

ONE HUNDRED YEARS IS A LONG TIME!

The American Pomological Society is about to celebrate its one-hundredth birthday. The feat of living to such a distinguished age is an achievement in itself. If we consider also the important accomplishments of this society, we review a record which is outstanding indeed.

One of its most notable contributions was the sponsoring of the American Society for Horticultural Science which is now the largest and most effective group of horticultural scientists in the world. The National Apple Institute was also initiated by the American Pomological Society. Other activities include the organization of several State Horticultural Societies, spray residue research, new fruit and nut variety lists, variety appraisal, and formulation of a code of nomenclature as a guide for naming new varieties.

It should not be assumed that the American Pomological Society has been blessed by continuous growth and progress. The organization has had its periods of feverish accomplishment, as well as its years of steady plodding. The consuming fire of progress must be balanced by periods of methodical consolidation if an enduring program is to be maintained. Certainly both types of activity are important in the developing and stabilizing of a worthy cause. One thing which makes the A. P. S. great is the fact that it has been able to weather the ups and downs of 100 years of growth.

The Centennial Fruit Congress is being planned as a fitting celebration of this 100th anniversary. Note the interesting features in the program which starts on page 9. Plan to attend the meeting in St. Louis and become familiar with our record of progress and plans for the future.

