

is red striped and a brighter red. Irregular shapes and sizes. Quality good fresh or cooked. Ripe July 15 to July 25.

Golden Delicious—Consistent producer when not allowed to overproduce. Size and quality good. Used as green cooker. Develops color slowly. Picked as cooking apple July 15 to July 25.

Dorcett Golden—Fruited on Nassau, grown from a Golden Delicious seed. Here at Fort Valley it starts to grow later in the spring than Golden Delicious. Reported to have produced seedless fruit at Nassau. Ripe with Golden Delicious. Yellow with faint red stripe. Not attractive.

Pacific Gold—From California. Subject to bitter rot and sun scald. Alternate producer, good quality, yellow color. Ripe July 15 to July 25.

Kidd's Orange Red—From Australia. Good size; red stripes over yellow; attractive; excellent quality. Ripe July 15 to July 25.

Chestnut Crab—Introduction of Minnesota Experiment Station. Small; yellow with red blush; sweet. Begins growth early. A tasty treat to nibble. Ripe July 15 to July 25.

Muster—Firm; size medium; red blush; might have possibility as a bagging apple. Ripe July 25 to August 5.

Topred Delicious—One of the few color sports of Red Delicious that puts on a very attractive red color at picking time in this area. Red striped, filling out to full red. Ripe enough to pick August 1 to August 10.

Verered and Anna—These from Israel. Both very short in dormancy requirements. In 1967 buds began to swell by middle of January, showing pink by February first, blooms by fifteenth. All Verered blossoms killed by frost. A few blossoms of Anna came through and set light crop.

Ein Shemer—From Israel; buds pink March first; blooms by fifteenth.

Came through a freeze and two frosts with a medium crop. Fruit attractive yellow; no russet; medium size. Ripe August 1 to August 10.

After ten years of testing apples in this area I am convinced that in time apples will compete with peaches here as a commercial fruit crop. But the standard commercial varieties will not measure up in color and quality. For most, climate, elevation and soil so change the characteristics that even an expert would fail to recognize many varieties of apples as grown here.

In addition to testing existing varieties, therefore, several thousand open-pollinated seedlings have been planted. These are being topworked on reject trees for fruiting as time permits. Also, all local seedlings of any value are topworked in test blocks for observation. A few second generation Golden Delicious seedlings are coming along toward fruiting as topworked trees.

Each year produces more information and perhaps, along with the seedlings of the more adaptable varieties, will disclose some superior and commercially useful apples for growing in this part of the South.

82nd Annual Meeting of APS

The next meeting of the American Pomological Society (its 82nd), will be a joint meeting with the Virginia Horticultural Society in Roanoke, Virginia. It will take place at the Roanoke Hotel, beginning with an informal reception and dinner on Sunday evening, Sunday, January 14, 1967, and end at Wednesday, noon, January 17. All members are urged to attend, especially those from the southeastern states.—*George M. Kessler, President*