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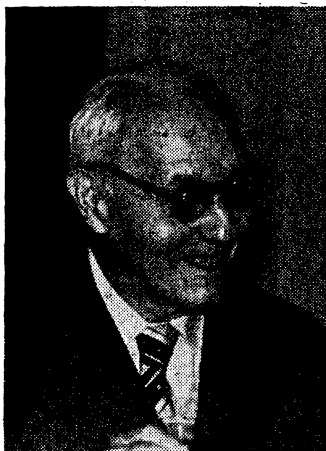
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**ACADEMICIAN OTAKAR BORŮVKA**



Academician Otakar Borůvka, Nestor and legend of the Brno mathematicians, long ago one of the leaders of the Czechoslovak mathematical life, a prominent representative of our science abroad, excellent teacher and organizer of the scientific life was ninety on May 10, 1989. In full mental freshness, creating activity, in enviable spirit, in constant interest in mathematical events.

In 1920—as a student—he passed from the Czech Technical University to the newly founded Faculty of Science of the Brno University and here he passed a state examination in mathematics and physics in 1922. From the year 1921 he was a lecturer in the year 1928 he became an associate professor, from the year 1934 he was a professor assistant and from the year 1946 (with the effectiveness from the year 1940) he was a regular professor of our faculty. From the year 1970 he is a member of the Mathematical Institute of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences in Brno. For the time being he is an author of 84 original scientific papers from the area of differential geometry, general algebra and differential equations and 50 further popular and bibliographical papers. For his results he was awarded a State Prize of Klement Gottwald in the year 1959 and Order of Labour in the year 1965,

from the year 1953 he was a corresponding member and from the year 1965 a regular member of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences, he is an honourable doctor of the Komenský University in Bratislava, and honourable member of the Association of the Czechoslovak Mathematicians and Physicists and he received a number of medals and diplomas of the universities and scientific associations in our country and abroad. Last but not least, he gave rise to this journal (25 year ago, in 1965) and was its first editor-in-chief.

The rare life anniversary of the Academician Otakar Borůvka is of course associated with a number of summary publications in professional and popular press (e.g. Czech. Math. Journal, vol. 39 (113), 1989, 382–384). To us, belonging to the generations of his students, members of scientific seminars, founded or oriented by him, to those, inspired by his work, to his younger collaborators and colleagues and to those esteeming his character, is, however, this reality not only a reason for valorizing his admirable work but also for an opportunity to express our homage to our honoured person by the results of our works.

We wish to Academician Borůvka health and good humour in order to be able to give away, in further years, from the treasury of his wisdom and experience.

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