

## Reviews and Abstracts

**Growing Nuts in the North.** 1953. By Carl Weschke. Webb Publ. Co., St. Paul, Minn. 124 pages. \$2.00

Here is a horticultural book with a truly personal touch, written in first person, and based on the author's 33 years of experience in growing and breeding nuts in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Mr. Weschke's work with walnuts, pecans, hickories and other hardy nuts, as reflected in this book, seem to have been very much a labor of love. He is anxious that we profit not only from his successes, but from his failures as well.

A person in the northeastern or midwestern states planning to have a few nut trees in his backyard or a small nut orchard, will find Mr. Weschke's suggestions on varieties, planting, grafting, pest control, and hybridizing very practical and helpful.

**Evaluation of Hansen Foundation Fruit Planting.** 1955. By S. A. McCrory. Amer. Soc. Hort. Sci., Great Plains Region Section, Proc., 30th Meeting.

This is an evaluation of fruit varieties, consisting basically of a collection assembled from Siberia, Russia and North China by N. E. Hansen over a period of 40 years. In addition, the collection now includes plants obtained from various experiment stations and crosses that have since been made.

This is only a preliminary report to evaluate material for a breeding program, since many plants are only just beginning to bear. The plant of each variety and species is described, and in instances where the plants have fruited over a period of years, the fruit and bearing habits are also described.

Emphasis is placed upon growth habits, winter hardiness, disease resistance, value as a rootstock in cases where information is available. Percentage, species, a gross description of the flower, and time of bloom are also included.

### Strawberry Varieties Evaluated for Ohio Producers. 1956.

R. G. HILL, JR.

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To determine the adaptability of certain newer varieties to the more southern areas of Ohio, variety evaluation plantings have been maintained at the Hamilton County Experiment Farm, Mt. Healthy, Ohio for the past several years. Blakemore and Robinson, the established commercial varieties of the area, were included in the plantings each year for comparison purposes.

Blakemore was outstanding because of its firmness, early season, and good yield. Robinson was outstanding in spite of its lack of quality, because of its characteristic large ribbed berries.

The varieties Empire, Fairland, Sparkle, Tennessean and Tennessee Shipper were not outstanding enough to warrant recommending them for general use in southwestern Ohio.

Two varieties—Midland and Premier, performed so poorly in these plots that their future use in the area would appear unwise.

In those areas where Blakemore performs well and where red stele is not a problem, growers should consider planting the varieties Armore, Dixieland, Erie, Pocahontas and Tennessee Beauty. They should still, however, rely primarily on established varieties.

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