

## REPORT OF THE RESEARCH STATION COMMITTEE

**J. N. Thille**  
*Chairman*

Since the last annual meeting progress has been made towards establishing a research station for avocados and other crops. The purchase by the University of 200 acres of land from the Irvine Ranch in Orange County has been completed. The Station will be known as South Coast Field Station. Dr. Martin Huberty will be the Director with a committee selected from staff members from both the Citrus Experiment Station and the University of (California at Los Angeles).

Surveys have been made of the property to determine the grades and leveling will be done to establish the proper grade for irrigation.

The Research Committee has held two meetings; one with the Staff members of the Citrus Experiment Station in Riverside and the other with the staff members at the University of California at Los Angeles, having work with avocados, to formulate plans for research with avocados.

Two grants have been made to the University by the Society for use at the new Station, one for \$500.00 for research on the reproduction, both root and top, of outstanding avocado trees to see if we can solve some of our rootstock problems. The other grant for \$1,000.00 for plant breeding to develop better and higher producing varieties.

It is hoped that the University will set aside enough land to carry on much needed research for avocados.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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