

WILDER MEDAL AWARDS

To Wilbur William Magill, Extension Horticulturist of the University of Kentucky for the past 33 years, in recognition of outstanding service to the fruit industry of Kentucky and several surrounding states. He has been untiring and unselfish in his efforts to help all fruit growers in his state.



Variety Testing in Wisconsin

One of the newest fruit variety testing programs in the United States is the one at the Peninsula Branch Station of the University of Wisconsin at Sturgeon Bay, in the heart of the most important fruit area of Wisconsin. In charge of the station is pomologist Frank A. Gilbert. The station consists of 100 acres of land. Its facilities include 200 ft. of greenhouses, screenhouses for isolating planting stocks, cold storage rooms and other buildings. Mr. Gilbert has two Instructors, a project assistant and six civil service employees on a full-time basis, and a total of 35 people working out of the station during the growing season.

The plantings at Sturgeon Bay used for fruit variety studies include the following: a tart cherry planting consisting of four common varieties and several introductions from Europe; sweet cherry and plum blocks for adaptability studies; 28 varieties of strawberries, also for adaptability studies; and a test planting of 50 varieties of apple. The projects under way at the Peninsula Branch Station also include nutritional, weed control, disease control, quality control and rootstock studies with tree and small fruits and potatoes.

Compatibility in Apple Rootstocks

To my knowledge, no variety has shown any degree of incompatibility with the Malling apple rootstocks. Whether any of them have a degree of incompatibility with the Clark dwarfing wood, I do not know. But I do know that there are demonstrations of an incompatibility when the Clark Dwarf is used in conjunction with Virginia Crab and the Winesap family. This we believe to be basically an incompatibility between the Winesap and Virginia Crab rather than the Clark Dwarf. We would say that Hiberna is definitely to be preferred to Virginia Crab as a body stock because of a disorder that we believe to be a virus disease which is associated with the Virginia Crab.—R. B. Tukey, *Dept. of Horticulture, Purdue Univ., Lafayette, Indiana.*



Crimson Beauty Apple

Crimson Beauty is listed in "Apples of New York", along with Crimson Pippin and others, as a synonym of Scarlett Pippin. There is, however, another Crimson Beauty which originated at Woodstock, New Brunswick, Canada. It has been grown to some extent as a very early apple, and, until Close was introduced, was our earliest commercial variety. It was listed as Crimson Beauty for years by Stark Bros. Nurseries, but they eventually adopted the name Early Red Bird for this variety. They still list both names, Early Red Bird in heavy red letters and Crimson Beauty in small black type.—G. H. Dickson, *Horticultural Exp. Station, Vineland, Ontario, Canada.*