Minutes of the Fortieth Annual Meeting of the American Society of Agronomy

The fortieth annual meeting of the American Society of Agronomy was held on the campus of the Colorado Agricultural and Mechanical College, at Fort Collins, Colo., August 24 to 27, 1948. There were 937 members and guests registered in attendance.

The general meeting of the Society was held on Tuesday, August 24. Doctor P. V. Cardon, Assistant Chief of the Bureau of the Plant Industry, Soils, and Agricultural Engineering, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, presented a paper on “The Mild West”. The paper was well received by the large group present.

The annual dinner was held on Wednesday evening at which time Doctor O. S. Aamodt gave the Presidential address on “Western Grasslands in American Agriculture”. Doctor George H. Dungan presented the winners of the Student Essay Contest. These are announced in the report of the Committee on Student Sections. Doctor W. H. Pierre presented certificates to the Fellows Elect as follows: H. L. Ahlgren, P. V. Cardon, R. W. Cummings, E. E. DeTurk, Willard Gardner, C. D. Jeffries, E. S. McFadden, H. E. Myers, W. M. Myers, A. G. Norman, H. A. Schoth, and H. M. Tysdal. Doctor Firman E. Bear presented the Stevenson Awards to Doctor J. B. Peterson (Soils) and Doctor W. M. Myers (Crops).

There were a total of 268 papers in addition to conferences and panel discussions. These were divided as follows: Crops, 88; Soils, 113; Applied, 54; and Education, 11.

The newly elected officers are as follows: Firman E. Bear, President; L. F. Graber, Vice President; D. C. Smith, Chairman, Crops Division; and Hans Jenny, Chairman, Soil Science Division and President of the Soil Science Society of America.

The reports of the various officers and committees were read at the annual business meeting. In addition, two important items of business were considered, viz., (1) by unanimous vote the dues for members of the Society for 1949 were increased from $5.60 to $7.50. (2) The guide for use of slides and lanterns presented by H. E. Myers was approved.

G. G. Pohlman, Secretary.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

REPORT OF THE EDITOR

The statistics for the 1948 volume of the Journal are as follows:

- Number of papers published: 109
- Number of Notes published: 24
- Number of book reviews published: 10
- Approved papers awaiting publication: 12
- Papers under review: 21
- Number of papers rejected: 22

Total to November 1, 1948: 198

During the past year, with the approval of the Executive Committee and the Council of the Society, we issued a pamphlet entitled “Notes for Contributors to