

Program for the Centennial Fruit Congress

Observing 100th Anniversary of APS

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Plans for the Centennial Fruit Congress meeting to be held at the Hotel Jefferson, St. Louis, Missouri, Feb. 17, 18 and 19, 1948, are making excellent progress.

The Missouri and Illinois State Horticultural Societies are acting as hosts for this meeting, and W. R. Martin, Jr. and C. C. Mast, secretaries of the two societies are looking after local arrangements, exhibits, and publicity.

Several state experiment stations and processing companies have agreed to send educational exhibits of fresh and processed fruits. These exhibits are in charge of Allen Purdy of the Department of Horticulture, University of Missouri.

One Hundred Years of Progress

The theme of the meeting is "One Hundred Years of Progress in Fruit Growing and a Glimpse of the Future." The program is being built around this theme.

While the program is not entirely completed at this rather early date, much progress has been made. In addition to other topics, a feature of the opening session on Feb. 17 will be an address by Richard P. White, Executive Secretary of the American Association of Nurserymen on the subject "Common Problems of the Nurseryman and Fruit Grower."

The afternoon program for the 17th is being arranged by the American So-

ciety for Horticultural Science and speakers will stress the scientific progress made in fruit growing in the last 100 years and what the future may hold.

Program For Second Day

The morning session of the 18th is being planned by the National Apple Institute. Outstanding men in the apple industry will discuss the most timely problems of the industry. In the afternoon the National Peach Council will have charge of the program. Three prominent speakers will discuss the topic "Co-operative Action between Growers and Distributors." The three speakers will be Joseph B. Hall, President, Kroger Company; Clarence Kitchen, United Fruit and Vegetable Association; and Cecil C. Clark, prominent Washington Fruit Grower.

A banquet will be held Wednesday evening, Feb. 18, with a nationally known man interested in the fruit industry as the speaker. A feature of the banquet will be the awarding of the Wilder Medals for outstanding service to the fruit growing industry. Dr. H. B. Tukey, Chairman of the A.P.S. Wilder Medal Committee will present the awards.

Program For Last Day

The morning session of the 19th will be devoted to fruit growing in other countries, one speaker will be Dr. M. B. Davis, Dominion Horticulturist, Ottawa,

Canada. Speakers from other countries will be announced later.

The afternoon program of the 19th will include the following topics: "Trends in Fruit Varieties," John T. Bregger, Clemson, South Carolina; "Observations on Editing a Fruit Variety Magazine", W. P. Judkins, Editor, *Fruit Varieties and Horticultural Digest*; "The American Pomological Society's Program

for the Fruit Hobbyist", W. F. Pickett, Manhattan, Kansas.

Fruit growers, horticultural scientists, industrial men interested in fruit machinery and products, and fruit hobbyists from all parts of the United States and Canada will be present at this meeting. It gives promise of being the most important meeting of its kind ever held.



The Ideal Peach

Characteristics of the Tree

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In the Summer 1947 issue of *Fruit Varieties and Horticultural Digest* an article was printed which presented eighteen desirable fruit characteristics of the ideal peach. The present article discusses five desirable features of the tree.

1. Vigorous Grower

As a peach tree is relatively short-lived, it is essential that maximum bearing area be attained as soon as possible, but not to the extent that it sacrifices sturdiness in structure of the tree.

2. Hardiness in Wood

It is important that a maximum stand

be maintained in an orchard as long as possible. After 18 years, we find a good stand of Elberta, while nearly all Hale and South Haven adjoining have long since passed out.

3. Hardiness in Bud

Bud killing during winter freezes in Michigan is not an infrequent occurrence. During extremely low temperatures, some varieties may suffer a high or even total degree of bud mortality, while others may endure the cold and produce a profitable crop. Among the well-known varieties, Rochester will probably withstand a margin of 2 degrees colder than Elberta.