

Forty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Florida State Horticultural Society

Thanks to the fine work of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. O'Byrne and others of Lake Wales, the Forty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the Florida State Horticultural Society proved to be one of the snappiest and most enjoyable meetings that the Society has held in many years. The members were royally entertained and kept busy every minute of their visit in Lake Wales. There were programs and shows in plenty and a constant barrage of music and other forms of entertainment interspersed in all programs, by local talent, to give variety and snap, and it was a new feature for the Society's program.

Krome Memorial Institute

An outstanding feature of the program was the inauguration of the Krome Memorial Institute as an

integral part of the Society's program. The Institute is not a separate organization but is a name given to a particular part of the program that is to be devoted exclusively to the discussion of sub-tropical fruits, exclusive of citrus, excepting the less common varieties of that genus. For many years citrus subjects have predominated on the Society's programs and it has been thought by many that other sub-tropical fruits should be given more consideration. The establishment of the Institute by Constitutional Amendment insures that these fruits will now receive the attention on the program that they deserve and need.

The Institute was named in honor of the late William J. Krome, of Homestead, Florida, who was long an active member and official of the Society and devoted much of his time and money to commercializing sub-tropical fruits in the State, particularly on the Lower East Coast of Florida. Mr. Krome was a leader and had a very keen interest in research and continually carried out well-planned experiments and studies on his own properties and was always free in the giving of his knowledge and experience for the benefit of

others. Florida has had many outstanding horticulturists but it has had few who have had the combined qualities of leadership, research ability and a thorough knowledge and appreciation of the commercial phases of the plants with which they worked. Mr. Krome had all of these qualities and many others and his contributions to the advancement of horticulture in Florida makes it quite fitting that the Institute should be named in memory of him.

The Constitutional Amendment establishing the Institute provided for a Vice-President of the Society who shall preside at the meetings of the Institute and represent it upon the Executive Committee of the Society. The Institute honored itself and the Society by electing to this office as its first presiding officer Florida's most outstanding horticulturist—a man nationally and internationally known for his travels throughout the world to gather plants for introduction into the United States—and a very close friend of Mr. Krome. This man is Dr. David Fairchild, of Coconut Grove.

Florida Rose Society

The Florida Rose Society held its Eighth Annual Meeting in Lake Wales, coincident with the meet-

ing of the Horticultural Society. Its session was well attended and there was a very lively interest shown. The Proceedings of this meeting are published separately and can be obtained through N. A. Reasoner, the Treasurer of the Society, at Oneco, Florida.

Rose Show

The Eighth Annual Florida State Rose Show was staged in the Dixie Walesbilt Hotel under the

direction of Mrs. F. M. O'Byrne, H. C. Handleman and David K. Stabler. While somewhat out of season, there was an extensive showing of

Florida-grown roses of excellent variety and quality and well displayed. The show was well attended and drew many favorable comments. The Silver Medal of the American Rose Society was awarded Mrs. S. F. Poole, of Lake Alfred, for the best display of Roses of Educational and Decorative value, and Bronze Medals were awarded H. C. Handleman, of Lake Wales, for the best exhibit from Private Gardens, and David K. Stabler, of Lake Wales, for the best commercial exhibit.

Grove Equipment Exhibit

Another show of much interest to the citrus and avocado growers was the commercial exhibit of grove equipment, including tractors, power sprayers and dusters, cultivators and small implements and tools. This was probably the most complete exhibit of grove equipment that has been made anywhere in the State within the past several years. Credit for the excellence and variety of this display is due to its director, Mr. A. C. Mathias, of Lake Wales, and the various companies in the State who co-operated with him.

Spray Demonstration

On the afternoon of Thursday, April 13th, a demonstration of spray machinery and equipment and of methods of spraying was staged in the citrus groves of the Mountain Lake Corporation, under the direction of R. H. Linderman. This demonstration attracted as much attention as any other feature of the meeting on account of the active interest of the growers in high-pressure spraying and the spray program as carried out in the Mountain Lake Groves and as explained to the growers at the morning session of the Society.

Concert at Bok Singing Tower

Tower in honor of the members of the Society. With the beautiful weather and the wonderful natural setting, it goes without saying that the program was much enjoyed and appreciated by all.

Reception for Ladies

Following the program at the Bok Singing Tower, the Lake Wales Garden Club gave a reception for the ladies of the Society at the home of Mrs. George M. Laughlin in Mountain Lake Park. The opportunity to visit this beautiful home with its perfect landscaping and floral gardens was much appreciated by the ladies.

Horticultural Society Program

The program of the Forty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the Society speaks for itself as it is published in full in this book. The subject that brought forth the most animated discussion was that of the use of Arsenic Sprays on citrus trees. While there was plenty of opposition, the majority of the members present voted a resolution favoring the repeal of that part of the State Law that prohibits the use of arsenic sprays on grapefruit.

Sustaining Membership

To help in financing the Society, a new membership classification was created to be known as Sustaining Membership. This membership is annual and the fee is \$10.00. It is hoped that the income from this source will be such as to enable the Society to again omit all advertising from the Proceedings.

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