
JUNIOR ACADEMY OF SCIENCE RECOGNITION PROGRAM FOR 1979

The 37th Annual Tennessee Junior Academy of Science Recognition Program has been announced for 1979. This Program provides state-wide opportunities for students, grades 9-12, to complete an experimental or investigative science project and prepare a written paper describing the project, its findings, and subsequent conclusions. The paper must be endorsed by a local science or mathematics teacher before being submitted to the Director of the Tennessee Junior Academy of Science. The director will submit the papers to a panel of judges, who will recommend 12 to 25 papers to be read at the state meeting of the Tennessee Junior Academy of Science at Peabody College in Nashville, April 20, 1979. The number of invitations to be issued will depend upon available funds. Science students, along with their sponsoring teachers, will be invited to attend the state meeting. In selecting individuals for participation and entry, and in all administration of the project, the Tennessee Junior Academy of Science does not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, creed, or national origin of any applicant.

All papers must be received by March 2, 1979, and must be accompanied by an official cover sheet. To obtain cover sheets and detailed information concerning entry, please inquire: Tennessee Junior Academy of Science, P.O. Box 22,900A, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee 37601.

Former President of TAS Dies

Word has been received that Dr. Aaron W. Dicus, who served as President of the Tennessee Academy of Science, died in mid-September, 1978. Dr. Dicus was born at Festus, Missouri, on May 30, 1888 and was active in science in Tennessee for about 18 years, beginning in 1930.

Dr. Dicus may be known as the inventor of the automobile turn signal, which he patented in 1920. As a result the Dicus-Schelmier Company of Indianapolis, Indiana, was a promising business that manufactured turn signals for several years.

Dicus earned a B.S. from Marion Normal College, Marion, Indiana, in 1912 and received A.B., A.M., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Indiana in 1926, 1928, and 1932. In 1930 he moved to Tennessee Polytechnic Institute. During 1939 he served as president of the Tennessee Academy of Science.

Dr. Dicus left Tennessee in 1948 to become dean of Florida College. After his retirement, he remained part of the intellectual community of the college. Dr. Dicus is survived by his wife, Flora, and by two sons.

The Editor is indebted to Dr. James X. Corgan of Austin Peay State University who provided information concerning the death of Dr. Dicus.

By Executive Committee action taken at the April 1978 meeting, a per page charge of \$10 will be made to all contributors who submit manuscripts after January 1, 1979 for publication in JTAS. This action was taken reluctantly to help defray increasing publication costs.