

## Parker Pear in Western Nebraska

Mrs. Flora Sandoz Kicken, who operates the "Old Jules" orchard in western Nebraska, reports that the 1948 crop of Parker pears could not have been any larger or better. Many were 12 inches and over in circumference. The trees are very hardy there.—*Minnesota Horticulturist*.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *W. R. Leslie of Manitoba reports that the Parker and Mendel pears have one weakness—fireblight hits them hard every few years.—J. C. McD.*

## Sweet Cherries

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*We find one paragraph got crowded out of the New York article on sweet cherries in our Spring issue. Here it is:*

LYONS is an old French cherry. The fruit is large, purplish red, heart-shaped, and with a tender, firm flesh. It is a week ahead of Black Tartarian. The tree is moderately productive and vigorous but growth is straggling and inclined to weep. Lyons is a desirable variety to fill in between Early Rivers and Black Tartarian. In the Hudson River Valley it is noted as a good, large, early cherry, but some years it is subject to cracking.

## Danish Fruit Production

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under the lids. Other countries prefer "Canadian packing", and the coarse and very cheap apples for Germany are shipped in bulk in railway cars—and yet arrive in good condition, according to Mr. Stauning. It is expected that in the future a larger proportion of the apples—especially those of the higher grades—will be "Canadian packed."

The article concludes with discussion of the requirements for grading apples which are to be exported. Under the international rules the Danish grades are as follows:

"Extra quality" is the designation of fruit that has fully matured and is without blemish of any kind, either in shape, color or degree of ripening.

"First quality" is like "Extra", though insignificant blemishes are permissible.

"Second quality" is also like "Extra", but besides insignificant blemishes may have minor blotches.

"Third quality", to be exported only in exceptional cases, must be in every way useful.

