

PRESENTATION OF THE SPECIAL AWARD OF MERIT

MARVIN B. ROUNDS

In 1943, Marvin Rounds was awarded the AWARD OF HONOR of this society for his outstanding services, and in 1945, he was elected to the Board of Directors, where he has served continuously.

His work in checking up on the progress of registered avocado seedlings, and the distribution of trees and graftwood of promising new varieties for trial in all of the avocado growing areas, has been especially noteworthy.

As chairman of the Variety Committee, he has held many meetings and given much of his time in keeping records of the history, descriptions, notes and photographs, etc., of all known varieties, as well as many seedlings. In doing this work, Marvin has traveled frequently throughout the avocado growing districts of California and made trips into Texas, Florida and Mexico. Probably there is no one who is personally acquainted with a larger number of avocado growers, and certainly none is better liked and more universally respected.

In recognition of his valuable services to the industry, the following SPECIAL AWARD OF MERIT was presented to Marvin B. 'Rounds at the Forty First Annual Meeting of the Society.