## 100 Years ago in The American Mathematical Monthly

The National Academy of Sciences began in January, 1914, the publication of a monthly periodical called *Proceedings*. Professor E. H. MOORE, of the University of Chicago, is the mathematical member on the editorial staff. Professor E. B. WILSON, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is the managing editor. The articles are expected to be short and to exhibit a summary of the most important results obtained by Americans in various fields of science.

MICHAEL A. MCGINNIS, who was the author of a book in which he claimed (falsely, of course) to have devised a universal solution for both numerical and literal equations, died recently in Kansas City. It is claimed by many who knew him intimately that, but for strong drink and dishonest business methods, he might have made a noteworthy record as a mathematician.

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