conducted in the various physiographic regions of West Virginia (and adjacent parts of Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia) with visits to some of the more interesting plant communities in each of these areas. A series of illustrated lectures is to serve as background to the trips. The exact itinerary has not been completed. It will be published in a later issue of this bulletin. The tentative program is as follows:

PROGRAM

Sunday, September 3. Meet during the afternoon in the newly-completed Biology Building at West Virginia University, Morgantown, W. Va. Visitors will have an opportunity to inspect the new building, which will be opened for the first time for class use on September 21. The new University Arboretum, one mile away, will also be open to visitors. In the evening a sound kodachrome movie, “Wild Flowers of the Alleghenies,” will be shown by its producer, H. P. Sturm, of Clarksburg, W. Va.


The remainder of the week will be spent in traveling southwards along the Alleghenies, visiting various points of interest such as recently reclaimed mine spoil banks (and ore strippings a century old), shale barrens, exposed mountain summits (as Spruce Knob, elev. 4860 ft., the highest point in West Virginia), spruce forests, cranberry glades, etc.

Members are expected to furnish their own transportation. However, the committee in charge will be glad to assist persons who come without cars to get in touch with those who have extra space. If you can supply extra space or if you need transportation, please notify the chairman.

Members wishing to receive further information about the meeting, or who would like to have detailed information in regard to the itinerary as soon as it is available should write to the Chairman of the Committee. Also all persons who plan to attend the meetings are urged to notify the committee as soon as possible so that reservations can be made for meals and sleeping accommodations.

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GEORGE MERCER AWARD

The George Mercer Award for 1949 was made to E. J. Dyksterhuis of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, Lincoln, Nebraska, on the basis of his paper “The Vegetation of the Western Cross Timbers,” Ecological Monographs, 18: 325-376, July 1948. Announcement of the selection was made at the New York meeting and the award was presented in Lincoln at a group meeting and dinner arranged by J. E. Weaver late in January.