

## *Short Prunings* ---

The Aomori Horticultural Experiment Station, Aomori, Japan, in March, 1951 issued a beautifully illustrated book showing colored pictures and descriptions in English of a series of new apple varieties bred there. Delicious, Golden Delicious, Jonathan, and Ralls are American varieties prominent in the parentage of these new varieties bred for northern Honshu. A variety called Indo is a parent of several of them.

R. B. Tukey, of the Horticulture Department at Purdue University, brought to our attention a condition in the trunks of Virginia Crab apple trees, called the "peach pit" effect. It consists of an irregularity in growth of the wood after other varieties have been topworked above Virginia Crab, and seems to occur only in the understock or interstock. It is not unique in this variety, however, since a recent examination of several University of Illinois apple seedlings used as clonal understocks in an experimental planting at Urbana shows the same condition in them. In each case, the ungrafted clone produces a tree with a smooth surface to the wood, but if the bark is lifted from the trunk of a tree that has been topworked for several years, the surface, as a result of uneven cambial activity, is seen to be grooved and pitted in a way that gives it a resemblance to the outside of a peach pit. Our read-

ers who find this condition in other varieties which have been topworked are asked to send a note of the stock-scion combination to "Ron" Tukey at West Lafayette, Indiana.

The editor has been asked to help locate for a research library a dozen volumes of the American Pomological Society Proceedings which the secretary-treasurer cannot supply. Needed are all Proceedings from the 36th through the 45th conventions (1919-1920 through 1928,) the 51st (1935,) the 54th (1938,) the 56th (January, 1941,) and the 57th (December, 1941.) Also wanted is Virginia Polytechnic Institute Technical Bulletin 11 (August, 1916,) "North American Varieties of the Strawberry," by S. W. Fletcher. Please write if you know where any of these publications may be obtained.

We should like to recommend to anyone who has a new fruit or nut variety to be named that he read the code of nomenclature of the A.P.S. Two or three points of the 20-point code are being violated by new variety names first published within the past year. The most common violations seem to be in the use of a hyphen (not permissible) or giving a variety a name with three or four words, where two is the limit and a single word is preferable. Use of a possessive noun

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## Eden Strawberry from New York

The strawberry selection, N. Y. 24248, has been named Eden. Growers and nurseries who have this variety under number may now distribute it as Eden without restriction. The undersigned requests those who have plants to sell to inform him, and to indicate whether plants will be shipped or whether they are sold only for delivery at the farm. There are no plants available from the Station and we need the names of growers to whom we may refer inquiries for plants.

Eden is being introduced primarily as a processing berry. In tests at the Station, it has made a satisfactory sliced frozen product. Tests by commercial processors indicate that the variety is satisfactory for preserving and canning. A canner reported that Eden was very easily hulled and "after processing

color was very good and excellent flavor." The flavor is rather tart for a good dessert berry.

The plants are vigorous, healthy and propagate rapidly. It is one of the more productive berries. The berries maintain the size well through the season. They are wedge conic to conic, attractive, glossy, medium to slightly dark red, firm, red to center, tart, fair to good. The skin is tough, seeds are yellow, and even with the surface of the berry. The first picking is with or slightly before Sparkle.

Eden was produced by crossing Dresden with Fairfax in 1940. Plants will be available from cooperating growers in the Spring of 1952.

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(McDaniel's, for instance) is another thing not sanctioned in a variety name. The editor can supply a copy of the code to any breeder or prospective introducer not already familiar with its provisions.

Can any reader furnish true to name scions of the Kawakami persimmon variety mentioned here in the issue before last? We have had

an inquiry on it from a Pennsylvania member, who is also interested in locating the Bennett variety of kaki persimmon, which originated in Newark, New Jersey.

Another minor fruit about which we've had several inquiries is the common pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*), not to be confused with the tropical papaya (*Carica papaya*). Who can furnish scions of named varieties or select trees of pawpaw?—  
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