BODEN UND PFLANZE


This is a German translation of Sir E. John Russell's well-known book Soil and Plant Growth. It is preceded by a foreword by Georg Wiegner, but otherwise is essentially the same as the English version except that it contains a more detailed table of contents. (H. J. C.)

AGRONOMIC AFFAIRS

MEETING OF WESTERN BRANCH OF SOCIETY

Weeds and forage crops were the main topics discussed at the Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Western Branch of the American Society of Agronomy at Pullman, Washington, and Moscow, Idaho, June 22, 23, and 24, 1936. A number of papers, however, were given on cereals and general agronomic topics. Titles for 22 papers were submitted in advance and 4 additional papers were given. The 70 persons registered were mainly agronomists and came from 8 of the 11 western states and from the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

Mornings were filled with a program of papers and discussions, while afternoons were devoted to observation trips. On the trips the visitors were taken over the soil conservation nurseries and soil conservation experiment station fields, the Washington and Idaho Experiment Station farms, and the Washburn-Wilson pea-breeding grounds. The banquet the second evening was attended by a number of guests as well as agronomists.

B. B. Bayles of the U. S. Department of Agriculture Cereal Office was elected President, succeeding R. S. Hawkins; and Clyde McKee of the Montana State College Agronomy Department was elected Secretary, succeeding E. G. Schafer. The 1937 meetings are to be held at Bozeman, Montana.—E. G. SCHAFER, Secretary.

TOBACCO FERTILIZER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1937

Recommendations for fertilizing flue-cured, sun-cured, and shipping tobacco grown on the average soils of Virginia, North and South Carolina, and Georgia during 1937 are now available in mimeographed form. The recommendations have been formulated by a committee made up of representative agronomists from these states and from the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, with Prof. C. B. Williams of North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station, Chairman, and Prof. T. B. Hutcheson of the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station, Secretary. Suggestions to agricultural workers for formulating recommendations for the control of downy mildew and root-knot of tobacco, prepared by representatives of the Tobacco Disease Research Council, are also included in the mimeographed report.