

**CALIFORNIA AVOCADO SOCIETY 1977 AWARD OF HONOR
CRAWFORD P. TEAGUE**



For his outstanding dedication, valuable contributions, and untiring efforts in behalf of the avocado industry, your Board of Directors selected Crawford P. Teague, grower, nurseryman and consultant of Corona, as the recipient of the 1977 California Avocado Society's Award of Honor.

A native Californian and a graduate of UCLA in Subtropical Horticulture, Mr. Teague has devoted a lifetime to avocado and citrus production.

Following graduation, he was affiliated with and was General Manager or Superintendent of several large avocado and citrus ranches in the Corona area. During this period he served with distinction in the 17th Airborne Division of the U.S. Army in World War II.

In 1967-68, Crawford accepted the challenge of becoming General Manager of 2100 acres of avocados, limes, and mangos in Florida, newly acquired by Calavo Growers. He returned to California to resume his affiliations in the management of ranch properties here and in 1974 devoted full time to his own ranch, nursery, and consulting work.

Mr. Teague has served as a Director of the California Avocado Society since 1964 and as its President in 1969 and 1970. He has been an active member of numerous other organizations and committees including the California Avocado Advisory Board and was recently elected Chairman of the Production Research Committee of that Board. He is also a member of the Avocado Research Advisory Committee and International Propagators Society, to name a few.

With all his activities, Crawford has generously given much of his time and effort to the betterment of the avocado industry. He has always been very much involved in nursery work and in new and improved techniques of propagation. He was one of the first to experiment with and adopt tip-grafting in the propagation of avocado trees.

He has been an enthusiastic but critical experimenter with new avocado varieties. The

hybrid '14-11,' developed at UC Riverside, was named 'Teague' because of his efforts in testing it on a commercial basis. He has worked untiringly in helping to establish and maintain the Society's Variety Plot at Rancho California and maintains a large collection of new seedling varieties for evaluation at his own ranch and nursery.

The avocado industry is fortunate to have a person with the dedication and foresight as exemplified by Mr. Teague. We are indeed pleased to award him this honor.