

Annual Meeting of the American Pomological Society

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The 74th annual meeting of the American Pomological Society was a joint meeting with the State Horticultural Association of Pennsylvania, at York, Pennsylvania, February 8 to 10, 1960. A.P.S. participated quite actively in the program. The speakers and their topics were as follows:

Paul Shepard (President of A.P.S.): "The American Pomological Society—It's Accomplishments and its Program."

Dr. A. P. French: "Better Trees Through Inspection for Trueness-to-Name."

Dr. J. B. Mowry: "Peach Variety Situation."

Wallace Heuser: "Smaller-Than-Standard Fruit Trees."

William Luce: "The Red Bud Spots of Apple."

The above talks will be adapted for publication in *Fruit Varieties and Horticultural Digest*.

Small Fruits Plant Exchange Committee Chairman, Dr. D. H. Scott, reported that the first plantings of small fruits at the new regional test stations sponsored by the A.P.S. will be planted this spring. These test stations and the men in charge are as follows:

Mass. Agr. Exp. Station—J. S. Bailey; Wisc. Agr. Exp. Station—Frank Gilbert; Mo. State Fruit Exp. Station—Paul Shepard; Miss. Agr. Exp. Sta.—J. Overcash; and Md. Agr. Exp. Station—I. C. Haut and D. H. Scott.

Fruit Gardens Committee Chairman, K. W. Hanson, reported that a cherry scionwood source list will soon be ready for publication. At the re-

quest of a number of fruit gardeners, the Committee will be acting as a collecting point for names of amateur fruit growers who wish to correspond with other amateurs.

Variety Nomenclature and Appraisal Committee Chairman, Dr. R. M. Brooks, requested that the membership consider approving a project by the Committee to simplify and adapt the International Code of Nomenclature for use in naming fruit varieties. Approval was given.

A *Variety Arbitration Committee* was formed for the first time during the year, by a temporary committee headed by Dr. G. M. Darrow, as directed by President Shepard. The new committee will, when called upon to do so, designate a group of experts to determine the identity of any fruit variety whose origin is in question. Since a chairman had not as yet been appointed, the committee has not yet been able to function. (Since the York meeting, William Luce, of Yakima, Wash., has agreed to act as chairman.)

Status of membership, as of Dec. 15, 1959, was as follows:

Annual members	270
Life members	98
Society members	9
Industrial members	12

Total 389

The above figures represent a net increase in membership of 27 over 1958.

Editor's Report: The *Fruit Varieties and Horticultural Digest* was enlarged from 16 to 20 pages, beginning with the September 1959 issue. The

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cost of printing a single issue is now approximately \$338.00.

The Marshall Pinckney Wilder Medal was awarded to Dr. A. P. French for his outstanding contribution since 1925, first as a member, and then as the head of the True-to-Name Nursery Inspection Project.

The Chairman of the *True-to-Name Nursery Inspection Program Committee* was instructed to appoint a sub-committee to study the possibilities for setting up a program for true-to-name fruit rootstock inspection in the nursery.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts		Expenses	
Annual members, dues (\$3.00)....	\$ 736.00	Printing of F.V.H.D.	\$1,207.80
Life members, assessment (\$2.00)...	210.00	Office expenses and postage.....	398.86
Industrial members, dues (\$10.00)...	150.00	American Fruit Grower subscrip-	
Society members, dues (\$10.00)....	115.00	tions for members.....	170.50
Advertising	728.00	Honorarium and travel expenses to	
Dividends	339.50	Secretary	699.98
Back issues, F.V.H.D., Proceedings,		American Hort. Council, dues.....	10.00
reprints, etc.	177.54	Wilder Certificate	25.00
Subscriptions, F.V.H.D.	211.38	Exhibit, W. Virginia growers meet	14.61
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Total receipts	2,667.82	Total expenses	2526.75
Balance on hand from previous		Balance on hand.....	2427.84
year	2,286.77		
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Bladisloe N. Z. Apple

The new "Bladisloe N. Z." apple is being recommended for trial in England to extend the Cox's Orange season. It is believed to be a sport of Cox and was introduced from New Zealand in 1954. Bladisloe N. Z. fruit is similar in shape to Cox, but is three weeks earlier. It is firm and juicy and keeps well into December in common storage. Skin shows a deep red flush on the exposed cheek and red stripes on the underside.