

Stanley, Pioneer, Rancocas, Rubel, and June. Pemberton is somewhat experimental as far as the growers are concerned, and is being planted on that basis. Atlantic and Dixi are holding about steady. There is considerable interest in the newer varieties introduced by the United States Department of Agriculture and the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station. Coville and Berkeley are being planted to the extent that plants were available. There is tremendous interest in the latest introductions—Herbert, Earliblue, and Bluecrop from New Jersey, and Ivanhoe from the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station. As Dr. G. M. Darrow states, we now have in New Jersey a succession of large-fruited varieties of improved quality, beginning with Earliblue and ending with Coville, 30 days later.

STRAWBERRIES

Sparkle is the most widely planted variety and appears to be on the increase or at least holding steady. It probably occupies half the strawberry acreage. Red stele in this and other so-called "resistant" varieties may change this situation somewhat in the next few years. Redcrop is the second most important variety and is increasing. Both Sparkle and Redcrop are excellent for freezing. Lupton still occupies quite an acreage in the southern most counties. Other varieties being grown, but to a much less extent than the three mentioned, include Temple, Robinson, Catskill, Redwing, Premier, and Joe. One variety that looked exceptionally good and produced heavy crops during a few years previous to 1948 is Midland. We need an early, large-fruited berry like Midland, but this variety has become infected with the Western Yellows virus and no longer produces a vigorous bed of plants. Most plants fail to produce even a single runner, so it is not planted at all commercially.

RASPBERRIES

The raspberry varieties grown include Latham, generally over the state, with some Sunrise in central and southern counties, and Taylor and Newburgh in northern counties. This industry is declining in New Jersey. One area where raspberries and other brambles were heavily planted is now rapidly becoming an important blueberry section.

The Music of a Tree

Once, walking home, I passed beneath a Tree,
It filled the air like dark stone statuary,
It was so quiet and still,
Its thick green leaves a hill
Of strange and faint earth-branching melody:

Over a wall it hung its leaf-starred wood,
And as I lonely there beneath it stood,
In that sky-hollow street
Where rang no human feet,
Sweet music flowed and filled me with its flood;

And all my weariness then fell away,
The houses were more lovely than by day;
The moon and that old Tree
Sang there, and secretly,
With throbbing heart, tip-toe I stole away.

—W. J. TURNI

American Pomological Society Meeting

The American Pomological Society executive board is pleased to announce that it has accepted the invitation of the Indiana Horticultural Society to hold a joint meeting with them on January 13, 14, and 15, 1954, at the Murat Temple, Indianapolis, Indiana.