

reader will be referred to published illustrations where these are reasonably good. The idea of producing a detailed pomology instead of a register was most tempting, but had to be abandoned because of the number of varieties involved. However, later on it may be possible to produce more specialized registers, based on material extracted from the main one, but containing far more detail.

When the register is complete, we shall be ready to accept new varieties for registration as they are named. No name already in the register will be available for the new variety, and it will be our duty to see that the name chosen conforms with the International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants. There will be no attempt to alter existing names to conform with the Code, as the public, at least in England, does not take kindly to this sort of action; but certainly new names will have to conform, and changes will be allowed only with the greatest reluctance; otherwise, we shall have the old muddle repeating itself.

We shall also have to do our best to satisfy ourselves that the variety offered for registration really is a new one, and not an old one resuscitated. Ideally, this should be done by growing it ourselves, as would be done with vegetables and flowers; but the time needed for tree and even bush fruits to show all their characters is far too long for this to be feasible, and we will have to rely on inspecting the original tree and studying the flowers, fruit and foliage in comparison with the varieties growing in our collection and with published descriptions.

Will all this detailed work be worth while? Having struggled for years in the thickets of apple synonyms, we believe it will; and we hope that the fruit industry will agree with us, and will welcome and use the register when it appears.

### Goldspur Delicious

Fruit growers, nurserymen and scientists met in mid-September to celebrate the spur-type Starkspur Golden Delicious recently introduced by Stark Bros. Nursery. It was the second such celebration held in recent years. About two years ago a similar group met at Hood River, Oregon, to honor Starkrimson, a new spur type of the Red Delicious.

Speakers at the Parker, Washington meeting included scientists from British Columbia, Oregon, Washington and West Virginia. Fruit growers, nurserymen and extension men were also included in the program. All gave praise to the spur types in general. It was the general opinion that we will see a gradual increase in per acre production as the new spur types, including both Red and Golden Delicious, come into heavier bearing.

Paul Stark, Sr., who was in charge of arrangements for the celebration, also played an important role in introducing the Golden Delicious in 1916. This Golden Delicious spur type introduction is a real milestone in the long history of Stark Bros. Nursery.

—Bill Luce, Yakima, Wash.



Fig. 1 Elon Gilbert, admiring the original tree of the new Starkspur Golden Delicious, which was found in his orchard at Cowiche, Washington.