

✧ Announcements ✧

(Philadelphia Meeting Dec. 30-Jan. 1, program to appear in the November Bulletin; offer papers as soon as possible.—R. G. Stone, Chairman, Program Comm.)

Organization Meeting of the Southeastern Division at Miami, on May 7-8-9, 1941

At the Miami meeting in May, 1941 an attempt will be made to organize the membership of the Society in the area lying to the southward of the Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee and North Carolina line, including all of the state of Texas, into a Southeastern Division of the Society.

Details of the organization will be put to vote at the Miami meeting, and the Organization Committee has already completed a rough draft of a proposed plan, the essential point of which will be to limit the activities of the Southeastern Division to those of providing a rotating biennial convention so as to distribute the benefits of the regional meeting equably over the Southeast.

Substantial cooperation is being secured from the Chamber of Commerce of Miami in arranging interesting events for the delegates at this meeting, and the entertainment of visiting ladies. The sessions of the meeting will be held in cooperation with the University of Miami at Coral Gables, Florida; and the University of Florida at Gainesville also is giving active cooperation and sponsorship.

Five program sessions are being planned including one complete ses-

sion devoted to a symposium on tropical cyclones. Other sessions will be devoted to papers of general meteorological interest. Mr. J. J. George, Chief Meteorologist of the Eastern Air Lines at Atlanta, Georgia is Chairman of the Program Committee. Anyone desiring to present a paper at this Miami meeting should submit a title and a comprehensive abstract to Mr. George and receive a time allotment. The program will be closed on March 1, 1941 and only those titles of papers will be listed in the program for which abstracts are in the hands of the Program Committee by this date.

The Miami meeting will give many members of the Society an opportunity to enjoy a vacation period in one of the most famed playgrounds of the nation. Practically all of the winter attractions will be in full operation but since the peak of the winter season will have passed, hotel and restaurant rates will be surprisingly low. Excellent hotel accommodations and meals can be secured for from three to four dollars a day and it will be easily possible to get by on less.

ECKLEY S. ELLISON,

Chairman, Seminar Board.

Dr. Victor Conrad will lecture on "Rambles with Robert DeCourcy Ward in the history of bioclimatology," on Tuesday evening, Dec 3, at 8 p.m., at the Institute of Geographical Exploration, 2 Divinity Ave., Cambridge, Mass. Dr. Conrad, late of the University of Vienna, is now Robert DeCourcy Ward Research Associate in Climatology at Harvard University.

Dr. Sverre Pettersen, Professor of Meteorology, M. I. T., will present the Wright Brothers Lecture at Columbia University, Dec. 17, speaking on "Recent fog investigations." Members of the Society are invited.

Soil Temperature Conference, at Chicago, December, 1940

More interest is being shown in soil temperature investigations and I have agreed to sponsor an informal discussion on methods of obtaining soil temperatures and methods of interpretation of such data with respect to plant growth and soil properties. At the suggestion of Dr. J. F. Lutz, Chairman of the Soil Physics Section of the Soil Science Society of America, the exact time at which this informal discussion is to be held will be announced at the Soil Physics-Soil Fertility session, Wednesday morning, December 4, at Hotel Drake, Chicago. I am sending this notice to people whom I think will be interested in such a conference, and if you happen to be in Chicago at the time of the Conference, I would urge that you be present. If you know of anyone who has not received this notice, and who might be interested, kindly tell them about the conference.—*Alfred Smith*, Assoc. Prof. of Soil Technology, College of Agric., Davis, Calif.