

# Report of Annual Meeting of the American Pomological Society

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The seventy-fifth annual meeting of the American Pomological Society was held in the Memorial Center of Purdue University, January 5 to 7, 1961. This was a joint meeting with the Indiana State Horticultural Society, which was celebrating its centennial at that time.

**True-to-Name Nursery Inspection Program** Chairman, Dr. A. P. French has announced that the Massachusetts inspection team plans to incorporate certification of clonal rootstocks for trueness-to-name into its program during 1961.

**Variety Nomenclature and Appraisal Committee** Chairman, Dr. R. M. Brooks, has announced that members of his Committee are planning to publish articles in Fr. Var. & Hort. Dig. in the near future, dealing with matters related to nomenclature.

**A Committee for Tropical and Sub-Tropical Fruits** was revived, with Dr. John Popenoe, of Homestead, Florida, as chairman.

The first two awards for best articles in Fr. Var. & Hort. Dig. were announced by Dr. A. L. Havis, who had coordinated the judging. The prize consists of either the five most recent volumes of the Digest, bound between hard covers, or a book of the winner's choice (price limit being set by the Secretary). The authors of the best articles in Vol. 14 were as follows:

**Dr. G. M. Darrow**, for his article entitled "Strawberry Varieties—Past, Present and Future" (Vol. 14, No. 1, pages 7 to 10).

**Paul Stark, Jr.**, for his article en-

titled "Fruit Growing in the South Pacific" (Vol. 14, No. 4, pages 65 to 68).

**Wilder Awards Committee** Chairman, Dr. H. B. Tukey, announced the award of the only Wilder silver medal for 1960 to Dr. R. P. White for his outstanding contributions to the fruit industry.

**Membership status** as of December 7, 1960 was as follows:

Annual members .....	319
Life members .....	98
Industrial members .....	18
Society members .....	15

Total 450

Total figures for 1960 represent a gain of 63 members since December, 1959.

**A rootstock labeling resolution**, drafted by Dr. A. P. French was put into its final form by the Secretary, with assistance from Dr. H. B. Tukey, Dr. R. C. Carlson and Wallace Heuser. Copies were circulated among the State Horticultural Societies and the leading fruit publications.

**Future meetings.** The next annual meeting will be held jointly with the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Association, January 15, 16 and 17, 1962, in Toronto, Canada. The following meeting will be in Yakima, Washington, December 2, 3, and 4, 1962, with the Washington State Horticultural Association.

**Editor's Report.** The number of articles being submitted, and the number of reprints being ordered by

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authors reflect an ever-increasing interest on the part of fruit breeders and testers in **Fruit Varieties and Horticultural Digest**. The growing demand for back-issues is also very gratifying.

The subscription status as of December 15, 1960 is as follows:

Individual subscribers .....	114
Library subscriptions .....	81

Total 195

The above total represents a gain of 20 subscriptions over 1959. Part of the reason for this relatively small gain is our policy of encouraging potential subscribers to become members of the Society.

Basic cost of printing the Digest has just increased from \$309.00 to \$345.00.

**New officers.** W. H. Upshall, president; W. A. Luce and A. P. French, vice-presidents; G. M. Kessler, Sec. Treasurer; P. H. Shepard, R. B. Turkey, W. P. Judkins, and Edwin Gould, Executive Committee.

#### Treasurer's Report—1960

##### *Receipts*

Annual members, dues .....	\$ 923.10
Life members, assessment .....	148.00
Industrial members, dues .....	200.00
Society members, dues .....	110.15
Advertising .....	805.00
Dividends and interest on savings .....	321.81
Back issues of Digest, reprints .....	97.79
Subscriptions, Fruit Var. and Hort. Digest .....	327.55
Total Receipts .....	\$2,933.40
Balance on hand December 17, 1959 .....	2,427.84
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##### *Expenditures*

Humphrey Press—printing Fruit Var. and Hort. Digest .....	\$1,319.40
Engravings and addressograph plates—Digest .....	160.98
Printing—letterheads, envelopes, membership cards, etc. ....	194.16
American Fruit Grower—subscriptions .....	190.50
Memberships—Amer. Hort. Council and Internat. Soc. for Hort. Sci. ....	26.00
Wilder medals .....	35.96
Secretarial, auditing and miscellaneous office expenses .....	154.47
Honorarium and travel expenses—sec. and speakers at ann. mtng .....	,086.98
Postage—mailing Digest, Statements, gen. correspondence .....	223.00
Total Expenditures ...	<hr/>
Balance on hand December 23, 1960 .....	\$1,968.82
Total	<hr/> \$5,361.24



#### Apple Disease Possibly Due to Bud Mutation

"Striped Cracking", an apple disorder found only on the Kidd's Orange Red apple in New Zealand, may be due to bud mutation rather than a virus. Reasons given by scientists are that no other variety show the symptoms, and that when healthy trees are topworked with affected scions, the disorder does not appear to be transmitted to healthy parts of the tree. (From The New Zealand Orchardist, April 5, 1960)