

### Baldwin Apple

The Baldwin apple, the editor of "Food Marketing in New England," tells us, is named after Col. Loammi Baldwin, soldier of the American Revolution, and engineer of the Middlesex Canal. His statue stands in North Woburn, Mass. Under the design of a wreathed apple on the base of this statue, the following words are inscribed: "Disseminator of the apple in honor of him called the Baldwin apple which proceeded from a tree originally growing wild about two miles north of this monument."

Not far from the statue of Baldwin, the man, is a statue of Baldwin, the apple. The inscription, in this instance, reads as follows: "This pillar erected in 1895 by the Rumford Historical Association incorporated April 28, 1877, marks the estate where in 1793 Saml Thompson Esq. while locating the line of the Middlesex Canal discovered the first Pecker Apple tree later named the Baldwin."

### Blossoms and Fruit on One Branch of Pear

When their Ewart pear tree dropped its leaves in August, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jalonack, of Redding, Conn., figured it was just plain tired, even though it was laden with fruit. But on the 26th, when a neighbor noticed it was budded, they couldn't believe their eyes. It soon burst into full bloom, however, treating observers to the sight of fruit and blossoms on one branch. (See front cover.)

As explained by the local tree surgeon: A fungus, due to the damp summer, made the leaves fall in August. Then came the long warm fall, and the tree, fooled into thinking it was in the tropics, blossomed at the same time that the fruit was ripening. The catch to all this: no fruit next year. *Perry Ruben, Georgetown, Conn.*

### Fruit Hobbyists Form New Organization

North American Fruit Explorers is the name of a new organization of fruit hobbyists which offers its members the following benefits:

1. Plant material exchange.
2. Access to a library of pomological works, without charge.
3. A question and answer service on fruit gardening.
4. A subscription to a quarterly publication entitled POMONA, which offers information on every subject of interest to the amateur fruit grower.

Membership dues are \$2.00 per year. Anyone wishing to join NAFEX, or wanting more information about it, should write to Robert Kurle, 87th and Madison, Hinsdale, Ill. 60521.

### Evaluation of Hardy Persian Walnuts

J. L. Taylor, of Michigan State University, evaluated 68 hardy Persian walnut varieties grown in Michigan. Ratings were based on weight of kernels, percent kernal, number of halves, number of nuts per pound, and shell and kernal appearance. The varieties that scored highest were Niece #24, McKinster, Winchell N, Hansen, Merkel, Colby and Miedmayer.

### Bavay Plum

The Bavay plum is described by J. F. Anderson, of the University of Massachusetts, in "Fruit Notes," as follows: "The tree is large, upright, vigorous, and moderately productive. The Green Cage type plum is of medium to small size, unattractive, but of high quality. Bavay is recommended for the home garden."