

Spartan Planting Increases

Just 26 years ago the Spartan apple was released by the Canada Department of Agriculture Research Station at Summerland, British Columbia. Spartan is a highly colored apple of McIntosh \times Newton parentage, of excellent quality, maturing two to three weeks after McIntosh and keeping one to two months longer in 31°F. storage. This variety is now reaching many markets, not only in Canada and the United States, but overseas as well. Spartan is increasing rapidly in production in British Columbia, where the forecast, based on existing plantings, is for a crop of 523,000 bushels by 1970.

Spartan is also a leading apple now being recommended in Denmark. It is also one of the new apple varieties being recommended for planting in New Zealand. On this continent, besides in B.C., plantings have been made in Washington, Michigan, New York, Ontario and Nova Scotia. Thus all of us will see more of Spartan as time goes on, since it is proving to be a superb variety under many growing conditions. *D. V. Fisher, Research Station, Summerland, B.C., Canada.*



Wilder Medal Presentation In India

The circumstances under which the Wilder Silver Medal of the American Pomological Society was awarded to Dr. R. W. Hodgson in 1962 were unique. The Wilder Medal Committee made the award to Dr. Hodgson for his leadership in tropical and subtropical horticulture. The announcement was made at the joint meeting of the American Pomological Society and the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable



Fig. 1. The Wilder Silver Medal of the American Pomological Society is presented to Dr. R. W. Hodgson, of California at a special meeting of the Horticultural Society of India, at New Delhi, India, Feb. 24, 1962.

Growers Association in Toronto, in January, 1962. Dr. Hodgson could not be present because he was in New Delhi, India, for a three-month assignment, assisting in tropical and subtropical horticulture in that country.

Then, quite suddenly, Dr. H. B. Tukey was asked to present a paper at a soils-plant nutrition symposium in Bombay, India, dealing with radioactive isotope techniques; and he found that he was passing through New Delhi in late February. Immediately, the Indian Horticultural Society went into action and called a special meeting for the afternoon of February 24 at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute in New Delhi. It was there, before the leaders of Indian horticulture, that Dr. Tukey personally presented the Wilder medal to Dr. Hodgson.