

standing in this trial. Its first picking was four days before other early varieties tested. Quality, size and shape of berries was good. Plants were vigorous, producing fewer runners than many other varieties. Earlidawn is not resistant to red stele.



Double Delight, Earligold, and June Gold Peaches

As the name implies, **Double Delight** is a dual-purpose variety, producing large, pale pink, double petals (14-18 per flower), thus classifying it as a fine ornamental, yet at the same time yielding highly acceptable table fruit. It is a large, sweet, firm, freestone with yellow flesh. A moderate red blush covers the skin. It matures in early midseason, before Saturn, and its chilling requirement is somewhat higher than that variety.

Earligold is the earliest ripening yellow-fleshed peach yet introduced by Armstrong Nurseries of Ontario, California, which is also introducing **Double Delight** and **June Gold** this year. **Earligold** is a freestone when fully ripe, and its skin color is good if not picked too early. It yields good crops for its extremely early season. The chilling requirement is low, being equal to or somewhat less than for **Springtime**.

June Gold matures seven to ten days before **Redhaven**. It is a J. H. Hale type, being suitable for shipping. The chilling requirement is low, being only slightly higher than for **Springtime**.

Patents have been applied for by Armstrong's for all three of these new varieties. Mr. Herbert C. Swim, formerly with this nursery, is the originator of them.—*R. M. Brooks*

Garnet Peach

The Van Well Nursery of Wenatchee has recently released a new peach named **Garnet**. This yellow-fleshed freestone has a very fine flavor with qualities similar to those of **Sunhigh** but has the additional features of earlier ripening and more red skin color. The bright garnet color covers most of the surface at harvest time, which is just ahead of **Triogem** with the first picking, coming along with the last picking of **Redhaven**. The dessert qualities are excellent and it can be shipped, canned and frozen well. Mrs. Ruth D. Reeves of East Wenatchee, wife of the well-known USDA Plant Pathologist Mr. E. L. (Bud) Reeves, is the originator.—*R. M. Brooks*



Ralph Albert Van Meter

Dr. Ralph Albert Van Meter, 64, President of the University of Massachusetts from 1948 to 1954, died suddenly at his home in Harwich, Mass., on Saturday morning, July 26.

Dr. Van Meter was born in Columbus Grove, Ohio, October 4, 1893. He received his bachelor of science degree from Ohio State University in 1917, the M.S. from the University of Massachusetts in 1930, Ph.D. from Cornell in 1935 and the honorary LL.D., Amherst College, 1949, and the University of Massachusetts, 1954.

He has been Vice President of the Massachusetts Forest and Park Association, President of the Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association, and an active member of the American Pomological Society and American Society for Horticultural Science. In 1957 Dr. Van Meter was awarded a Wilder Medal of the American Pomological Society for his service to horticulture. His death is a great loss to the world of science and education.