

are recognized by pomologists, to which the writer in all modesty would add the old Black Gilliflower with its strong aromatic fragrance and perhaps the Westfield Seeknofurther—the best in quality of them all. Taking into consideration the desirable attributes of health and hardiness that the whole family seems to enjoy, together with a distinc-

tive flavor readily recognized, it is to be regretted that none of our experiment stations seems to have used the Blue Pearmain or any of its relations in apple breeding programs: or at least, has not yet given us a new apple with qualities most sought for today, and the pearmain flavor for welcome variety.



The Galbraith Baldwin

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In 1934, a small branch on a Baldwin tree located in Block O, one of the old experimental blocks of the Massachusetts Agricultural Experiment Station, was observed to produce five highly colored apples. This branch was first noticed by Floyd Galbraith who worked in the Station orchards at that time. The sport has since been called "Galbraith."

One year shoots from the sporting branch were top-grafted on a tree in the spring of 1935 to see if the high color could be maintained. After the grafts had been known to produce highly colored apples, trees were propagated from them and planted in a new stock orchard. The trees were planted in 1939 and have now borne two crops of highly colored apples in contrast to

regular Baldwins growing adjacent to them.

About two weeks before Baldwin harvest the Galbraith Baldwin takes on considerable red color and by harvest time it is an over-all red which extends all the way into the calyx end of the apple. The red is of medium shade, not quite as bright as Gallia Beauty nor as dark as Starking. It is very attractive and has a certain snap to it. The apples appear to be the same as regular Baldwin in all respects except color. Galbraith Baldwin apples have a uniform shade of red in contrast to regular Baldwin which may vary from dark to bright and snappy to dull.

While the popularity of Baldwin has declined slightly in recent years, the Galbraith strain of Baldwin appears to be superior to any Baldwin now being propagated and certainly is worthy of consideration by those who wish to continue growing the variety.