

We have no other good varieties of that season. The mother tree at Clarkville, Tennessee, is now 15 years old and has an excellent production record.

The Ayres pear was given its name in honor of Brown Ayres, an early president of the University. The fruit is very attractive, golden russet with a rose blush. It ripens in late August and early September. Persons tasting the fruit say that it is the best pear they have ever tasted. The tree of Ayres has been very healthy and vigorous.

The Mooers was named after C. A. Mooers, Director Emeritus of this Station. It can be ripened from late October

into December, and has rated especially high for canning, although it is also good eaten fresh. The trees have been among the healthiest in the University orchard. This golden russeted pear has crisp subacid flesh.

The Hoskins pear was named in honor of President Emeritus James D. Hoskins. It is a winter variety and is picked about October 1. We have long needed a winter pear, since pears are scarce and expensive at this time of the year. The golden russet fruit of Hoskins has melting subacid flesh, and is rated good for both dessert and canning. The mother tree of this variety is now 15 years old.

Report of the Wilder Medal Committee

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The Wilder Medal was established by the American Pomological Society and presented at the thirteenth session of the Society in Boston, 1873. It was named after the illustrious president of that organization, Marshall Pinckney Wilder of Dorchester, Massachusetts.

The medal is given for:

1. Promising new fruits.
2. Collections of fruits illustrating horticultural advantages of a given situation.
3. Seedling fruits showing promise for hardiness, quality, and promise in breeding.
4. Individuals who have distinguished themselves by work in some line of horticulture.

During the history of the medal there have been awarded 220 silver medals and 66 bronze medals. This year the Wilder Medal Committee of the American Pomological Society is recommend-

ing the awarding of three silver medals, as follows:

To the California Agricultural Experiment Station, through whose leadership and scientific skill, varieties of strawberries have been produced which are the basis for a significant strawberry industry in California—for the origination of meritorious varieties of strawberries.

To Paul H. Shepard, who has devoted a life to the fruit problems of the Ozark Region, especially to the varietal problems and the origination of improved sorts—for fruit breeding and varietal studies in the Ozark Region.

To Richard Wellington, who has devoted a life to the study of fruit varieties, and to their improvement—for the improvement of fruits through breeding.

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