

To the New York State Fruit Testing Cooperative Association, Inc., of Geneva, New York, for 40 years of unique accomplishment in the appraisal and dissemination for trial throughout this country and abroad.

The actual presentations were to be made to Dr. Olmo in California and to the N. Y. Fruit Testing Cooperative Association in New York at a later date.

A Wilder Certificate was awarded to Paul Shepard for his outstanding fruit exhibit displayed at the Columbia meeting.

An open executive meeting and business meeting were held as planned. The following important decisions were made:

1. The Secretary was instructed to offer to all organized groups of fruit breeders, and to other related groups, the cooperation of the Society, and space in FRUIT VARIETIES AND HORTICULTURAL DIGEST for announcements, summaries of meetings and other information.

2. The Society accepted the invitation of the State Horticultural Association of Pennsylvania to meet jointly with it next year when it will be celebrating its centennial year. Date and place have not yet been determined.

3. The Committee for Variety Nomenclature Registration and Appraisal will now be called the Committee for Variety Nomenclature and Appraisal. The Chairman of this committee shall be asked to write a new code of nomenclature for fruits based on the latest International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants.

4. Dr. D. H. Scott, Chairman of the Small Fruit Plant Exchange Committee shall be asked to continue in his effort to establish regional variety testing stations for small fruits.

5. A new slate of officers was elected for 1959. These are listed on page 48.

6. The group of Regional Representatives organized during 1958 shall be called Regional Correspondents. Their primary function will be that of gathering information on variety breeding and testing and directing it to the Secretary for publication.—G. M. Kessler, *Secretary-Treasurer, American Pomological Society.*



Dwarf Fruit Tree Association

On March 4, 1958, a group of fruit growers, nurserymen and horticulturists met at Hilltop Orchards, Hartford, Michigan, to discuss dwarf fruit tree problems. Because of the great interest, and in recognition of the need for an organized effort along these lines, this group decided to form the Dwarf Fruit Tree Association. Wallace Heuser, of Hartford, was elected as its first president and Dr. R. F. Carlson, of Michigan State University, as Secretary.

The aim of this organization is to gather and distribute information on dwarf fruit trees. It is hoped that through this exchange of ideas, orchardists and other interested parties will be able to do the best job possible in growing smaller-than-standard fruit trees.

The membership of the Association, which is already well over 300 persons, represents 20 states, as well as Canada, England and Sweden. Anyone interested in learning more about dwarf fruit trees is welcome to join the Association. Simply send a note and annual dues of \$1.00 to Dr. R. F. Carlson, Secretary, Dwarf Fruit Tree Association, Department of Horticulture, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan. Membership entitles you to receive 4 to 6 issues of "Dwarf Notes", newsletter of the Association.