

I have shipped them around to many places to test the keeping qualities. I think Mr. Ullsperger was sent some but I have not heard from him. I shipped them to South Dakota and the berries stood up longer than any variety I have been able to secure.

MR. KELLOGG: I know very little about the variety but I do know this, that what reports I have heard have been very satisfactory. The plant is a medium strong plant, carrying a lot of vitality and a heavy root system, and those of us who are located on soil that suffers from dry weather know what that means. In years gone by there have probably been no berries produced for market in soils that have been subject to drought that have proved so successful as the Warfield.

SHALL WE PLANT DELICIOUS?

DISCUSSION

MR. BASSETT: We have just begun to get yields the last two or three years; the Delicious apple has to get quite a little age before it bears. It sells well, colors well and flavors well.

MR. LAWRENCE: My observation of course, is Mr. Ullsperger's experience. They have not been fruiting as the other trees set alongside of them and they are now just as we thought they were twelve or fifteen years ago when we commenced planting them. They are not in all cases giving the size and color that will compete with the western apple. We are trying cultural methods that will in the future give us opportunity to do more with them; they have just got to bearing.

MR. RASMUSSEN: I have just one or two Delicious and I do not think the quality is as good as some others—as the Wealthy.

MR. JOE TELFER: I do not have a great many trees. One block of about 50 trees about 13 years old had a fair crop last year and averaged a little bit better than three bushels to the tree this year. This is really the best crop we ever had.

MRS. BASSETT: Most every city fellow and farmer in Sauk county has a few Delicious owing to the advertising and I think when they get to bearing we will have just as many Delicious as we have Wealthy now.

MR. KELLOGG: The introduction of this variety as a market apple came from our friends in the southwest and it has appeared to me over a good many years' time that the Delicious as an apple for the consuming public, has been over-advertised from every standpoint that you could consider. The quality of the apple is reasonably good, not any better than any other variety that we can grow and are growing, but the publicity and the advertising that has been given that apple has set everybody to thinking in terms of wanting to plant a Delicious tree. Those of us who are in the nursery business know that the first thing a fellow wants when he comes to the nursery in the planting season is some Delicious. I believe we need more time to determine whether the Delicious shall be one of the leading varieties of Wisconsin apples. Our friends at Sturgeon Bay are undecided; they have them in quantity; in carload lots. We cannot go on record here; let us keep ourselves reasonably close to the ground until we find out whether the Delicious is going to displace the McIntosh as a table apple. It is never going to take the place of the McIntosh, but as a commercial apple the choice is between the one that will bring the money and the one that will make the work.

MR. TELFER: I think Mr. Hamilton of Two Rivers planted a block of Delicious, probably some of the first planted in the state,

and he said about ten years ago he wished he had planted all Wealthy in place of his Delicious.

MR. KUEHNER: I have come across Delicious in moderate planting, of course only in small numbers, and from what I have seen of them I agree with Mr. Ullsperger; they are not consistently good bearers. I grant that in our farm orchards there are hardly any trees that get the right care; probably with the right care we would get better results. There is a man here from Manitowoc County, Mr. Ahrens, who could probably tell us something about that.

MR. AHRENS: I think the only thing to do is to wait a while and see what the Delicious will do. Some eight years ago I set out in the neighborhood of fifty or sixty Delicious trees and five years ago they started to bear and have borne ever since, but not a very heavy crop; however, I notice that the apples are getting better every year in color and in size. It is a thrifty, healthy growing tree. I think if we give the Delicious good cultivation and give it some more time it will do well in Wisconsin. It is hardy; many other trees die out. Pruning does a lot of good, and I think the more we prune, and the more we take care of them, the better fruit we have.

MR. KUEHNER: We have not heard from Bayfield; they are growing some up there and they are a beautiful color.

MR. HAUSER: That is only in occasional years. Our season, some years at least, does not seem to be long enough to give us size or color.

MR. RANDAU: One man set a tree twenty years ago, it started to bear when it was ten years old and has only failed one crop; that was last year, when the blossoms froze. He has apples of far better quality and flavor than the Western apples. One neighbor a few miles north has another orchard but not quite as good. About twenty-five miles south around Des Moines they can grow Delicious that surpass anything from the west as far as flavor, and, I think, as far as size is concerned. Like you, we recommend top working it on a Virginia crab or on a Hibernial because we have a tree that will stand our hard winters and dry seasons and it grows faster.

MR. KELLOGG: I think the question of the Delicious resolves itself into a question of the richness of the soil and the conditions under which we want to grow it. I would not advise anybody to set very largely of it on our black soil and expect to make very much of it in a commercial way. The heavier the soil you get it on, the better results you get, has been my experience.

UP NORTH

V. E. BRUBAKER

(Reporter's Transcript)

OUR conditions, in Bayfield County are more nearly similar to Door County than any other part of the state. I believe that our growers have been more successful from the standpoint of small fruits than with the production of apples although our acreage of apples is gradually growing in a commercial way. We have only a small number of the larger growers of apples and the smaller grower, who has also a certain acreage of small fruit is planting more apple and cherry trees.