

VARIETY 13520

One of the most promising discoveries of the Society's Committee on Foreign Exploration is the variety identified simply as No. 13520. The original tree was found in Atlixco, Mexico—home of the Fuerte and Puebla. Budwood taken by the Committee was propagated in California and at Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The accompanying illustrations are from photographs sent from Honduras by Dr. Wilson Popenoe.

The fruit of No. 13520 (at Honduras) is bright green, and attractive in appearance. The skin is thin and leathery. The weight averages 10 to 12 ounces, occasionally reaching 14 ounces. The flavor is rich and nutty, with the characteristic taste of the Mexican type of avocado. The season is unknown, but possibly runs concurrent with the Fuerte season.

The tree illustrated is two years from bud. Its size and ability to fruit at so early an age are to be interpreted as the result of its location, and not as characteristic of its probable behavior in California.



Harvested specimens of No. 13520



*On right, tree of No. 13520 twenty months from budding;
on left, close up to show fruiting habit.*