Information Office, U.S. Geological Survey, Washington 25, D.C.

### Meeting of Nobel Prize-winners in Chemistry

A SECOND meeting of Nobel prize-winners will be held in Lindau, Lake Constance, Bavaria, during June 23-27 and will be devoted to the subject of chemistry. The first meeting, which was for Nobel Laureates in Medicine, was held last year in Lindau; about five hundred medical practitioners, drawn mainly from Germany and neighbouring countries, attended this meeting, and addresses were given by six Laureates. The occasion stimulated a renewed interest in medical research, and, in particular, served to promote the exchange of ideas and formation of personal contacts, which are so essential in research. The meeting this year will be on similar lines to the previous one, and the following Laureates in Chemistry will give addresses: Prof. K. Alder, progress in synthesis of carbon combinations; Prof. A. F. G. Butenandt, investigations on insect hormones; Prof. G. Domagk, progress in the development of the chemotherapy of tuberculosis; Prof. H. K. A. S. von Euler-Chelpin, agents of growth and their antagonists; Prof. O. Hahn, radiochemistry and the decomposition of uranium; Prof. G. de Hevesy, application of radioactive indicators for the investigation of any process in animal bodies; Prof. R. Kuhn, vitamins of milk; Prof. F. Soddy, isotopes; Prof. A. I. Virtanen, atmospheric nitrogen as maintainer of life on earth. In addition there will be a guest speaker: Prof. Selye, of Montreal, the general adaptations—syndrome. Further details of the meeting can be obtained from the Arbeitsausschuss für die Tagungen der Nobelpreisträger, Fischergasse 37, Lindau-Bodensee.

### Colonial Service: Recent Appointments

THE following appointments have recently been made in the Colonial Service: J. A. Austin (agricultural officer, Sierra Leone), agricultural officer, Gambia; C. W. Lynn (assistant director of agriculture, Gold Coast), director of agriculture, Northern Rhodesia; A. R. Stewart (agricultural officer, Uganda), assistant director (field) of agriculture, Uganda; J. Wright (deputy director of agriculture, Jamaica), director of agriculture, Jamaica; N. Harris (senior geologist, Uganda), deputy director, Geological Survey, Uganda; Dr. J. Anderson (senior veterinary research officer, Kenya), assistant director of veterinary research, Kenya; D. E. Faulkner (deputy director of veterinary services, Kenya),

director of veterinary services, Nyasaland; R. S. Marshall (deputy director of veterinary services, Nigeria), inspector-general of animal health, Nigeria; S. L. H. Walshe (senior veterinary officer, Sierra Leone), senior veterinary officer, Gambia; C. W. Wells (chief veterinary officer, Singapore), deputy director of veterinary services, Federation of Malaya; S. W. Assael (administrative officer and accountant, Kenya), secretary to the East African Tsetse and Trypanosomiasis Research and Reclamation Organization; L. A. Bell (agricultural instructor, grade 1, Jamaica), agricultural officer, Jamaica; J. H. Blower (assistant conservator of forests, Tanganyika), game manager, Tanganyika; J. H. Donaldson (acting agricultural officer, Jamaica), agricultural officer, Jamaica; G. F. Gayle (supervisor grade 2, Jamaica), agricultural officer, Jamaica; V. W. Rochester (agricultural instructor, grade 1, Jamaica), agricultural officer, Jamaica; I. H. Tomlinson (supervisor, grade 1, Jamaica), agricultural officer, Jamaica; B. C. Balbernie, C. Whitehead and L. A. V. Wyttenbach, agricultural officers, Federation of Malaya; W. H. Boshoff, agricultural engineer, Gold Coast; D. S. Boyce, agricultural engineer, Federation of Malaya; W. Collins and I. Will, agricultural officers, Gold Coast; C. R. Horrell, D. Innes and R. B. Johnston, agricultural officers, Uganda; W. F. Irvine and J. McIlroy, agricultural officers, Nyasaland; R. I. Leather, plant pathologist, Gold Coast; J. E. Mansfield, agricultural officer, Northern Rhodesia; J. E. S. Palmer, agricultural engineer, Nigeria; G. C. Speers and R. L. Waddell, agricultural officers, Nigeria; D. O. Williams, agricultural officer, Sierra Leone; I. J. Wyatt, entomologist, Federation of Malaya; J. E. Beaumont, veterinary officer, Kenya; R. D. Bowers, agricultural superintendent, Nigeria; J. D. Chapman, assistant conservator of forests, Uganda; R. P. Moss, soil scientist, Nigeria; Dr. M. L. Sapiro, biochemist, Veterinary Department, Kenya; I. Zlotnik, veterinary research officer, Nyasaland.

### Announcements

SIR EDWARD BRIDGES has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society under Statute 12 of the Society, which provides for the election of persons who either have rendered conspicuous service to the cause of science or are such that their election would be of signal benefit to the Society.

THE Society for Endocrinology is organizing a one-day symposium on the posterior pituitary, to be held at Cambridge on June 20. Those wishing to attend who are not members of the Society should write to Prof. N. F. MacLagan, Westminster Medical School, Horseferry Road, London, S.W.1, for further information.

THE first award of the New York Academy of Medicine Plaque has been made to Dr. Orrin Sage Wightman, of New York City, chairman of the board of trustees of the Academy. The conditions of this award are that it is to be granted "in recognition of extraordinary services rendered to the Academy, in any of its various departments, functions or services", but it is not necessarily limited to either medical practitioners or Fellows of the Academy. Dr. Wightman, who was elected a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine in 1905, is one of the founders of the Medical Information Bureau of the Academy and has served as a member of its governing committee since its initiation in 1928.