obtained on the hay and pasture species available at the present time. The committee proposed an experiment to be undertaken by those states which had an interest in the problem and facilities to conduct it. It was agreed that the committee should continue the study for the coming year.

The Section voted to accept the invitation to meet with the University of Vermont and Macdonald College, Quebec, in 1947, and elected the following slate of officers: President, Fred G. Merkle, Pennsylvania State College; Vice President, Claude E. Phillips, University of Delaware; and Secretary-Treasurer, Paul R. Miller, University of Vermont.

Doctor Frank Parker reported on the proposed monthly magazine of applied agronomy and on future trends in fertilizer usage.

The third and fourth days were spent with the Bureau of Plant Industry group at Beltsville. Among the several items observed were those dealing with hydroponics, fruits, vegetables, drug plants, 2, 4-D, fertilizers, forage plants, hybrid corn, pasture mixtures, and tobacco nutrition.—G. G. Pohlman.

MEETING OF THE WESTERN BRANCH

The Western Branch of the American Society of Agronomy met at Laramie, Wyo., August 12 to 14, 1946, for its first meeting since 1941 when it met at Corvallis, Ore. The meeting began with a field trip to the crop plots on the Agronomy Farm, 3 miles west of Laramie. There were five main discussion groups during the three-day meetings. These included cereals, soils and irrigation, sugar beets, weeds, grasses and forage. A few papers were presented, but most of the programs were of the discussion type.

High lights on the program were the address by President H. P. Singleton of the Irrigation Experiment Station, Prosser, Wash., on irrigation agriculture, and the illustrated lecture by Doctor H. E. Hayward, Director of the U. S. Regional Salinity Laboratory, Riverside, Calif., on outstanding research work being conducted by that laboratory.

One of the important items of the business meeting was the adoption of the following resolution:

"Because the release of a new variety involves its use in surrounding adapted or unadapted areas, and since the present uniform variety tests contain mainly varieties that are adapted to a specific region, and because the wide publicity given to new releases in national agricultural magazines necessitates its testing over a greater area:

We, the Western Section of the American Society of Agronomy meeting at Laramie, Wyoming, August 12, 13, and 14, 1946, recommend that the Bureau of Plant Industry, Soils and Engineering of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, assemble and publish annually, a list of possible new releases of small grains two years in advance so that interested states may obtain seed for local trials before release, if desired."

The group also made plans to combine the American Society of Agronomy (Western Branch) meeting with other crops meetings held in this region. Although two other meetings were being held at