

Turning to other seasons, we fruited the following for several years:

Garnet Beauty—A sport of Redhaven that ripens 10 days earlier. A freestone with excellent fruit quality.

Commanche—A large, yellow freestone of good quality that ripens in Redhaven season. Fruit hangs well. Is bud hardy. Worthy of extensive testing, especially by the grower who does not want to blossom thin.

Washington—An attractive, yellow freestone that ripens just ahead of Glohaven. Fruit softens when nearly fully ripe. Has not proven bud hardy for us.

Jerseyqueen—A firm, yellow, freestone of excellent quality that ripens about three days after the peak of Redskin. Susceptible to bacterial spot. Although trees are too young for a final appraisal, the least that can be said is that it certainly promises to replace Elberta.

Robinson—A new patented, yellow freestone that ripens with Elberta or a few days later. Has good fruit size and color. Softens when fully ripe. Worthy of further testing.

We are very content to carry on with such cash register varieties such as Redhaven, Late Sunhaven, Loring and Redskin.

Nectarines

Five years ago we made a test planting of ten trees each of about ten varieties of nectarine. This year we had the experience of finding ourselves swamped with these delightful fruits. They were all so good that evaluation was difficult. They were well received at the terminal markets, and proved invaluable at the roadside market.

The four California varieties, Earliblaze, Delicious, Sunglo and Redgold had large size, high color, and ship-

ping firmness. However, since these varieties have not as yet been exposed to a brown rot year, we do not feel that they are as yet proven for this area.

The Virginia varieties — Cherokee, Lexington (too small), Redchief (delightful eating quality), Cavalier, Nectacrest, and 52n made many friends. The following note appears in my field book five days before Redhaven peaches were ripe: "Cherokee—good size, holding well, fine eating qualities, compares well with Earliblaze. May be the best Virginia nectarine."

Nectared 5 has been a consistent performer, with good sized, highly colored fruit. It is the one variety we have grown that is almost completely self-thinning.

Notes on Origin of the Delicious Apple

In the Proceedings of the 1905 meeting of APS, Col. G. B. Brackett, of Washington, D. C., has the following to say about the Delicious apple: "It originated in Madison County, Iowa, not far from Des Moines. The original tree came up as a sprout from the stump of a Yellow Bellflower that had been destroyed. The sprout was about six years old when it first fruited; the quality of the apple was so fine that the owner, Mr. Jesse Hyatt, at once set some grafts from it, as well as cultivating the original sprout, which soon began to make a very strong, thrifty growth. At 15 years of age, the tree was 13 inches in diameter at the ground. The tree is of upright growth, with heavy dark green foliage. It has proven extremely hardy; it bears annually and yields large quantities of beautiful, delicious fruit."