Section IV—Soil Fertility. Joint Session with Crops Section.
Subject: Cotton Diseases and Fertilization.
Symposium: The Effects of Boron in Agriculture.
Chairman, J. J. Skinner, Bureau of Plant Industry.

Chairman, S. S. Obenshain, Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Chairman, W. L. Powers, Oregon State Agricultural College.

The program of the general meeting of the Soil Science Society of America will consist of six papers, one contributed by each of the respective sections of the Society.

The respective chairmen of the Soils Section desire to extend their call for papers and bring to attention the date of September 15 as the final date for submission of titles and abstracts. Detailed information on program regulations governing papers presented before the Soil Science Society appear on page 360 of the 1938 PROCEEDINGS.

REGISTRATION FEE

A nominal registration fee will be charged for the first time at the New Orleans meeting to help defray expenses incurred in connection with the annual meeting. Entrance to the technical sessions of the American Society of Agronomy and of the Soil Science Society will be open only to registered individuals.

MEETING OF WESTERN BRANCH OF SOCIETY

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Western Branch of the American Society of Agronomy was held at Davis and Berkeley, Calif., June 6 to 8. The entire day of June 6 at Davis was devoted to field trips. Wednesday and Thursday, June 7 and 8, at Berkeley were devoted to the presentation of the following papers:

Production of sugar beet seed. H. E. Pinnell, Oregon State College.
The effect of differences in soil moisture on the yield and quality of alfalfa seed. Ian A. Briggs, University of Arizona.
Recent developments in our weed research program. Dr. R. J. Evans, Utah State Agricultural College.
Determining by plant response the retention of nutrient ions by soils. Dr. John P. Conrad, University of California.
Sulfofication of soil organic matter and microbiological competition with plants for sulphates. Frank G. Viets and John P. Conrad, University of California.
The role of straw in erosion control. G. R. McDole, Pacific Northwest Region, Soil Conservation Service, U.S.D.A.