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Warren P. Tufts

Warren P. Tufts, one of the great pomologists of our times, passed away in April, 1968, at his home of many years in Davis, California.

Tuft's work on the pruning and management of fruits and fruit tree efficiency brought him recognition throughout the fruit areas of the world. Pruning deciduous fruits was completely revolutionized following the work that he and Walter Howard carried out in the early part of this century.

Tufts received his B.S. from the University of California at Berkley, the M.S. degree from Oregon State University, and the Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin. He joined the staff of the Department of Pomology of the University of California at Davis, where he served for 43 years, 33 of which he was chairman of that Department. Upon his retirement, he built the Department of Landscape Horticulture on the Davis campus.

The Tufts apricot ranch, at nearby Winters, is one of the most successful fruit farming operations in the state, and is being carried on by Warren, Jr., who grows and ships quality cots in a national and international way.

The California Fruit Exchange (Blue Anchor) was fortunate in having Dr. Tuft's guidance in the marketing of fruit. He served as its director for many years, and was vice president and secretary. He also served as president of the American Society for Horticultural Science in 1944, and was elected a fellow of that society in 1965.—*Paul Stark, Jr., Wapato, Washington.*



Fig. 1. Warren P. Tufts.