

C. I. T. NEWS

STERLING APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF HUNTINGTON LIBRARY

HISTORY PROFESSOR J. E. Wallace Sterling will become director of the Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Gallery, Dr. Robert A. Millikan announced in March. His appointment is to be effective July 1, 1948. The directorship of the Library has been vacant since the retirement of the late Dr. Max Farrand several years ago.

Before coming to CalTech in 1937, Dr. Sterling served as a member of the Research Staff of the Hoover War Library at Stanford University and also did the work for his Ph.D. which he received from Stanford 10 years ago. Now Edward S. Harkness Professor of History and Government at the Institute, Sterling has been on leave twice since joining the faculty: as a Fellow of the Social Science Research Council in 1939-40; and as a member of the resident civilian faculty of the National War College, Washington, D. C. in 1947. Acceptance of the Directorship will necessitate Dr. Sterling's resignation of his regular academic post at the California Institute, but it is anticipated that he will continue to give occasional lectures there.

Announcement was also made of the reelection of Dr. Edwin P. Hubble as a trustee of the Library for an additional 10-year term. In addition to Dr. Millikan and Dr. Hubble, the other three trustees of the Library at the present time are former President Herbert Hoover, William B. Munro, and James R. Page.

METEOROLOGY DEPARTMENT DISCONTINUED

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1948, teaching and research in meteorology will be discontinued at the Institute, and Dr. Irving P. Krick, professor of Meteorology and several other members of the Department will resign from the Institute's faculty.

Dr. Krick and his associates plan the formation of an independent non-profit corporation to carry on meteorological research. Krick also intends to continue his activities as a meteorological consultant. Associate professor Paul E. Ruch, assistant professors Robert D. Elliott and Newton C. Stone, and instructors Loren W. Crow and Theodore B. Smith are other members of the CalTech Meteorology Department who will join him in the new organization.

President DuBridge announced that there would be no connection between the Institute and Dr. Krick's new activities. He also stated that CalTech had no immediate plans for re-establishing a Meteorology Department in the near future.

TOLMAN CITED BY BRITISH EMPIRE

DR. RICHARD C. TOLMAN, cited "in recognition of the valuable services rendered the Allied cause in various fields of scientific research and endeavor," was appointed as an Honorary Officer of the Order of the British Empire.

During World War II, Tolman served as vice-chairman of the National Defense Research Committee and as scientific advisor to General Groves on the Manhattan Project, for which work he was awarded the Medal for Merit. Immediately after the war he was appointed advisor to the U. S. Delegate on the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission, and now, in addition to his work at CalTech in the fields of thermodynamics, statistical mechanics, and relativity, Dr. Tolman continues to serve as a consultant to General Frederick H. Osborn, present U. S. representative on the U. N. Atomic Energy Commission.

SPRING TERM ATHLETICS

Track

TEN RETURNING lettermen form the nucleus of CalTech's 1948 track team. Dr. Floyd Hanes and Coach Mason Anderson, who is handling the field event men, expect the squad's main strength to lie in the middle distances, pole vault, broad jump, shot put, and discus. Newcomers out for track add strength in the sprints, mile, and high jump.

Three Interhouse Meet records were broken in the season's opener, and four more marks were set in the Interclass Meet, which was open to lettermen. In the 440, Stan Barnes, next year's ASCIT president, broke A. F. Du Fresne's 1938 record of 52.4 s by 0.1. Dwight Schroeder took 0.3 s off Doug Perry's mark of 26.3, set in 1928. Elroy Chinn extended the broad jump record for both the Meet and the school, with 22' 6½" displacing Frank McCreery's 21' 7½" set in 1938 and his own of 22' 5½" made last year. The Junior class bested the Juniors of 1926 in the half-mile relay, with 1:33.8 replacing 1:34.2.

In the Conference Relays at Occidental, CalTech came in fourth, ahead of Pomona.

Baseball

With practically a veteran lineup, Coach Ed Preisler, in his first year as varsity baseball coach, is frantically searching for a pitcher. Returning from last year's squad are 10 lettermen, but the list does not include an experienced pitcher. Best prospects are football player Glenn Chaffee, who is playing his first year of baseball, and Chuck Norman, stellar shortstop, who will be generously used if someone can be found to take over his regular position.

Very little is known about the various conference teams, but the only game played saw Redlands come from behind to trim Whittier, the defending champions 6-4.

COMMUNITY CHEST HEAD ELECTED TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

EDWARD R. VALENTINE of San Marino has recently been elected to the Institute's Board of Trustees. Mr. Valentine, vice-president and treasurer of the Fullerton Oil Company, is also a director of the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles, the J. W. Robinson Company, and the Automobile Club; a trustee of the Barlow Sanitarium Association and a regional vice-president of the State Chamber of Commerce. This year, he is again heading the Los Angeles Community Chest Campaign, having guided that charity drive through a successful year in 1947.