

American Pomological Society's 77th Annual Meeting

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The annual meeting of the American Pomological Society for 1962 was held in the Chinook Hotel, Yakima, Washington, together with the Washington State Horticultural Association. The business meeting of the Society took place on the evening of December 3, 1962.

Although A. P. S. did not have a separate part of the general program for itself, members of the Society took a very active part. Our 1962 president, W. H. Upshall, gave a talk about A. P. S., telling of its goals and activities. W. A. Luce, our 1963 president, was moderator for a panel discussion on fruit varieties, and the panel consisted entirely of members of the Society. Eldon Gilbert, a member of our 1963 Executive Board was in charge of the preparation of the excellent fruit variety exhibit. H. W. Fogle, chairman of our Fruit Gardens Committee, spoke on stone fruit varieties.

Wilder awards: One silver medal was awarded posthumously to Lief Verner, of the University of Idaho, for his outstanding contributions to horticulture, including the development of the Idared apple. The medal was presented by T. A. Merrill, of Washington State University, and received for Mrs. Verner by George W. Woodbury, Head of Horticulture at Idaho, at a banquet on December 4.

A Wilder certificate was also presented by Dr. Merrill, at the same banquet, to the Yakima Pomological Club for the fine apple variety exhibit it had prepared for the meeting.

The Paul Howe Shepard Awards for 1962 were announced as follows:

To J. Eliot Coit for his article entitled "Horticultural Aspects of

Jojobe", in Vol. 16, No. 2 of Fruit Var. & Hort. Digest.

To Leon Havis, posthumously, for his article "Peach Breeding by the United States Department of Agriculture", in Vol. 16, No. 3 of the Digest.

Membership: Annual dues will be increased, due to escalating costs, from \$3.00 to \$4.00, beginning December 4, 1963.

The Society voted not to accept additional life members.

A subscription to one of the following magazines is now part of each annual membership: American Fruit Grower, Western Fruit Grower, Better Fruit, or the Goodfruit Grower.

A resolution will be drafted urging the Plant Introduction Division of the U. S. D. A. to accelerate its indexing procedures, in order to speed up the introduction of varieties from abroad.

The Fruit Gardens Committee chairman was instructed to have his committee consider a more appropriate name for itself, and ways of expanding its activities to better serve the needs of amateur fruit breeders and testers.

Officers for 1963: President—W. A. Luce; Vice-Presidents—D. V. Fisher, H. B. Tukey; Executive Board—W. H. Upshall, R. M. Brooks, E. G. Downing, Eldon J. Gilbert; Secretary-Treasurer and Editor—G. M. Kessler.

New Committee chairmen: Plant Materials Exchange, Tree Fruits—R. C. Lamb; Variety Nomenclature and Appraisal—Howard Brooks; Variety Arbitration—E. S. Degman; Wilder Awards—T. A. Merrill.

New members of Advisory Committee: C. O. Hesse, Roy Rom.