A revision of the report on grazing techniques jointly with animal scientists was initiated last year. The pasture committee plans to complete a revised report for publication this year. This revised report should prove to be very useful in conducting pasture research investigations.

The committee proposes to broaden the membership to include specialists in range management and soil conservation service. One Canadian should also be added to the membership. The name of one standing committee member, Dr. Vance Sprague, was omitted in the Agronomy Journal.

The committee has several important items on its agenda for future consideration: 1. Planning regional experiments in management, mixtures, and fertilization; 2. Make recommendations for obtaining more useful information from census reports with respect to the grazing lands; and 3. Broaden the work of the committee to include other phases of forage crops.

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THE STEVENSON AWARDS FOR 1950

In accordance with the initial announcement of the Stevenson Awards appearing in the Journal of the American Society of Agronomy, Volume 39, March issue, 1947, any member of the Society in good standing, except those who have been appointed to serve on the Awards Committee, may submit a nomination for an award of $500 for outstanding research in Farm Crops or a like award for outstanding research in soils. Nominations shall be made in writing to the Secretary of the American Society of Agronomy before June 1, 1950 and shall include a biographical sketch and copies of scientific papers of the nominee and an evaluation of his work to science and agronomy. Those making nominations should follow the approved regulations appearing on pages 264 and 265 of the March 1947 issue of the Journal.—H. P. Cooper, Chairman, Stevenson Awards Committee.

LOCKWOOD LECTURE SERIES ESTABLISHED AT CONNECTICUT STATION

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station at New Haven has recently inaugurated a series of lectures in plant science to be known as the Lockwood Lectures. From time to time outstanding authorities in the field of plant science will be invited to present lectures on their research at staff conferences of the station. Each guest speaker is also invited to discuss his field of specialty with station staff members particularly interested in his work.

Three lectures have already been presented. Dr. Alfexander Muir, Chief of Soil Survey in England and Wales and Head of the Department of Pedology at the Rothamsted Experiment Station, the first speaker in the series, spoke on the genesis and morphology of soils with reference to mineralogical studies. Dr. R. W. Marsh, plant pathologist at the Horticultural Research Institute, Long Ashton, Bristol, England, presented views on recent work at Long Ashton on fungicides and insecticides at the second conference.

Dr. A. G. Norman, Division Chief, Biological Department, Army Chemical Corps, Frederick, Md., discussed “Problems in Soil Microbiology” at a session held in conjunction with the October meeting of the Plant Science Club of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station and Yale University. Dr. C. L. W. Swanson, of the Connecticut station, is president of the Plant Science Club. Invitations to the Lockwood Lectures are sent to interested staff members of Yale University, New Haven; the University of Connecticut, Storrs; Wesleyan University, Middletown; the Soil Conservation Service; and commercial agricultural firms in the state.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRONOMY PAPERS AND ABSTRACTS DUE JUNE 1, 1950

H. P. Cooper, Vice President of the American Society of Agronomy, reminds the membership that titles and abstracts of papers, not to exceed 200 words, to be presented at the annual meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 31 to November 3, 1950, are to be submitted to section chairmen by June 1, 1950. One copy of the abstract should be sent to the sectional chairman and one copy to the Executive Secretary of the Society.

WESTERN SECTION TO MEET JUNE 14-16

The meeting of the Western Section of the American Society of Agronomy will be held at Davis, Calif., June 14-16, 1950. Preliminary plans call for four sessions, each one half day long. Field trips to the experimental area on the University of California campus and to the diverse farming areas in the immediate vicinity of Davis are also planned.—R. W. Allard.

DIVISION OF AGRONOMIC EDUCATION RECEIVES FAVORABLE VOTE

Members of the American Society of Agronomy have voted favorably on the question of giving permanent status to the tentative Division of Agronomic Education, according to L. G. Monthey, executive secretary of the Society. A total of 546 members participated in the mail ballot, representing just over 30% of the membership. The final tabulation showed 491, 90% of those voting, in favor of permanent status and 55, 10% of those voting, opposed.