

Reviews and Abstracts

FRUIT VARIETIES FOR OHIO. By C. W. Ellenwood, F. S. Howlett, and W. P. Judkins, 1953. Ohio Agr. Exp. Sta. Circ. No. 21, 59 p.

This is one of the most comprehensive experiment station publications dealing with fruit varieties that has come out in recent years. The authors' descriptions and recommendations are based on the careful observations of extensive plantings of varieties at the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station at Wooster and in various commercial Ohio orchards. The descriptive material contained in this circular is very clearly presented, with emphasis on orchard performance and outstanding advantages and disadvantages of each variety.

The varieties are conveniently grouped according to their relative importance in Ohio and their promise for the future, and are listed within each group in order of their season of ripening.

Accompanying the descriptions of each of the major fruits, you will find some very useful tables containing very pertinent information such as average dates of bloom and harvest, hardiness, and outstanding plant and fruit characteristics.—G. M. K.

THE APPLES OF ENGLAND. By H. V. Taylor, 1948, Crosby Lockwood & Son, Ltd. 39 Thurloe St. S. W. 7, London, England, 218 p. \$4.20

THE PLUMS OF ENGLAND. By H. V. Taylor, 1949, Crosby Lockwood & Son, Ltd. 150 p. \$4.20

CHERRIES. By Norman H. Grubb, 1949, Crosby Lockwood & Son, Ltd. 186 p. \$4.20

Here we have a set of three books by two of the leading English pomologists of our day, books that deserve a place on the library shelf of every breeder or tester of deciduous fruits.

Although the apple, plum and cherry varieties that the authors describe are mainly ones that do best in England, a number of those included, especially the cherries and plums, are also popular in the United States and Canada.

Included in each of the three volumes are excellent, life-sized color photographs of the fruit, twig and leaves of many of the varieties, as well as black-and-white varietal studies of the tree.

The discussions by both authors, dealing with nomenclature, descriptive terminology, classification and grouping of varieties, and breeding problems, will interest fruit breeders and testers everywhere.—G. M. K.

MISCELLANEOUS TROPICAL AND SUB-TROPICAL FLORIDA FRUITS.

By Harold Mowry, L. R. Toy and H. S. Wolf. Revised by George D. Ruehle, 1953. Agricultural Extension Service, Gainesville, Florida, Bull. 156, 110 p.

This is a very comprehensive presentation of book-like proportions, dealing with the tropical and sub-tropical fruits of Florida. The various fruits are described in detail as to origin and tree and fruit characteristics. The authors briefly discuss the propagation and culture, the most outstanding growing problems, and the uses and commercial possibilities of each fruit. The fruit descriptions are supplemented by many excellent photographic plates.

Anyone interested in sub-tropical or tropical horticulture, from either an amateur or commercial standpoint, would do well to obtain this very valuable publication from the Agricultural Extension Service, at Gainesville, Florida.—G. M. K.