

PUBLICITY

The Virginia Academy of Science has a Publicity Committee. The last report of this committee gives some idea of its activities. The most important of these are here recounted so as to give some idea of its work. A series of radio talks dispersed throughout the year were broadcast; stories were written and furnished to the Associated Press representative for Virginia, the stories reappearing in the press of Virginia and adjoining states; articles on the work of members were furnished to Science Service and were furnished by them to newspapers; articles were furnished newspapers about once a month and a long news story was sent to each of the college weeklies in the state.

This certainly seems quite an energetic way to place the Academy before the people in a favorable light. It is highly probable that Tennessee newspapers would welcome news of what Tennessee scientists are doing and radio stations would be pleased to have distinguished Tennessee scientists speak through their stations.

NOTES HERE AND THERE

The Secretary is very anxious to secure copies of the *Journal of the Tennessee Academy* for the three years of 1926, 1927, and 1928. He also needs some extra copies of the January number for 1929. If you have extra copies of any numbers of these dates, he would be glad to have you mail them to him. In case you do not wish to present these numbers but wish to sell them, consult with the Secretary before mailing them since only a few copies of each number are desired. These are needed to supply certain organizations and libraries with back numbers to complete their files.

Dr. H. C. Sanborn, Professor of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, has for some time been carrying on investigations on bird song with especial reference to the development of song by one species in the presence of another species. The main object was to determine to what extent the song of the guest bird would resemble the song of the species with which it was reared. In pursuing this investigation, Dr. Sanborn established quite an interesting aviary of foreign birds. Unfortunately, this very interesting experiment was temporarily terminated this summer through the destruction of the aviary by fire.

The bird-banding work of Dr. Wyman R. Green, Professor of Biology, University of Chattanooga, was commented on by Mr. Wilson in the *Nashville Banner* of October 27. From this article it seems that Dr. Green banded 4,000 Chimney Swifts between October 2 and October 8. These were trapped at the chimneys of the University and city schools. Twenty of the birds had previously been banded elsewhere. The records of the Biological Survey at Washington show that these were banded as follows: one in Kingston, Ontario; one in Thompson, Georgia; five in Charleston, South Carolina; one in Pennsylvania; and eight in Chattanooga on the previous year.