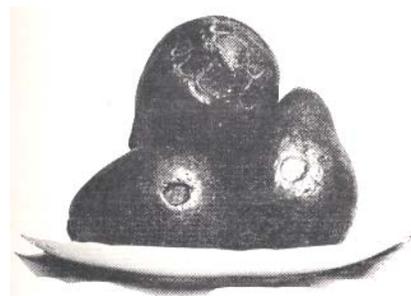


PESTS, DISEASES and CONTROL METHODS



Chairman Halm (Introducing Mr. McLean):

Several years ago when I first heard about the avocado industry, I was told deliberately by people I thought ought to know that no pests interfered with the avocado. I believed it. I was just as green as grass. I took it all in. I found out quite recently that there were more pests than I had ever thought existed. I still believed they did not interfere with avocados though I knew they were on oranges and lemons.

As has been indicated in these addresses, it is through just such meetings as this where we exchange our experiences that we come to the conclusion that we don't know so very much about it after all. Avocado pests are giving us serious concern at the present time. It is true that avocados are not seriously injured at this particular time but it is the effort of this organization to secure help and aid to insure against this infestation. We would like to know in advance what these troubles are and what to do, not after our trees are killed. This organization and the farm bureaus, the California Avocado Association and the Universities, together with the Federal organization are all figuring out how to know what pests we have and what to feed them as a substitute for our avocado trees. Mr. McLean, agricultural commissioner of San Diego, will address you on the subject of