

Lenparken White Sapote

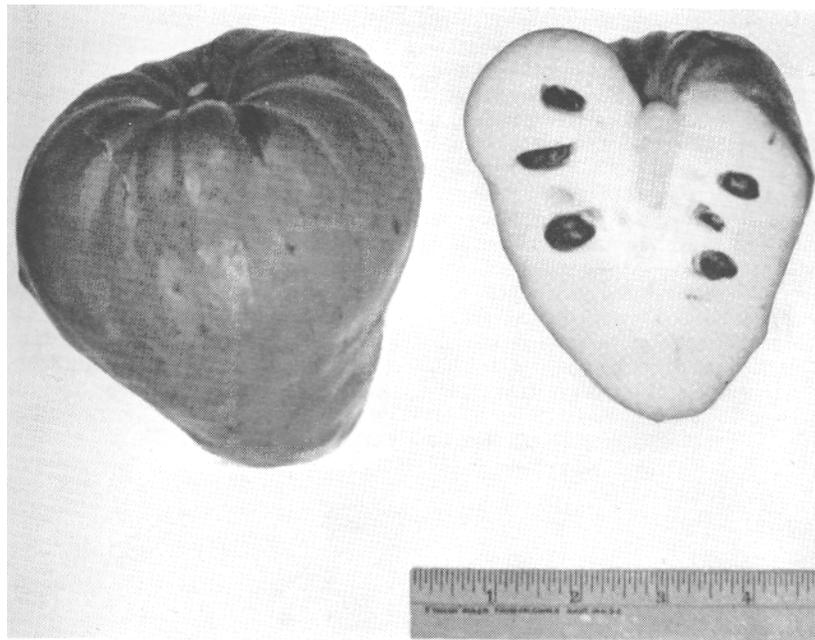
Report of Subtropical Fruit Committee

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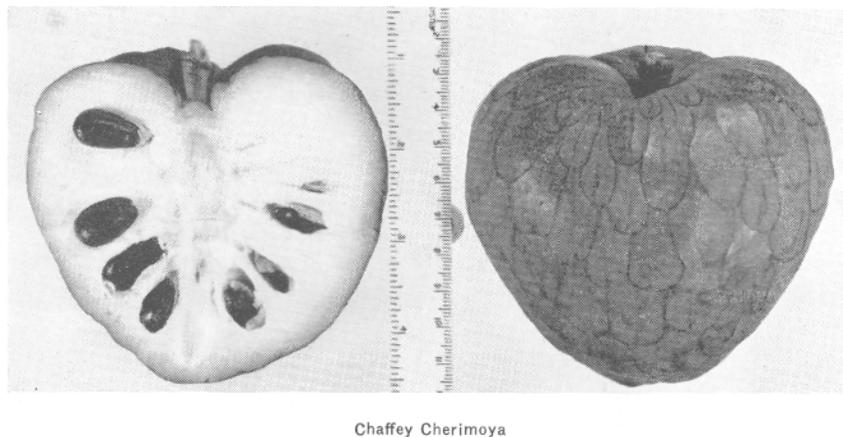
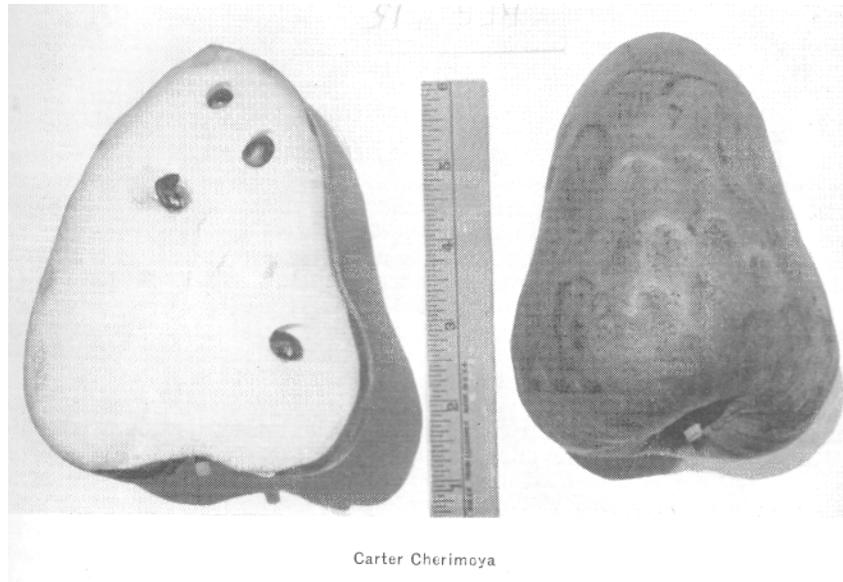
The activities of your Committee on Subtropical Fruits have again been greatly restricted because of the gasoline shortage and other causes due to the war. During the past year, however, a meeting was held at the Citrus Experiment Station on February 5th at which all members of the Committee were present. At this meeting it was decided not to include citrus fruits in the scope of the work of the Committee. It was felt that this field was covered by other organizations and that it was such a large field that our Committee would not be able to cover it sufficiently.

A subcommittee consisting of Dr. C. A. Schroeder of U.C.L.A., chairman, Dr. H. J. Webber and Dr. J. Eliot Coit, was appointed to study the nomenclature of subtropical fruits. This Subcommittee has met once and submitted a preliminary report. The subject of nomenclature is so technical and involved that a complete report of recommendations to the Society will probably not be forthcoming until the next annual meeting.

A decision was made to recommend certain subtropicals for experimental planting together with the most promising varieties of each. Fruits suggested for this list are as follows: the guava, cattley, cherimoya, macadamia, white sapote, loquat, persimmon and feijoa. An effort will be made to compile a list of persons having good varieties of the above named subtropical fruits. During the past year nine new fruits were registered with the Society. Registration No. 6 was a white sapote called the Lenparken, registered by Mrs. Oscar Kendall of San Diego. The fruit is large, weighing from eight to eighteen ounces, a yellow-green color, thin skin and a good flavor. It has a sugar content of 25 1/2 percent. Registration No. 7 is one of Dr. Webber's guavas which he calls the Riverside. It is a medium-large fruit with creamy yellow flesh and a good flavor and has a sugar content of 9 1/2 percent. Registration No. 8 is another guava registered by Dr. Webber under the name of Rolfs. It is a medium-sized, pink-fleshed fruit of good quality, having a sugar content of about 9 percent. Registration No. 9 is a guava also registered by Dr. Webber under the name Hart. It is a relatively large fruit, light yellow in color with a sugar content of about 8 percent. Registration No. 10 is a cherimoya called the Charley, registered for Mrs. A. M. Chaffey of Brentwood Heights, West Los Angeles, by Dr. C. A. Schroeder. The fruit weighs about three-quarters of a pound to one pound, flesh light cream color, seeds 30 to 60 small, quality excellent, season December to March along the coast.



Ryerson Cherimoya



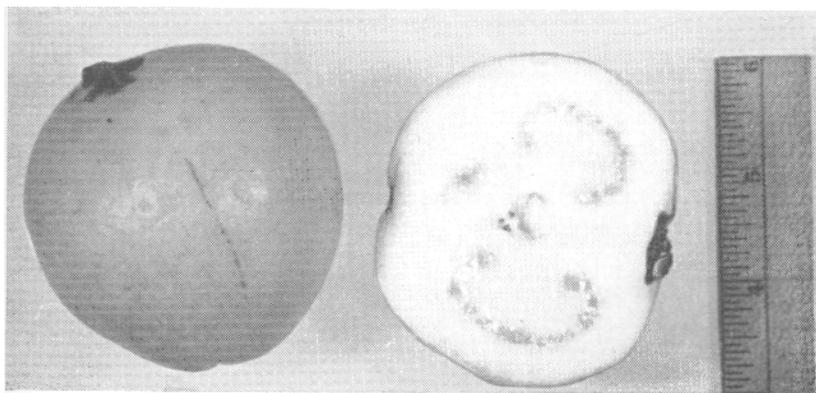
The next four fruits to be registered were a group of established varieties of cherimoyas. They are registered by Elwood Trask of Carlsbad and the pictures will indicate their relative size and other characteristics. Registration No. 11 is a variety called White. Registration No. 12 is a variety called Sallmon. Registration No. 13 is called the Loma. Registration No. 14 is Ryerson.

Of the nine fruits registered seven were either developed by members of government agencies or were established varieties registered for the purpose of completing our records. Fruits of this type are registered without charge to the person submitting them. The registration fee is borne by your Society which has very generously appropriated a fund for this purpose.

We have had many interesting letters from Florida and from botanical authorities interested in subtropical fruits and it appears that our Committee is becoming established as an authority on subtropical fruits in California.

There have been carried on a number of interesting experiments in air transportation of perishable subtropical fruits. With the coming of peace and the expansion of air freight facilities, it seems quite probable that the growers of subtropical fruits in southern California will have opened up to them a new agricultural frontier and the people in the larger cities of the east will be able to share with us many of the delicious fruits which in the past have been restricted to only a few of the more fortunate persons living in southern California. Fruit picked in San Diego county early one morning was shipped out at 11:45 A.M. the same day, arrived in New York City at 3:30 P.M. the following day and was served that evening in some of the best hotels in New York City. This fruit was picked tree ripe and arrived in New York in perfect condition. As indicated by these experimental shipments, it would seem, from the standpoint of time elapsed, that our eastern markets will be relatively closer to us in the future than our local markets have been in the past.

There are many interesting possibilities opening in the field of subtropical horticulture which makes the work of our Committee of more and more importance. We cannot urge too strongly that you submit your superior seedlings of any of the tropical or subtropical fruits or nuts to the Committee for registration. Specimens of fruit must be sent to the Committee together with certain specific information and a small registration fee. The registration fee is \$1.00 and is used to photograph the fruit providing it is accepted for registration. If not accepted, the fruit will not be photographed and the money will be returned to the applicant. Interested persons should write to the California Avocado Society, 4833 Everett Avenue, Los Angeles, for specific information and registration blanks or contact any member of the Committee for blanks and information.



Riverside Guava

Fruits should not be sent in until instructions for registration have been obtained. All fruits properly submitted will be carefully examined by the Committee and if accepted, will take their place in the horticultural history of California.

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