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Minutes of the Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting
The Arkansas Academy of Science, Arts and Letters.
Henderson State Teachers College, April 25-26, 1941.

The Secretary’s 1940 minutes were not read since they were sent out to all members last spring. The report of the Treasurer, Dr. Horsfall, reporting a balance of $123.86, April 19, 1941, was read. The Treasurer’s report was accepted. The Secretary’s expenses for the present year had not been reported up to this time.

The following committees were appointed, the first named being chairman: Nominating - M. J. McHenry, W. C. Mann, T. L. Smith; Auditing - D. M. Moore, H. V. Matthew, E. A. Spessard; Resolutions - I. A. Wills, H. I. Lane, L. B. Roberts.

Invitations from host institutions for next year’s meeting were received from the following: Dr. L. A. Wills for John Brown University, Dr. L. B. Roberts for Monticello A&M College and Dr. T. L. Smith for the College of the Ozarks. Action on these was set for the afternoon session.

Suggestions were made concerning Junior, associate or student memberships, and an editorial board.

Dr. L. B. Roberts presented a report on the meeting of the Southern Association for the Advancement of Science at Mobile, Alabama. Dr. D. Demaree continued with a discussion of this meeting. (Dr. Robert’s report is appended to these minutes).

Applications for membership were presented from the following:

- Allured, R. B., Russellville
- Bowman, D. W., Conway
- Brown, D. B., Little Rock
- Chambers, Marjorie E., Star City
- Dorroh, J. L., Arkadelphia
- Hall, Orville J., Fayetteville
- Matthew, H. V., Arkadelphia
- Morse, A. L., Fayetteville

Pool, Mildred R., Siloam Springs
Provine, E. A., Arkadelphia
Rowden, R. W., Little Rock
Shay, R. Morgan, Springdale
Tennyson, T. A., El Dorado
Vogel, E. H., Fayetteville
Wolfe, J. D., Hamburg

Attendance was as follows: 31 at the morning business session, 30 at the biological science section, and 25 at the physical science section.

The following report of the Nominating Committee was adopted at the final business session:

- President: I. A. Wills, John Brown University
- Vice-President: L. B. Roberts, Monticello A&M
- Secretary: L. B. Ham, University of Arkansas
- Treasurer: W. R. Horsfall, University of Arkansas
- Editor: D. M. Moore, University of Arkansas

The reports of the Auditing Committee and the Resolutions Committee were adopted.

The resolutions adopted are as follows:

Resolution No. 1. Be it resolved that the Arkansas Academy of Science, Arts and Letters extend its sincere appreciation to Henderson State Teachers’ College, Arkadelphia, for its hospitality and comfortable quarters provided for the 25th annual meeting of the Academy. Particularly we wish to thank President J. A. Day and members of the local committee on arrangements for their cordial welcome and efficient management of the details in arranging the facilities and entertainment for the members of the Academy.

Be it further resolved that the Arkansas Academy of Science, Arts and Letters expresses its appreciation to Mr. Henry W. Lix, acting Park Naturalist of Hot Springs National Park, for his presentation of the evening lecture, “Our National Parks”, and giving freely of his services.

Be it further resolved that the Arkansas Academy of Science, Arts and Letters wishes to convey its sincere thanks to the Caddo Quicksilver Corporation for their courtesy and kindness in permitting the members to visit their mine and refining plant.
Resolution No. II. Be it resolved that the Arkansas Academy of Science, Arts and Letters wishes to go on record as pledging their interest, cooperation and services in organizing and planning research activities to aid in the betterment of our state, to cooperate and to serve our country in defense. We believe by the pooling of our talents in scientific research, either pure or applied, we shall be able to make needed contributions to our state and national life.

Copies of Resolution I were sent to President Day, Mr. Lix, and to the Caddo Quicksilver Corporation as voted. A copy of Resolution II was sent to Governor Adkins.

A motion to accept the invitation from Monticello A.& M. College for the spring meeting in 1942 was made and passed.

The list of applications for membership read at the morning session was accepted.

A communication from the Texas Academy was read inviting the members of the Arkansas Academy to the Christmas meeting in Dallas, December, 1941. A motion was made and passed to accept the invitation. The Secretary was instructed to remind Arkansas Academy members of the meeting.

A motion was made and passed that the chair appoint a person or persons, making the Dallas trip to the A.A.A.S., to represent the Academy. The chair named Mrs. Wills, Moore, and Ham.

The discussion on publication of proceedings was resumed. A motion was made and passed to adopt Plan I in a questionnaire sent out to all members, with two amendments. The first amendment to be passed provided that beginning with 1942, the Academy dues shall be $1.50. That is, the Academy voted to adopt Plan III of the questionnaire beginning with 1942 dues. The second amendment, which was passed, provides for sale of the publication for the present year to members at 50 cents per copy. The price to others is to be one dollar per copy. The understanding, in making this amendment, was that the extra sum collected was to be used to refund to the authors. A motion was made and passed that authors who pay for their own pages shall receive a copy of the proceedings free. A motion was made and passed to change or amend the constitution, or by-laws, or both, so as to allow for the above change in dues as occasioned by publication.

It was moved and passed that the incoming President appoint an editorial board to consider papers, policy and name. The following were appointed: Drs. Hyman, Smith, and McHenry, with the Editor as chairman of the board.

The following motions were made and passed: to instruct the Secretary to take the necessary steps for affiliation with the A.A.A.S.; that necessary steps be taken to change the Academy name from "The Arkansas Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters" to "The Arkansas Academy of Science"; that the Academy cooperate with the Southern Association for the Advancement of Science; that the Academy meet next year at approximately the same time of spring as this year; that the sectional chairman for next year be appointed by the Secretary.

An announcement on cancellation of field trip Number I was made. Previous heavy rains made this trip impractical. However, since several wished to make the trip Dr. Horton agreed to lead those who appeared at 7:30 A.M.

Adjourned. 28 members present.

A musical program was provided by students of Henderson State Teachers College for the forty guests at the annual dinner, Caddo Hotel. Selections were played by the following: J. D. Burns, Violin; Ruth Matthew, Cello; DeWayne Thornton, Piano. A trio consisting of Ras Scoggin, Rosalea Fish and Rosalyn Fish sang a group of songs.

Ten members took a brief trip to the old salt well at 7:30 A.M. Saturday. The trip was directed by Dr. Horton.

Following this trip, about 30 made the trip to the cinnabar mine and mercury refining plant of Caddo Quicksilver Corporation, 25 miles west of Arkadelphia. Much of the trip was through wooded sections, giving the botanists excellent opportunity for collecting specimens.

L. E. Ham, Secretary

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The Southern Association for the Advancement of Science

Early in 1940 members of the Arkansas Academy of Science received invitations to attend a meeting in Mobile, sponsored by the Alabama Academy of Science, for the purpose of organizing a Southern Scientific Society. Two members, Dr. Delzie Demaree and Dr. L. B. Roberts, were asked by President Horton to represent the Arkansas Academy at that meeting.

At the meeting on March 29 and 30, which was attended by more than a hundred scientists from ten Southern States, there was organized The Southern Association for the Advancement of Science. Officers were elected for the meeting, and other officers were elected to take office at the close of the organization meeting. Among the latter are Dean Wortley F. Rudd of the Medical College of Virginia, President, and Dr. George D. Palmer of the University of Alabama Chemistry Department, Secretary and Treasurer. Committees were set up to complete the process of organization. Our Academy was honored by appointment of Dr. Roberts as Chairman of the Membership Committee and, after the meeting, as a member of the Executive Committee.

The primary reason for the effort to set up such an organization was the recognition of two facts: the existence of certain problems peculiar to the South and common to all or most of the Southern States, and the lack of an adequate program of research in the South. Because of their relative isolation the State Academies are unable to do justice to the task, and National organizations are not vitally interested in the discovery and solution of sectional problems. It is the purpose of the S. A. A. S. to work for the detection and solution of Southern problems and the overcoming of Southern handicaps in research and in industry by fostering full cooperation and coordination of all research agencies in the South and the full utilization of all their facilities. In furtherance of this purpose State Academies and other scientific organizations in the South are invited to affiliate, and their members and others interested in the progress of scientific research are invited to join.

After a report from representatives who attended the organization meeting the Academy authorized the officers to take steps towards affiliation with the S. A. A. S.

L. B. Roberts