

## Science Clubs of America

### National Science Fair-International

PREPARATIONS are in full swing for the 11th National Science Fair-International, May 11-14 in Indianapolis, Ind. About 200 affiliated regional and area fairs are expected to be represented by some 370 finalists.

With the opening of the science fair season, fairs are being held in schools and auditoriums all over the nation and abroad.

The first set of entry materials for the national event already has been received in Washington headquarters at Science Service from David J. Wilson, Jr., of Athens, Ala., one of the two finalists from the North Alabama Regional Science Fair. David's project, proposing a method of survival on Mars, represents nearly 1,000 hours of work and research on the part of this "straight A" student.

Dr. Paul A. Siple, scientific director of polar research for the Department of the Army, Washington, D.C., is scheduled to be the principal speaker at the National Science Fair awards banquet, May 13. Known for his antarctic research since 1923 when, as an Eagle Scout, he accompanied Adm. Richard E. Byrd on his first expedition, Dr. Siple is also president of the Association of American Geographers.

### Letters to Clubs Overseas

Nearly one hundred of the groups in Science Clubs of America located overseas will welcome correspondence with similar clubs in this country. Sponsors of U.S.A. clubs who wish to organize such exchange of information and letters with overseas clubs should write to the Executive Secretary of SCA, enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope and asking for names of clubs in the part of the world they desire to contact.

### New Edison Booklet

A new booklet, *Edison and Other Experiments You Can Do*, compiled from the notebooks of Thomas A. Edison and writings of other scientists, has been produced and distributed by Science Service and the Edison Foundation to the sponsors of 25,000 clubs affiliated with Science Clubs of America.

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