

Meeting of Plant Taxonomists

The taxonomists of Indiana met Saturday forenoon, October 31, 1942 following the sessions of the Indiana Academy of Science in the Biology building at the University of Notre Dame. The session was well attended considering the travel situation.

The chairman, T. G. Yuncker of DePauw University presided.

R. C. Friesner of Butler University, chairman of the committee on Plant Distribution Records for the state of Indiana gave a report showing the additions to the flora of many of the counties. A number of state additions were reported. The report also indicated that there is a great deal of interest manifested by the taxonomists of the state in a more detailed record of the flora and floral distribution of Indiana.

Scott McCoy, director of Halleday Park Botanical Garden, Indianapolis, gave an illustrated talk on "Bringing them back alive" showing the general plan of the garden and many colored pictures of the various sections, individual plants, and groups.

Ralph M. Kriebel, of the U. S. Soil Service, Bedford, gave his experiences botanizing on the Cumberland plateau and Cedar glades of Tennessee. He showed a number of pressed specimens of characteristic plants illustrating the flora of that region as well as a number of colored pictures on the screen.

Fred A. Loew of Huntington College reported some observations of Individual differences in Blue Ash and Amsonia as seen in Huntington College Botanical Garden. A number of pressed specimens were shown to illustrate the differences.

The matter of listing the unusually interesting plant areas in Indiana was discussed. This is a rather new phase of flora record in which considerable interest was shown. After an interesting discussion a committee was appointed by request of the group to study this idea and report at the next meeting. The following constitute the committee: Scott McCoy, chairman, Charles Deam, R. C. Friesner, and Ralph Kriebel.

The nominating committee reported the nomination of Scott McCoy, chairman, and Fred A. Loew, secretary for 1943. The report was adopted.