

week of September at Experiment. The plants are vigorous, moderately disease resistant, bear heavy crops, and no serious winter injury has been experienced.

These varieties were placed in comparative yield trials at Experiment in 1968. The four-year average yield for Fry, Jumbo, Cowart, and Hunt were 53.25, 50.75, 45.00, and 53.00 pounds of fruit per vine, respectively. A significantly higher average yield of 67.75 lbs./vine was recorded for Pride in the same period. Other data indicate that each new variety compared favorably with Cowart and Hunt for quality as determined by

soluble solids and flavor scores. All three produced significantly larger berries than Cowart or Hunt.

Because of their large and attractive fruit, these three new varieties are recommended for home plantings or as a commercial crop for local markets. Also an advantage for these purposes is the fact that they ripen over a period of several weeks. They have been tested throughout the southeastern United States and adaptation over the entire muscadine growing region is indicated with the possible exception of Fry in the northernmost areas.

New Pomology Head at Summerland Research Station

Dr. S. W. Porritt was recently appointed head of the Pomology Section at the Summerland, British Columbia, Research Station. He succeeds Dr. D. V. Fisher, who has assumed the

directorship of the Station. Dr. Porritt was born in Banff, lived in Salmon Arm and the Fraser Valley. He has served at the Research Station since 1949 as specialist in fruit harvesting and storage research. He is

recognized as an international authority. His work with B.C. fruit storages, especially in connection with C.A. storage, has produced the basis for industry recommendations.



After serving in the Royal Canadian Airforce in Canada, Alaska and Europe, Dr. Porritt attended U.B.C., where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in agriculture. Further studies at Oregon State University won him his Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees.

Dr. and Mrs. Porritt have three daughters: Marjorie, a graduate in food science from the University of British Columbia, and Barbara and Anne, who still are attending U.B.C. He is an enthusiastic curler and figure skater.

Dr. Porritt's appointment as Head of Pomology at the Summerland Station, will be welcomed by fruit growers and friends as a fitting recognition for his leadership in the fruit industry.