

shown here by the unique sea lizard and the red land crabs.

The film is well photographed, but it is to be regretted that there are no pictures of the mainland birds from which the island forms evolved and that the captions are scarcely sufficient to explain the purpose of the film. It was pointed out that the absence of sufficient funds explained some of the unavoidable deficiencies of the film and why it was only available on 16 mm. silent film.

In the discussion which followed it was asked whether any steps are being taken to preserve such valuable films, which show animals that are fast becoming extinct. It was explained that the National Film Library of the British Film Institute has as one of its aims the preservation of films which illustrate the development of the cinema and of social history, but that it does not collect films specially for their scientific or technical content. The Scientific Films Committee of the Association of Scientific Workers (on whose recommendations the programmes of the London Scientific Film Society are largely made) has recently made a plea to the National Film Library for the preservation of scientific films and has made out a list of those that it considers should be obtained now. "Galapagos" is one of them.

Other films shown by the Society at this meeting were: "Propeller Making", "This is Colour" (an Imperial Chemical Industries film in Technicolor about dyes), "A Few Ounces a Day" and an excellent film epic recently arrived from the United States of the building of the Boulder Dam in Colorado.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 30

NUTRITION SOCIETY (at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, London, W.C.1), at 11 a.m.—Conference on "Problems of Collective Feeding in War-time".

Monday, June 1

ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY (at Kensington Gore, London, S.W.7), at 5 p.m.—Geographical Films.

Friday, June 5

GEOLOGISTS' ASSOCIATION (in the Rooms of the Geological Society of London, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W.1), at 5.30 p.m.—Prof. Frank Debenham: "Shelly Drift in the Antarctic".

## APPOINTMENTS VACANT

APPLICATIONS are invited for the following appointments on or before the dates mentioned:

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF THE JUNIOR TECHNICAL SCHOOL FOR BUILDING in the Bournemouth Municipal College—The Director of Education, Town Hall, Bournemouth (June 4).

LECTURESHIP IN CLINICAL PATHOLOGY—The Secretary, University College, Cork (June 6).

UNIVERSITY CHAIR OF BIOCHEMISTRY tenable at St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School—The Academic Registrar, University of London, Richmond College, Richmond, Surrey (June 8).

LECTURER IN PHARMACEUTICAL SUBJECTS—The Principal, Leicester College of Technology and Commerce, The Newarke, Leicester (June 13).

ASSISTANT MISTRESS TO TEACH BIOLOGY AND SUBSIDIARY CHEMISTRY—The Clerk to the Governors, South-East Essex Technical College, Longbridge Road, Dagenham (June 13).

CHEMIST to assist in an investigation on the production of organic fertilisers—Prof. H. A. D. Neville, The University, Reading.

MECHANICAL ENGINEER FOR MINE ON THE GOLD COAST engaged on production of essential war material—The Secretary, Ministry of Labour and National Service, Central Register (Ref. O.M.C. 968), Public Trustee Office, Sardinia Street, Kingsway, London, W.C.2.

## REPORTS and other PUBLICATIONS

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Reports on Progress in Physics. Vol. 8 (1941). General Editor, W. B. Mann. Pp. iv+372. (London: Physical Society.) 25s. net. [55] Sheffield City Libraries. Research Bulletin No. 6: Machining of Metals. Pp. 46. (Sheffield: Central Library.) [55]

Geological Survey of Great Britain: Scotland. Wartime Pamphlet No. 24: The Limestone Coal Group of the Glasgow District. By Dr. M. Macgregor: with Note on Palaeontology of Principal Mussel-bands, by Dr. J. Weir and Dr. D. Leitch. Pp. 22. (London: Geological Survey and Museum.) 1s. 1d. [55]

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Geological Survey of Great Britain: Scotland. Wartime Pamphlet No. 13: Limestones of Scotland, Area 3: East-Central Scotland. By D. Haldane and Dr. J. B. Simpson; with Analyses by Dr. A. Muir and H. G. M. Hardie. Pp. 30. (London: Geological Survey and Museum.) 1s. 5d. [135]

Annual Report for 1941 of the Research Departments of the College of the Pharmaceutical Society. Pp. 36. (London: Pharmaceutical Society.) [145]

Burton-on-Trent Natural History and Archaeological Society. Local Records for 1941. Pp. 25. (Burton-on-Trent: Natural History and Archaeological Society.) 1s. [145]

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Bernice P. Bishop Museum. Bulletin 170: Land Utilization in American Samoa. By John Wesley Coulter. Pp. 48+2 plates. Bulletin 171: Report of the Director for 1940. By Peter H. Buck (Te Rangī Hiroa). Pp. 33. (Honolulu: Bernice P. Bishop Museum.) [115]

U.S. Department of Agriculture. Farmers' Bulletin No. 1885: Treatment of White Pines infected with Blister Rust. By J. F. Martin and G. F. Gravatt. Pp. ii+28. 10 cents. Miscellaneous Publication No. 468: Raspberry Fruitworms and related Species. By H. S. Barber. Pp. 32. 10 cents. Technical Bulletin No. 801: Insecticidal Efficiency of some Oils of Plant Origin. By A. W. Cressman and Lynn H. Dawsey. Pp. 16. 5 cents. (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office.) [115]

Occasional Papers of the Bernice P. Bishop Museum. Vol. 16, No. 9: Encyrtidae of the Marquesas and Society Islands (Hymenoptera, Chalcidoidea). By P. H. Timberlake. Pp. 215-230. Vol. 16, No. 10: Palaeoharidae from the Solomon Islands, Prince of Wales Island, and New Caledonia. By Nathan Banks. Vol. 16, No. 11: The Hippoboscidae of Oceania (Diptera). By Joseph C. Bequaert. Pp. 247-292. Vol. 16, No. 12: Viability of Coconut Seeds after Floating in the Sea. By Charles Howard Edmondson. Pp. 293-304. Vol. 16, No. 13: The Isopod Crustacea of the Hawaiian Islands, 2: Asellota. By Milton A. Miller. Pp. 305-320. Vol. 16, No. 15: Miscellaneous Notes on Hawaiian Plants, 2. By F. Raymond Fosberg. Pp. 337-348. Vol. 16, No. 16: The Genus *Araucicola* in Fiji (Coleoptera, Tenebrionidae). By Elwood C. Zimmerman. Pp. 349-356. (Honolulu: Bernice P. Bishop Museum.) [115]

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Catalogue of Books on Botany and Gardening with some items of Natural History. (No. 285.) Pp. 36. (Oxford: Dulau's Department, B. H. Blackwell, Ltd.)

Sulphonamide-P B.D.H. (Sulphanilamide) Pastes. Pp. 2. (London: British Drug Houses, Ltd.)

A Catalogue of Books and Periodicals on Botany, Agriculture, Forestry, Fruit-Culture, Gardens and Gardening, Herbs. (No. 698.) Pp. 64. (London: Bernard Quaritch, Ltd.)

Catalogue of a Private Library and Books from other Sources Recently Purchased. (Catalogue No. 660.) Pp. 94. (London: Francis Edwards, Ltd.)

Books on Science and its Applications and other New Acquisitions. (Catalogue 66.) Pp. 48. (London: E. P. Goldschmidt and Co., Ltd.)