

## SELECT VARIETIES WITH CARE

The following statement appeared in a bulletin on fruit growing which was published recently by a state agricultural experiment station. "The home orchardist can grow the things that please his fancy or his palate". Such a statement seems innocent enough but it gives the home gardener an entirely unjustified sense of security.

Most of the special varieties to which the above quoted statement might refer, have some serious fault or weakness which has prevented them from becoming successful on a commercial basis. These faults are no less serious merely because the variety is planted in a home orchard.

The small-scale fruit grower is frequently handicapped by a poor or mediocre site and soil. Such a grower may also have difficulty in controlling insects and diseases because of inadequate equipment, time, or knowledge. Certainly if anyone needs dependable varieties, it is the backyard gardener.

Select varieties with care! Only the dependable, well-tested sorts should be planted in the small home orchard.

As we have previously stated, the fruit fancier is a specialist in his own right. He has gained for himself the privilege of planting the unusual and hard-to-produce varieties. Our plea for conservatism is therefore laid at the feet of the great masses of home orchardists and is not intended for the select group of fruit fanciers.

