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For members of the Society who would like to have the photograph of the late George David Birkhoff and the tribute written by Rudolph Ernest Langer which appeared at the beginning of volume 60 of the *TRANSACTIONS* of the American Mathematical Society, the Society has had prepared some reprints which contain the photograph, dedication and eulogy between covers. Members may obtain a copy by sending a request to the Society accompanied by fifteen cents in stamps.

A mathematical institute, Mathematisch Centrum, was organized in Amsterdam in February, 1946, as a private foundation with support from the government of the Netherlands and of the city of Amsterdam. The general aim is to contribute to the development of pure and applied mathematics by arranging lectures and conferences, by supporting mathematical publications, by initiating and organizing mathematical research, and by providing a library and research center.

Professors Garrett Birkhoff and J. H. Van Vleck of Harvard University are members of the Advisory Committee of the recently organized American Institute of France, Incorporated. The Institute is designed to provide opportunities to American students and younger scholars to study in French institutions of learning, and to French scholars to study in American institutions. It also aims to provide specialized assistance to individual students and scholars, and to evaluate systematically work done abroad so that students may be properly accredited upon returning to their respective countries.

The University of Michigan announces a Conference on Algebra to be held Friday to Monday, July 25–28, 1947. Those who wish to present papers at the Conference, or who wish further information about it, are invited to communicate with R. M. Thrall, Department of Mathematics, University of Michigan.

The Institute of Mathematical Statistics has announced the election of these officers: President, Professor William Feller of Cornell University; Vice Presidents, Dr. J. H. Curtiss, Assistant to the Director of the National Bureau of Standards, and Mr. M. H. Hansen of the Bureau of the Census; Secretary-Treasurer, Professor P. S. Dwyer of the University of Michigan.

Professor Harald Cramér of the University of Stockholm has been awarded an honorary doctorate of science by Princeton University. During the spring term he has been visiting professor at Yale University.