

break dormancy and early maturity. Of the 1,271,000 trees under three years in South Georgia, Coronet and Keystone are of equal importance. Each of the two varieties had 269,000 trees or 21.2 percent of the total trees in this age group. Redcap was third with 163,000 trees or 12.8 percent of the total, and Hiland was just behind with 153,000 or 12.0 percent of the total.

Turning to the Middle Georgia Peach Section, Dixired had led in plantings in recent years. Of the 507,000 trees under three years of age, 105,000 trees or 20.7 percent of the total were of the Dixired variety. Sullivan Elberta was second with 85,000

trees or 16.6 percent of the total, followed closely by Coronet with 80,000 trees or 15.8 percent of the total and Elberta with 78,000 trees or 15.4 percent of the total. The Dixired, Sullivan Elberta, and Elberta varieties have long chilling hour requirements to break dormancy. Usually, there is sufficient number of hours of cold for these varieties in this section. Dixired ripens six weeks ahead of Elberta; Coronet, five weeks ahead of Elberta; and Sullivan Elberta, one week ahead of Elberta. With varieties to fill the gap between Coronet and Sullivan Elberta, this area could have a peach deal spread over some eight to ten weeks.



Annual Meeting of American Pomological Society

The seventy-third annual meeting of the American Pomological Society was held as scheduled at Columbia, Missouri, January 5-7, 1959. This was a joint meeting with the Missouri State Horticultural Society which was celebrating its centennial year. The meeting was concluded very successfully, and the American Pomological Society members who attended are very grateful to the Missouri group, especially to W. R. Martin, Jr. of the University of Missouri, for being such fine hosts.

Stanley Johnston and President A. Leon Havis were on hand at the centennial banquet to present the Wilder Medals to each of the following:

To **Dr. M. B. Davis**, retired Chief of the Horticulture Division, Canada Department of Agriculture, for his leadership in American Horticulture as a noted pomologist, scientist in the field of plant nutrition, administrator, and as a president of the American Society for Horticultural Science.

To **Thomas J. Talbert**, retired head of the Department of Horticulture of the University of Missouri, for services to the American fruit industry as a pomologist, teacher, author, administrator, and as a former president of the American Pomological Society. He was the first horticulturist to recognize the great and far reaching importance of the spray residue problem, and took the leadership in inducing the U. S. Public Health Service to initiate research in the late nineteen-thirties that resulted in reasonable tolerances which greatly benefited the fruit industry.

To **Dr. Harold P. Olmo** for outstanding service to viticulture. Dr. Olmo is professor of viticulture at the University of California and is well known as a scientist, fruit breeder and author. His studies in viticulture have taken him to many parts of the world. His research studies and grape breeding have produced results of great value to the grape industry.

To the New York State Fruit Testing Cooperative Association, Inc., of Geneva, New York, for 40 years of unique accomplishment in the appraisal and dissemination for trial throughout this country and abroad.

The actual presentations were to be made to Dr. Olmo in California and to the N. Y. Fruit Testing Cooperative Association in New York at a later date.

A Wilder Certificate was awarded to Paul Shepard for his outstanding fruit exhibit displayed at the Columbia meeting.

An open executive meeting and business meeting were held as planned. The following important decisions were made:

1. The Secretary was instructed to offer to all organized groups of fruit breeders, and to other related groups, the cooperation of the Society, and space in FRUIT VARIETIES AND HORTICULTURAL DIGEST for announcements, summaries of meetings and other information.

2. The Society accepted the invitation of the State Horticultural Association of Pennsylvania to meet jointly with it next year when it will be celebrating its centennial year. Date and place have not yet been determined.

3. The Committee for Variety Nomenclature Registration and Appraisal will now be called the Committee for Variety Nomenclature and Appraisal. The Chairman of this committee shall be asked to write a new code of nomenclature for fruits based on the latest International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants.

4. Dr. D. H. Scott, Chairman of the Small Fruit Plant Exchange Committee shall be asked to continue in his effort to establish regional variety testing stations for small fruits.

5. A new slate of officers was elected for 1959. These are listed on page 48.

6. The group of Regional Representatives organized during 1958 shall be called Regional Correspondents. Their primary function will be that of gathering information on variety breeding and testing and directing it to the Secretary for publication.—G. M. Kessler, *Secretary-Treasurer, American Pomological Society.*



Dwarf Fruit Tree Association

On March 4, 1958, a group of fruit growers, nurserymen and horticulturists met at Hilltop Orchards, Hartford, Michigan, to discuss dwarf fruit tree problems. Because of the great interest, and in recognition of the need for an organized effort along these lines, this group decided to form the Dwarf Fruit Tree Association. Wallace Heuser, of Hartford, was elected as its first president and Dr. R. F. Carlson, of Michigan State University, as Secretary.

The aim of this organization is to gather and distribute information on dwarf fruit trees. It is hoped that through this exchange of ideas, orchardists and other interested parties will be able to do the best job possible in growing smaller-than-standard fruit trees.

The membership of the Association, which is already well over 300 persons, represents 20 states, as well as Canada, England and Sweden. Anyone interested in learning more about dwarf fruit trees is welcome to join the Association. Simply send a note and annual dues of \$1.00 to Dr. R. F. Carlson, Secretary, Dwarf Fruit Tree Association, Department of Horticulture, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan. Membership entitles you to receive 4 to 6 issues of "Dwarf Notes", newsletter of the Association.