Agronomic Affairs

LAWRENCE G. MONTHEY NAMED EDITOR-SECRETARY

Lawrence G. Monthey of Ames, Iowa, has been appointed Editor-Secretary of the American Society of Agronomy in the first step in developing the Society’s expanded program. Mr. Monthey’s first undertaking will be the establishment of permanent headquarters for the Society, probably in the midwest, and the launching of a popular magazine dealing with agronomic applications.

Born at Chester, Montana, March 29, 1918, Mr. Monthey grew up on a dairy farm in northern Wisconsin. He received the B.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1940, having majored in soils and land economics. During 1940 and 1941, he served with the Federal Land Bank of St. Paul, Minn., and as assistant county agent in Trempealeau County, Wisconsin.

Mr. Monthey enlisted in the U. S. Army in February 1942 and served 3 ½ years in the European theater in administrative and supply work with the Army Service Forces where he rose to the rank of Major.

Upon his discharge from the Army, Monthey returned to the University of Wisconsin and completed work for the M.S. degree with a major in soil fertility. His thesis dealt with deep tillage and deep incorporation of lime and fertilizers on Spencer silt loam. In October 1946 he was appointed Extension Agronomist and Assistant Professor of Agronomy at Iowa State College and was placed in charge of the soil testing laboratory and the soil fertility educational work at Ames. Both at the University of Wisconsin and at Iowa State College, he has worked closely with the journalism departments and has engaged in feature writing.

Pending the establishment of permanent headquarters and the launching of the new publication, Doctor Pohlman will continue to handle the business and financial affairs of the Society in Morgantown, W. Va., and Mr. Luckett the technical publications at Geneva, N. Y.—OLAV S. AAMODT, President.

THE 1948 MEETINGS AT FORT COLLINS, COLORADO, AND A CALL FOR PAPERS

As announced in the November 1947 issue of the Journal, the 1948 meeting of the American Society of Agronomy and of the Soil Science Society of America will be held at Fort Collins, Colorado, August 24 to 27, inclusive. The committee on local arrangements includes D. W. Robertson, Chairman, H. E. Brewbaker, A. W. Skuderna, and P. B. Smith. Professor Robert Whitney of the Colorado State College at Fort Collins is in charge of reservations and all communications regarding reservations should be directed to him.