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FIRST ANNUAL MEETING



*Mississippi Section*

AMERICAN SOCIETY  
OF  
AGRONOMY

OCTOBER 1 - 2, 1953

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FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

*Proposed Mississippi Section Of The American Society Of Agronomy*

Y. M. C. A. AUDITORIUM STATE COLLEGE, MISSISSIPPI

OCTOBER 1, 1953

- 1:30 p.m. Welcome—Ben F. Hilbun, President, Mississippi State College
- 1:45 p.m. History of the Development of the Proposed Agronomy Organization—C. Dale Hoover, Head of Department of Agronomy, Mississippi State College
- 2:00 p.m. What a State Agronomy Organization Has Meant to Georgia—Glenn W. Burton, Principal Geneticist Division of Forage Crops and Diseases, BPISAE, U. S. D. A., and Head of Department of Agronomy, University of Georgia
- 2:30 p.m. Discussion
- 2:45 p.m. Business Meeting  
Election of Temporary Chairman  
Report of nominating committee and election of officers  
Adoption of a constitution and by-laws
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn
- 7:00 p.m. Banquet  
Toastmaster—Ivan E. Miles, Leader Extension Agronomy, Mississippi State College  
Address of the Evening—Harold E. Myers, President, American Society of Agronomy, and Associate Dean and Director, Kansas State College  
Topic of Address: Agronomy Leadership

OCTOBER 2, 1953

- 8:30 a.m. An Illustrated Lecture—Agricultural Problems in the Philippines—Ivan E. Miles
- 9:00 a.m. A Farmer Looks Ahead—Harrison Evans, Manager E. F. Nunn and Co., Shuqualak, Mississippi
- 9:20 a.m. Agriculture Tomorrow—W. R. Thompson, Associate Leader and Pasture Specialist, Extension Agronomy, Mississippi State College
- 9:40 a.m. The Fertilizer Dollar—Fielding Reed, Southern Manager, American Potash Institute, Atlanta, Georgia
- 10:00 a.m. Intermission
- 10:15 a.m. A Banker Looks At Agriculture—S. E. Babington, President, Magnolia Bank, Magnolia, Mississippi
- 10:35 a.m. Chemical Weed Control—W. B. Ennis, Head, Department of Plant Pathology and Plant Physiology, Mississippi Experiment Station
- 10:55 a.m. Good Seed A Must For The Farmer—E. A. Hollowell, Principal Agronomist, United States Department of Agriculture, Division of Forage Crops and Diseases, Beltsville, Maryland
- 11:15 a.m. The Place of Livestock On the Farm—Justin H. Doaks, Executive Secretary, Mississippi Cattleman's Association, Jackson, Mississippi
- 11:35 a.m. Role of the Agronomist in Increasing Farm Income—George D. Scarseth, Director of Research, American Farm Research Association, Lafayette, Indiana
- 12:00 Noon Adjourn

## *How Did It Happen?*

During recent years there developed within the State a realization of the need for an agronomic organization dedicated to the advancement of Mississippi agriculture. This need was translated into action on March 21 when representatives of a large number of agricultural groups and individual farmers attended a meeting at State College to consider the feasibility of such an organization.

Dr. C. Dale Hoover, State College, Mississippi, was appointed Chairman of an interim steering committee and given the authority to name the remainder of the committee's membership. Those appointed were:

1. C. I. Smith, State College, Mississippi, representing the ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENTS.
2. T. E. Ellis, Caledonia, Mississippi, representing the MISSISSIPPI VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURAL TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION.
3. W. R. Thompson, State College, Mississippi, representing the STATE AGRICULTURAL AGENCIES.
4. J. H. Brooks, Tupelo, Mississippi, representing the FEDERAL AGRICULTURAL AGENCIES.
5. Harrison Evans, Shuqualak, Mississippi, representing FARMERS AND FARMER ORGANIZATIONS.
6. M. G. Field, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, representing COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATIONS.

The steering committee met May 5 and set the date and place of the first annual meeting of the proposed MISSISSIPPI SECTION OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRONOMY—October 1-2, 1953 at Mississippi State College.

## *Agronomic Milestones*

The production of certified seed has increased from 50,000 acres in 1942 to around 140,000 acres in 1952.

Fertilizer use increased from 325,520 tons in 1940-41 to 789,737 tons in 1950-51. Twenty-five percent of crop production is directly due to the use of fertilizers.

There were 1303 certified yields of 1000 bushels or more of corn per acre in 1950. The four-year average yield on five-acre cotton contest fields was 792.5 pounds of lint cotton per acre as compared with the State average of 318.5 pounds.

Much has been achieved in the way of better land utilization. Cotton acreage has been reduced by 40 percent while total production has been maintained. Concurrently the acreage of improved pastures has been increased many fold.

**THE MISSISSIPPI SECTION OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRONOMY is dedicated to still further advances for Mississippi Agriculture.**