

### Beacon vs Fenton Apple

In a letter published in the October, 1960 issue of the Hoosier Horticulture Newsletter, W. D. Weeks, of the University of Massachusetts has the following to say with regard to the Beacon vs Fenton apple controversy:

"In our work of inspecting fruit tree nurseries for trueness-to-name, we have observed the Fenton for several years, and have come to the conclusion that Fenton is identical with the Beacon variety which was introduced by the Minnesota Station. In over 30 years of this work, we have never found two distinct varieties to have identical vegetative characters. We have propagated Beacon and Fenton in our own nursery, and cannot find any differences in vegetative characters of one- and two-year nursery trees. As a result of our studies, we believe that Fenton is identical with Beacon, and that the Fenton should be discontinued. In order to avoid confusion, we strongly urge everyone to use the variety name Beacon."



### An Early French Peach Variety of Merit

Madeleine Pouyet, a relatively new French peach which ripens some ten days before Mayflower, is probably the earliest to be harvested in France. Thought to be a mutation by Mayflower, it was discovered by Aime Pouyet in the orchards of Roger Ardin, at Chatillon-Saint-Jean (Drome), and introduced and patented in 1952.

According to the French horticulturist Henri LaGaude, the fruit of Madeleine Pouyet average 2.6 to 2.9 ounces and 2.2 inches in diameter. Dark red color covers about one-quarter of the skin area. Flavor is superior to that of Mayflower. Shows low

incidence of split pits. Requires heavy thinning, but does not undergo as heavy a June drop as does Mayflower.

Trees of Madeleine Pouyet are available from the Val d'Or Nursery, Drome, France.



### Strawberries in New York

G. L. Slate, of the New York Agr. Exp. Station has made the following observations about strawberry clones: Fairfax is a favorite among gardeners because of its superior eating quality. Dixieland and Pocahontas are very productive, but are also very tart. Redglow and Surecrop are handsome firm berries, tart, but not unpleasantly so.



### Anatomy of Apple Color

Work done by D. F. Dayton, of Purdue University shows that the epidermis of the skin of Starkrimson Delicious fruit is heavily pigmented, but that the epidermis of Starking Delicious is colorless. W. A. Luce, of Yakima, Wash., hypothesizes that the epidermal color in Starkrimson may be masking the browning caused by sunburn, which is showing up in Starking under the same conditions.



### Pear Breeding in New Jersey

The first seedlings of the current New Jersey Agr. Exp. Station pear breeding program fruited first in 1957. The best trees were selected and used as parents for 1958 crosses. Seedlings from these crosses are now being tested for blight resistance at Purdue.