

## NOTES AND NEWS

**RECENT DEATHS**—Four well-known botanists of the eastern United States have died in the past few months.

Joseph Vincent Monachino, Associate Custodian, New York Botanical Garden, died on December 27, 1962. He was born May 22, 1911 at Aragona, Italy.

Wendell Holmes Camp, head, department of botany, University of Connecticut, died on February 4, 1963. He was born February 22, 1904 at Dayton, Ohio. He was a member of the Southern Appalachian Botanical Club and served on the editorial board of *Castanea*.

Harry Ardell Allard, retired scientist, Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, died on February 25, 1963. He was born January 28, 1880, at Oxford, Mass. He was a charter member of the Southern Appalachian Botanical Club and a frequent contributor to *Castanea*.

Walter Conrad Muenscher, retired professor of botany, Cornell University, died on March 20, 1963. He was born May 30, 1891 at Fischbach, Germany.

**GRANT-IN-AID ANNOUNCEMENT**—The Eastern National Park and Monument Association announces a Grant-in-Aid Program to encourage original research in those areas of the National Park System located in the eastern part of the United States. Grants will be made to qualified scholars, including graduate students, who will undertake studies in history or natural history that will contribute to the interpretation, management, or developmental programs of these National Park Service areas. The amounts of the grants will depend upon the nature of the research to be performed. Requests for information about the research grants should be made to the chairman of the Grant-in-Aid Committee of the Association, Dr. Edward M. Riley, Director of Research, Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia.

**THE MICHIGAN BOTANICAL CLUB**—The first issue of *The Michigan Botanist*, published by The Michigan Botanical Club, appeared in March, 1962 (the actual date of mailing was February 21, 1962). Volume I was composed of two issues but starting with Volume II the periodical is scheduled to be published on a quarterly basis, the size of each issue depending upon the number of manuscripts accepted for

publication, and upon the size of the subscription list. Annual subscriptions are \$2; single copies of the first two issues are listed at \$1.00.

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RANUNCULUS FICARIA IN WEST VIRGINIA—*Ranunculus ficaria* L. was discovered in April, 1963 in abundance along Macfarlan Creek, Ritchie County, about fifteen miles from Harrisville. It was growing all along the creek for a distance of three miles or more, on land that would be under water when the stream was overflowing in spring floods. This is the first record of the species for West Virginia.—ELIZABETH STONE-STREET, HARRISVILLE, W. VA.

BOTRYCHIUM ALABAMENSE IN VIRGINIA.—Dr. A. B. Massey reports the discovery of *Botrychium alabamense* Maxon in Wise County, Virginia. This extends the range of the species north from Polk County, N. C., some 150 miles and into the range of Gray's Manual. A more detailed report is to appear in the *American Fern Journal*.