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February Announcement

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the California Academy of Sciences will be held in the Simson African Hall, East Wing of the Museum Buildings in Golden Gate Park, Wednesday evening, February 21, 1940, at 8 o'clock, at which meeting the election of officers for the ensuing year will be announced, and the annual reports of the Academy will be presented.

The Research Departments will be open to all members from 2:00 to 4:30 P.M., and an opportunity will be given to become better acquainted with all phases of the activities of the Academy. The Museum and Steinhart Aquarium will be open as usual.

A cordial invitation is extended to members and their friends to visit the Academy at this time, and to be present at the Annual Meeting.



NOTICE is hereby given to all CORPORATE MEMBERS that the Council at its meeting January 19, 1940, approved the applications of Mr. Joseph P. Chamberlain, Mr. Selah Chamberlain, Jr., Mr. N. D. Platt, and Mr. Louis B. Peradotto for MEMBERSHIP in the California Academy of Sciences. If no objection to the election of these applicants be received at the office of the Academy within two weeks after February 15, 1940, they will be considered elected.

OLAF P. JENKINS, *Recording Secretary*



MICHAEL LERNER ELECTED A LIFE MEMBER

AT THE December meeting of the Council Mr. Michael Lerner of New York was elected a Life Member of the Academy in recognition of his active interest over a period of years. Mr. Lerner, who is vice-president of the recently organized International Game Fish Association, has repeatedly donated to the Academy finely mounted specimens of large game fishes, of which the Museum is rapidly accumulating an impressive collection.



BOTANICAL BIRTHDAY PARTY

JANUARY 19, one of the better known dates in California botanical and horticultural circles, was celebrated with due ceremony at the Woman's

Athletic Club. At this time and place, the California Botanical Club gave a luncheon in honor of the eighty-first birthday of Miss Alice Eastwood, Curator of Botany in the Academy since 1892. The occasion is said to have been a great success, although this writer can give only a second-hand report owing to the circumstance that the luncheon was for ladies only. There was much grumbling among Miss Eastwood's masculine admirers, several of whom even threatened to "crash the gate."

It was revealed at the luncheon that Miss Eastwood's birthday is also the birthday of Miss Jean Boyd, Secretary of the San Francisco Garden Club.



RARE GEM MINERAL ON EXHIBIT

THE attention of members and visitors is called to the case of changing exhibits in the North American Hall of the Academy where at present there is on display an unusually fine example of Benitoite in formation. This is a gem mineral somewhat resembling a sapphire, but possessing a brilliance and play of colors not found in any other stone. It was discovered in 1907 at a locality in southern San Benito County, California, which is the only place in the world it is as yet known in formation. Later, the same year, it was described by Professor G. D. Louderback of the University of California.



WORK BEGUN ON NEW AFRICAN EXHIBIT

LAST YEAR the late Leslie Simson donated \$1,000 to the Academy to begin the preparation of the large collection of unmounted African animals to be exhibited ultimately in the proposed new wing of the Simson African Hall. With this sum Mr. Frank Tose, Chief of the Department of Exhibits, has had most of the hides tanned and, with capable assistance, has now begun the mounting of a pair of Bongos for a habitat group. It is planned to continue this work of mounting animals for each of the proposed new groups, so that they can be installed promptly at such time as the new wing is completed.



NEW FISHES IN THE STEINHART AQUARIUM

ON January 23, the Steinhart Aquarium received one hundred and eighty-two tropical fish from Pago Pago, Samoa. These were secured through the cooperation of Chief Engineer Charles Knudsen of the steamer Mariposa, and the Matson Navigation Company. Thirty-one species are represented, including some striking forms such as the butterfly fish and surgeon fish. This is the first time that the latter species has been exhibited here.