

THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE

In this short introduction to the second issue of *Fruit Varieties and Horticultural Digest* we would like to call attention to a few of the highlights of this magazine and our plans for the future.

Feature Articles

We are particularly pleased to present the first report of the Variety Appraisal Committee. Dr. John Bregger is doing a fine job in directing this survey. We feel certain that fruit growers and nurserymen will find interesting and profitable information in the reports which will be published in succeeding issues of *Fruit Varieties and Horticultural Digest*.

The critical thoughts on variety evaluation as presented by C. W. Ellenwood raise some points upon which we would like to receive comments from growers and horticulturists.

The article by Magill on the strawberry industry of Kentucky is a continuation of our policy to present material on fruit enterprises in various states throughout the United States. As time goes on this program will be expanded so that our readers may acquire a better knowledge of the fruit industry of the entire country.

Two New Features

In this issue the article by M. A. Blake is the first of a series dealing with important plant characteristics which should be considered in becoming familiar with fruit varieties. Future articles of this series will present information on the various types of buds, leaves and other plant parts which are used in variety identification. Dr. Shaw of Massachusetts Agricultural Experiment Station has promised an article on the use of leaf characteristics in eliminating variety mixtures in nurseries.

The article on grape breeding at the Minnesota Station is the first of a series in which we hope to acquaint our readers with the activities of the various plant breeders throughout the country. Many very important varieties have been introduced as a result of such projects.

Reviews and Abstracts

A particular effort will be made in this section to publish condensations of the more important recent books and bulletins which contain information on fruit varieties and related horticultural subjects. In some respects this may be one of the most valuable services which *Fruit Varieties and Horticultural Digest* can render its subscribers.