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## HERE'S A SCIENTIST WHO CAN REALLY TALK

**Prof. Ira Hilton Jones of Wilmette Spokesman for His Misunderstood Brethren**

The January issue of the Lyceum magazine, organ of the Redpath Lyceum bureau, contains an extremely interesting article from the pen of Prof. Ira Hilton Jones, 1538 Forest avenue, Wilmette, noted chemist, who is director of the department of Scientific Research of the Redpath bureau.

Accompanying Professor Jones' article, which bears the title, "The Chemist as Prophet," the editor pays a glowing tribute to this talented north shore genius, in part as follows:

### Invents "Hi-Jay"

"Read the story of the new chemical, 'Hi-Jay,' non-poisonous and 60½ times as powerful a germicide as carbolic acid, told in another place in this magazine. Jones is the inventor.

"We've been hearing much about his success on the lecture platform these recent years. He came to us out of the West. His father was Sheriff Jones of Kansas, with a history much like that of Buffalo Bill. His mother was a Hilton of the 'Hoary Hiltons' of England. His great-grandmother was Rhoda Sprague, a Mayflower descendant. His wife was Blanche Pinkerton, an honor graduate of Drake university and of the famous Pinkertons descended from Lord Calvert. Of their six children the son Haydn is already

stepping along father's trail, giving lecture demonstrations before New Trier high school. Their home is now 1538 Forest avenue, Wilmette, Ill.

"In addition to what 'Who's Who in America' and other such reference works have to say about him, it might be noted that this synthetizer in the laboratory has also been a great human organizer. As a ten-year-old boy in Chicago he organized a protective association; in college he organized a literary society; in Harvard he helped reorganize the Boyleston Chemical club; in the University of Chicago he organized The Kent Chemical society; in Des Moines, The Central Association of Science and Mathematics Teachers; in Oklahoma, The Oklahoma Academy of Science and The Oklahoma Section of The American Chemical society; in South Dakota, The South Dakota Academy of Science, the South Dakota Section of The American Chemical society, and The Farmers' Club Movement of the Dakotas which later developed into The American Farm Bureau. He held the first Rural Life conference, in Mitchell, South Dakota, and has held numerous offices in these associations."

### Scientists "Tongue-Tied"

Anent his lecture work, Professor Jones has the following to say in the introductory paragraphs of his article, "The Chemist as Prophet":

"Our good friend Parlette has asked me to tell the Lyceum readers what it is I talk about. He is not the first person who has wondered that same thing. It is surprising to hear of a chemist getting real money for talking. The one thing that has characterized chemists and given them this reputation is that they are almost universally tongue-tied. They appear to the public to have nothing to say, and surely can't say it. Any exception which I may be to this general rule must be attributed to the fact that in me meet two divergent lines of ancestry—preachers and scientists. I have hoped, at least, that the former was recessive, and the latter strain, dominant.

### In Role of Prophet

"Seriously, the little I have done in my twelve years for Redpath has been in the nature of the work of the prophet who was interpreter as well as seer. So I have attempted to interpret a scientific world to people whose preoccupation with the stern business of making a living in other fields has kept them unfamiliar with the work of the scientist, who is so rapidly not only making the old world new, but readjusting our innermost ways of thinking and methods of life."

Professor Jones' invention of "Hi-jay" has proved a boon to the Lyceum bureau. This germicide is now used as an effective preservative as applied to the great canvas tents used in Chautauqua work. The new germicide has been subjected to the severest tests possible, it is explained, and proved entirely satisfactory in preventing mildew and similar destructive agencies.

### N. U. Athletes Loom as Contenders at Olympiad

Northwestern university has a number of promising athletes who are conceded a chance to represent the United States at the Olympic games at Amsterdam next summer. Among the track men are Tiny Lewis, shot putter; Bill Droegemueller, pole-vaulter, and Einar Hermansen, sprinter. Wally Colbath, intercollegiate diving champion, is a strong contender for the swimming team. Ralph Lupton, central A. U. lightweight wrestling champ, is expected to make a strong bid for the team while Henry Zettleman, conference champion fencer, is another promising candidate.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rittenhouse and their two sons, of 829 Foxdale avenue, left this week for Biloxi, Miss. They plan to return in April.

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