

# Annual Meeting of the American Pomological Society, 1964

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The 1964 meeting of American Pomological Society was held jointly with the Minnesota Fruit Growers Association and the Wisconsin State Horticultural Society in Rochester, Minn., on December 14 and 15.

The **Marshall P. Wilder Silver Medal** was presented to Dr. Frank P. Cullinan, of the United States Department of Agriculture, for outstanding service to horticulture as a scientist and administrator of research. The A. P. S. established the Wilder Medal in 1873, and named it after its illustrious first president. The Medal is conferred upon individuals or institutions that have rendered outstanding service to fruit science and the fruit industry, or to comparatively new varieties of fruits which have proved outstanding.

This year's Medal winner, Dr. Cullinan, began his illustrious career at Purdue University, as an Instructor of Pomology. He went on to join the United States Department of Agriculture in 1931, and remained with that organization until his retirement in December of 1964. While with the Department, he advanced to the position of Chief Pomologist in charge of all deciduous fruit research, and finally to that of Associate Director of the Division of Crops Research.

As a pomologist, Dr. Cullinan made important research contributions in the field of training and pruning, fruit nutrition, and breeding. As administrator, he did much to direct our national horticultural research into channels which have led to considerable advancement of fruit science.

**Paul Howe Shepard (best article)**  
Awards were given to L. D. Tukey,

of Pennsylvania State University for his article, "A Comparison of Fruit Sizing among Early and Late Peach Varieties," and to D. R. Walker and J. L. Anderson, of Utah State University, for their article, "Performance of Apple Varieties on Various Roots and Interstocks." Both articles appeared in Vol. 18 of *Fruit Varieties and Hort. Digest*.

**Publication of a history of the top apple varieties** (and their hybrids) of North America is the goal of a new A. P. S. project initiated in 1964. Good progress has been made, under the direction of W. A. Luce, immediate past president, in assembling material for this project.

A book dealing with the **history of pomology in North America** during the past one hundred years, is another new project which has gotten off to a very good start during 1964, under the direction of D. V. Fisher, the current president of A. P. S. Both this and the previous project are involving the efforts of many of the leading horticulturists of the United States and Canada.

**Officers elected for 1965** are as follows:

President—Donald V. Fisher  
Vice-Presidents: Walter Reuther  
and Frank Street  
Secretary-Treasurer:  
James B. Mowry  
Editor—George M. Kessler  
Executive Board—R. M. Brooks,  
Wallace Heuser, W. A. Luce,  
Paul Stark, Jr.

**The 1965 meeting of A. P. S.** will be held in January, 1966 in Asheville, N. C., with the North Carolina Apple Growers Association.