## REPORT OF THE SUBTROPICAL FRUITS VARIETY COMMITTEE

A field meeting of the Committee was held in San Diego County on Saturday, November 17, 1962, with many members of the California Macadamia Society attending. Members of the staff of the University of California at Riverside and Los Angeles were present and helped to make this meeting most informative and enjoyable.

The meeting convened at the Schnieder—University of California— California Macadamia Society Experimental Macadamia Grove in South Oceanside where bearing trees and top-working of mature macadamia trees was observed.

The next stop was at the Mildred McPherson grove in Encinitas to see the fruiting Mango, Lychee, Kei-apple and Candlenut trees.

A picnic lunch for the group was enjoyed beside the swimming pool at the Wells W. Miller home. After lunch a tour of the groves and nursery gave those present the opportunity to see the many subtropical fruits growing on this property. Mango, Sapota, Cherimoya, Lychee, Carob, Natal Plum, Black Sapota and other subtropical trees and plants of various ages gave the group a view of these from nursery plants to bearing trees.

The last stop was at the commercial cherimoya orchard of Mr. E. O. Orchard. This grove of approximately three acres was planted about 25 years ago by Ben Needham and has produced commercial crops for more than 20 years. The fruit is sold in markets of Southern California and on order shipments are made to Eastern cities. Hand pollination is practiced and regular crops of fruit are produced annually.

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Subtropical Fruit Varieties Committee on field tour San Diego County.