The report covers the following topics: weathering, meadow and pasture plants, grain culture, truck and oil bearing crops, vegetables, soil biology and habitat, soil science, animal husbandry, farm management, chemical laboratory, exhibits, and announcements. All of these topics, presented by various authors, are reported in abstract form by A. Zeller. Besides, R. Pfeiffer reports on current topics on grain breeding and selection.

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D. W. ROBERTSON OF COLORADO BECOMES NEW ASA PRESIDENT

D. W. Robertson, head of the Department of Agronomy at Colorado A. & M. College, assumed the presidency of the American Society of Agronomy at its 1951 meeting at State College, Pa., on August 29, and will serve as the group's leader during the coming year.

Dr. Robertson succeeds H. P. Cooper, dean and director of the School of Agriculture at Clemson Agricultural College, Clemson, S. C. The new vice president of the Society is H. E. Myers, who served during 1950 as president of the Soil Science Society of America. Dr. Myers is head of the Department of Agronomy at Kansas State College.

Dr. Robertson was born at Dumfriesshire, Scotland, in 1898. He received his undergraduate degree in agriculture from the University of Manitoba in 1918, his M.S. degree from the University of Minnesota in 1920, and his Ph.D. degree also from the University of Minnesota in 1928. He has been affiliated with Colorado A. & M. College since 1920.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES TO SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP RATES IN SOCIETY TO INCREASE DECEMBER 1

An increase in membership rates and in subscription rates to publications of the American Society of Agronomy and the Soil Science Society of America will become effective December 1, 1951, as a result of decisions taken by Society officials at the recent annual meeting of the organization at State College, Pa.

Membership rates in the American Society of Agronomy and subscription rates to the Agronomy Journal will be increased to $11.00 per year in the United States, Canada, and Pan-American countries, and $12.00 elsewhere. The same rates will apply to membership in the Soil Science Society of America and to the Proceedings of the Society. Membership in both Societies plus subscriptions to both publications will be $20.00 per year in the United States, Canada, and Pan-American countries and $22.00 elsewhere. The increase in rates will also apply to back issues of publications for both Societies.

NEW SSSA PRESIDENT IS L. A. RICHARDS

L. A. Richards of the U. S. Regional Salinity Laboratory at Riverside, Calif., will serve as president of the Soil Science Society of America during the coming year. He succeeds C. Van decaveye of the Department of Agronomy at the State College of Washington, Pullman, Wash., who served during the past year. New vice president of the Soil Science Society is Eric Winters. Dr. Winters is at present on leave of absence from his position as head of the Department of Agronomy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and is serving as chief of the Soils and Fertilizers Research Branch, Division of Agricultural Relations, TVA.

Dr. Richards was born at Fielding, Utah, April 24, 1904. He is a 1926 graduate of Utah State Agricultural College and received his M.S. degree in physics from that school in 1927. He obtained his doctorate in physics in 1931 at Cornell University. He has been with the Regional Salinity Laboratory at Riverside since 1939, except for a wartime leave of absence during 1942-45.