

Professor H. L. Lantz Dies

Harvey L. Lantz, age 69, Head of the Pomology Subsection of Iowa State College, died Thursday, April 3, 1958 in Ames, Iowa. Death was attributed to a cerebral hemorrhage.

Professor Lantz, a member of the Iowa State faculty for 41 years, had recently received wide attention for the development of the "Jonadel" apple, a cross between the Jonathan and Delicious, which became commercially available within the past year. He introduced a total of 12 new apple varieties, one plum and one pear. Although his specialty was fruit breeding, he was also an expert on turf grasses.

Born near Carlock, Illinois, he graduated from Oregon State College in 1916, and received the Master of Science Degree from Iowa State College in 1918.

Professor Lantz joined the Iowa State College faculty as an assistant in the Agriculture Experiment Station in 1917. He was made a member of the staff of the Graduate College in 1945, and in 1946 was named Associate Professor of Horticulture. He was made head of the Pomology Subsection in 1947, and was also put in charge of the Bluffs Experimental Fruit Farm.

Harvey Lantz had always taken a great interest in the American Pomological Society, and had played a leading role as Secretary-Treasurer of the Society, from 1931 to 1948. We will miss him much.—*G. M. Kessler, Secretary-Treasurer, American Pomological Society.*

Elbertita—A Dwarf Peach for Home Gardens

Elbertita is a semi-dwarf peach introduced by Rutgers University as an exotic type for home gardens. The tree is not more than one-third to one-

half as large as a standard Elberta type tree, and the shoots have short internodes. Elbertita has very dense, dark green foliage. It is not as productive as Elberta; but the fruits are as large or larger. Elbertita is a yellow-fleshed clingstone that is similar to Elberta in quality and appearance. It has non-showy blossoms like those of Elberta, and ripens about with, to a week after Elberta.

Elbertita was selected by the late Professor M. A. Blake from the open-pollinated progeny of a dwarf sport of Elberta. It has been the most dwarfed tree in the peach variety collection at New Brunswick, New Jersey since 1930. Scions were sent to Del Rancho Fortuna, Inc., McFarland, California. This company recognized its value as an unusual home garden variety and was given permission to increase it. Trees of Elbertita will be available in the fall of 1958 from Del Rancho Fortuna, Inc.—*L. F. Hough and Catherine H. Bailey, Department of Horticulture, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey.*



Connell Red Apple

The Connell Red apple, a variety adapted to the severe climate of Minnesota and Wisconsin, was formally named in October 1957. It is believed to be a red sport of Fireside, according to W. H. Alderman (formerly with the University of Minnesota), and was first discovered in 1949 by Mr. William Connell, in his orchard at Menomonie, Wisconsin. Like Fireside, Connell Red is very hardy, productive, with fruit that is good in flavor and keeps well. But while Fireside is striped and splashed red over yellow, Connell Red is solid dark red in color. Trees may be obtained from Connell, Schneider, Connell, Inc., Box 89, Menomonie, Wisconsin.