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Dr. Wilson Popenoe
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Drawer 45, Stuart Florida**SUMMER ADDRESS:**~~Box 1032, Cashiers, North Carolina~~

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Reply Message

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Dear Sir:

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are now available as xerox reprints. I will be glad to quote on any of these which are of interest to you in completing your sets.

Sincerely Yours,

E. A. Menninger

Edwin A. Menninger D. Sc.

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EDWIN A. MENNINGER, D. SC.

"THE FLOWERING TREE MAN"
DRAWER 45, STUART, FLORIDA

Box 217, Cashiers, N C
June 21

Dear Wilson

Glad to get your long letter and sorry you didn't get to come by Stuart before I left. I've written Herb Wolfe about your fruit book and I will try to get in on the ground floor on sales. I'll be getting out a general mailing in Nov-Dec and if the U of F Press will supply me with folders I'll distribute 7000 of them, which should bring SOME ORDERS. I'm delighted you are going to do the book. I told Herb I'd be glad to supply a lot of photographs (of which I have many) as I think they add a lot to such a book, primarily because most folks have no idea what most of trop fr look like, or taste like. I've just written a long piece on Actinidia for the Amer Hort Mag. I suppose you get it; it thrives where citrus grows but it is a neglected fr in these U.S. and has much merit. I hope too that you will include at least a paragraph on even those fruits which are inconsequential, and say just that. Much better than leave them out as if you had forgotten their existence.

You asked about all those letters and periods after my name. You and Len Brass were getting so damned important with your "doctor this" and "doctor that" that I decided to join you. Fla State Univ pinned it on my brow a year ago in April which was rather nice in view of the fact that I don't know a single damned soul on the faculty there -- how they ever heard of me I'll never know. But I'll still salaam when I see you so don't worry about that part. You have seniority!

I'll write more when my conscience is clear and my brain foggy.
All the best always

I wish I might go on the NYBG Guatemala tour but I get terribly air sick so just can't do it. Hope you have fun.

Antigua, Guatemala, 3 Jan 1959

Mr Edwin A Menninger
Stuart, Florida, EE UU de A

Dear Ed:

Back two weeks ago, from a year in the other hemisphere. We headquartered in southern Spain, at the little Rancho California in the lovely valley of Almuñecar right on the Mediterranean, due south of Granada, and probably the finest climate in southern Europe; so extraordinary that you can grow avocados of all three races, West Indian, Guatemalan and Mexican, side by side. We introduced about 25 varieties from California and Florida, got them established, and feel that southern Spain will be one of the next regions to develop a real avocado industry. And cherimoyas! I am sure there is no other place in ~~the~~ world where is such a concentrated production of grafted cherimoyas. About 250 acres in that little valley. It was hard for me to leave. We introduced the Macadamia and lychee and several other things.

We (Helen and I) went over to Greece to see if they were growing avocados and if not why not. Why is the answer. Any country which can grow lemons can grow avocados, and this includes of course Italy and especially Sicily. Franco Fenzi, son of that grand old horticulturist Dr Franceschi (Dr E O Fenzi) of Santa Barbara, California, who lives in Palermo, wrote me that he had planted a few avocados in Sicily; they do pretty well there, but nobody wants to eat them. This applies to Spain to a certain extent. When I lectured to the boys from the agricultural college in Maddid (they were in Cordoba for some field work) I got so enthusiastic about avocados in Spain that I was waving my arms in the air, when one of them said "Why do we want avocados? We dont like them?" And I said alright, fifty million Latin Americans like avocados and fifty million Latin Americans cant be wrong. And if you dont like them anyway, ~~and~~ ship to the folks over in England or elsewhere and you will make some money. Hombre, that Mediterranean coast of Spain has a future for fruits like the avocado and lychee and they can even grow mangos. If I were 25 yrs younger, which I aint, I would like to work there for a while.

We went to Israel, where I tried to help those lads work out some of their banana problems. But they threw figures at me so fast that it made my head swim. I didnt know Jews could be such wonderful horticulturists, but they are. They have 5000 acres of Cavendish bananas in production and 500 acres of avocados - Fuertes first, then Nabal (one of my Guatemalans, you know) then Anaheim and Ettinger, a seedling of Fuerte. Some other varieties on a smaller scale.

Then we went to the Canary Islands; what a Paradise! The Jardin de Aclimatación at Orotava one of the most interesting botanic gardens I have ever seen. They can grow avocados and mangos and almost everything else in the Canaries, but they havent gone far yet with avocados.

Now I must settle down and write a book; I have agreed to do it, and it will be in Spanish. We dont need any more books on tropical fruits in English. Chandler has brought together all of the known information, and I am glad to see he has made a revision - I have just received it. And what a wonderful job that grand horticulturist, Dean Hume, has done with his new edition of Citrus Fruits. I must write him. I dont know anyone who can make a technical book so interesting as he does. And we have the Yearbooks of the California Avocado Society and we have the Lychee boys and we have the Mango Forum, so I am stepping out of

the English language field. I couldn't produce anything modern anyway; I belong to the horse and buggy days and don't know anything about minor elements and hormones and lime induced iron chlorosis. We don't yet have those things in the tropics. I suppose some day they will sneak in on us.

So I have agreed with Salvat Editores of Barcelona, the best publishing house in Spain (I believe) so far as agricultural works are concerned, to turn them out a "Manual Práctico de Fruticultura Tropical" and I just hope I can finish it before I get one of those coronary thromboses you hear so much about these days.

You will have to blame this long dissertation on my having received yesterday your most recent list of books. And I want to say it is fine to see someone who is offering such an excellent selection for tropical horticulturists. I may be sending you an order one of these days, but it won't be for the Syllabus of the Pflanzenfamilien because I already have the original Pflanzenfamilien but can't read it. Incidentally, I receive half a dozen times a year a letter from someone who wants to know where he can buy a copy of my Manual of Tropical and Subtropical Fruits. If you know, I wish you would tell me. I have had orders outstanding with people like Stechert-Bafner in New York for about 15 years now, and I don't pick up a copy in 5 years, and if I do, it is 25 bucks. In a way I am very sorry about this, and in a way I am glad you can not buy a copy off the table the put out in the street in front of the second-hand bookstores with a big sign "50 CENTS EACH".

And now to end this epistle: I sent an order for Dave Sturrock's new book to the publishing house - they said to put it in Bin 1, but I don't like to see my letters thrown into bins - and I wanted to send Dave a picture I just ran across this past week, looking thru my files for photos I might use in illustrating this new Manual Práctico, but I don't have his address and feel sure you do. So will you please send him the enclosed photo, which as you will note was taken in Cuba in 1914. I might be mistaken, but I seem to recall that Dave married Melanie Earle, daughter of that grand horticulturist who saved the Puerto Rican (it was then Porto Rican) sugar industry, F S Earle, who also put me on the track to do something really important in the banana industry when he wrote me, the year after I arrived in Honduras "Don't try to drain those clay soils, slide the water off the top". As a kid, I knew F.S. Earle's father in California; he spent his last years a few blocks from our house. I believe he was the man who developed the idea of shipping strawberries in cold storage. But to come back to Dave Sturrock: I have been greatly interested in the work he has done in Florida and shall enjoy reading his new book.

Now that I am a free man, with nothing to do but try to make my pension buy enough tortillas and black beans, I suspect we may get up to Florida again one of these days and drop in on you. We plan to fly to California toward the end of this month, to see our respective families, including Karl Bowman whom you will probably remember from those dear dead days beyond recall, when we played together in Topeka.

Ever yours,

Wilson Popenoe

EDWIN A. MENNINGER
"THE FLOWERING TREE MAN"
STUART, FLORIDA

January 9, 1959

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua
Guatemala
Ctr. Amer.

Dear Wilson:

Your letters are always a great inspiration to me and I was particularly delighted with the long one I got from you yesterday because it was like a visit with an old friend. I do hope that one of these days you will get to Florida to see me because there are a lot of things I would like to talk about.

I think you are doing a wise thing in publishing that book on fruits in Spanish as it will enlist the aid of a great many people in Spanish speaking countries in cooperating in cultivation of desirable fruit trees especially some of the lesser known Eugenia. I happen to be interested in that genus at the moment as I have just written a long article for the National Horticultural Magazine about the 30 species that are under cultivation in the United States. The first half on Old World species will appear probably in the April issue and the article on the New World species will be in the July issue. The article is too long but otherwise it is fine.

I agree with you that Chandler's book is a splendid effort. I suppose you have seen the one published last year on deciduous orchards to match the previous book.

I was interested also in your reference to Dr. Franceschi. I never knew him but Peter Riedel was one of my special friends and I spent many happy hours with him. I do not know whether you have seen the book published by the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum embodying all of the notes that Riedel kept on all of the exotic plants that he and Dr. Franceschi introduced. It is a huge volume, privately printed, and contains a tremendous amount of invaluable material by a man who really loved plants.

Enclosed is one of my current price lists and book list. The thought occurred to me you might know some people on the Spanish Riviera who would like to receive copies of this literature, also circulars on my book and Sturrock's book. Incidentally, I published Dave's book but I did it in my printing company name. I had a photo copy made of your letter and sent it to Dave with the photograph and you will hear from him. His address is Box 6022, West Palm Beach, Florida. If you come this way I will take you down to see him.

Who is the head of the Experiment Stations at Turrialba and at Tela on whom I could impose requests for seed. What is Paul Allen's present address?

EDWIN A. MENNINGER

"THE FLOWERING TREE MAN"

STUART, FLORIDA

Dr. Wilson Popenoe

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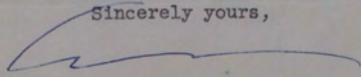
The last I heard from him he was heading for Salvador.

I hope you are well and happy and when you come to Stuart bring Helen and plan to stay overnight with Patsy and me. This would mean a great deal to me to see you again.

Yes I remember Karl Bowman very well but that was a good many years ago.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Edwin A. Menninger

EAM:mm

Antigua, Guatemala, 20 Jan 1959

Dear Ed:

Mighty good to have your letter of the 9th instant. I reply promptly for several reasons, one of them being that we leave this week for Mexico City and California, to be gone only 30 days. I haven't been home for 8 years; there are a lot of things to see before I settle down here; and I want to talk with the Rockefeller lads in Mexico City about their fruit improvement program. So off we go, but in our 30 days at home I have got the garden in pretty fair shape once more, by dint of putting on 16 cubic yards of good stable manure. The texture of our soils is good, but organically they are as dead as the Dodo. They have been, unlike the Dodo I assume, worked to death.

I am happy that you are interested in the Eugénias. They have been sadly neglected. I got interested in them when I worked in Brazil, back in 1912-13. That is a long time ago, but the Eugénias haven't changed because they haven't had any attention. I will go along with you on this job. The Annonas are another group which I would like to see pushed. The boys out in Israel are the only ones who are doing much with them, so far as I know. They have some small commercial orchards of what appears to be a natural hybrid between Cherimoya and Squamosa. Good eating

I do not have the book you mention, published by the L A State and County Arboretum. I saw parts of it in MS form many years ago. I did not buy it because it is rather expensive and I felt that it was not very applicable to Central American conditions. It is a fine job. I knew Pieter Riedel slightly; I knew the Franceschi (Fenzi) family much better, all of them. The son who took over the home place, Montarioso, on the ridge above the old Mission, was tragically killed in an automobile accident; a chap who had been out on a wild party ran into him, drove his car against a telephone post, and crushed Cammillo; I believe he died instantly. He and Knowles Ryerson and I were great pals - all of the same age, and all interested in subtropicals. Knowles retires next year - he is Dean of Agr at Berkeley as you may know.

Dr. Ralph H. Allee is Director of the Instituto Interamericano de Ciencias Agrícolas at Turriabla - a big friend of mine as we say here. He has done a magnificent job through the years, against odds (financial) and has just been selected for another 6 yr period as Director. The station at Lencetilla (Tela) which I founded in 1935 is in pretty good shape but rather up in the air at the moment. I hear they are thinking of putting some new life in it; in fact the Company tried hard to get Paul Allen to take it over but he was not interested. I think the man to write is Dr Norwood C Thornton, Director of Tropical Research, Tela Railroad Co., La Lima, Honduras. Paul Allen's address is Centro Nacional de Agronomía, Santa Tecla, El Salvador. Paul does not yet know whether or not he will stay there before the middle of this year or not; he is making a study of economic trees for the govt of El Salvador. He is trying to get a Guggenheim to continue his studies in the States, I believe.

When I get back I want to ask you to send me a few books from your highly interesting list - it is a swell job. I doubt that any of the lads in Spain would be much interested but I may send you a few names when I get home again. They are hard up and dollar exchange is tough for them. The economic situation in Spain is not too good right now.

Ever yours,

EDWIN A. MENNINGER

"THE FLOWERING TREE MAN"

STUART, FLORIDA

January 26, 1959

Mr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua
Guatemala

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THE MANGO is on order and one will
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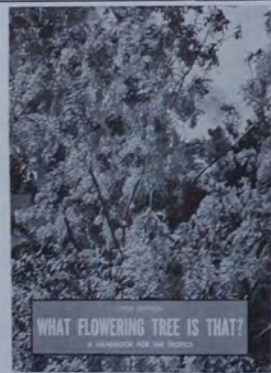
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EDWIN A. MENNINGER
The Flowering Tree Man
Stuart, Florida

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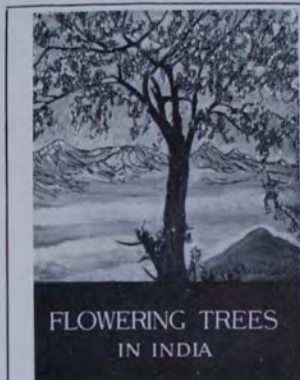
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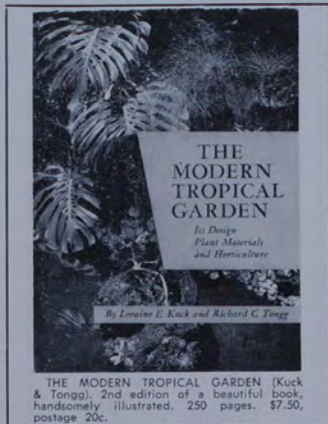
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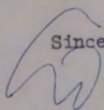
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In this book I am now writing for publication in Spanish I am going to emphasize - and 20 years from now the boys in Florida will be saying, what a fool that Old Man Popenoe!) Haden, because I am not too sure that it will stop bearing at 15 years of age in some other parts of the world. Mulgoba, because nobody seems to argue against its quality, only against its bearing habits in Florida, and I would like to see a few mangos of very top quality grown in this world, and I dont know anything that equals Mulgoba, as George Cellon always said,

have a sneaking suspicion she may be right - for the past fifty years she usually has been. And I am going to recommend Pairi, which some of you fellows insist on spelling Palmeri, which reminds me of my friend who asked me one day, Wilson, do you spell it verry or verrie? Pairi is one of the world's great mangos and don't you forget it. Then I can recommend without fear of successful contradiction (as I like to put it rhetorically) those mangos of the Philippine group. You can give them any names you want, more or less, and of course it boils down to a question of de gustibus non disputandum est (as they always say in Homestead), but as for myself and numerous friends whose names I cannot recall at the moment, those mangos of the Philippine race are good, and with them I include the Cambodiana group. I still think we have blood of at least two distinct species of Mangifera in our modern mangos. So you pays your money and you takes your choice. You can have the East Indian mangos and if you prefer you can have the Philippine mangos. As for me, give me some of each.

And now for a couple of lame ducks. I think we have overlooked the value of Sandersha. It bears. When I used to ride up to Buena Vista (I suppose it is now a part of south Miami; it was then very far north) Mrs Rolfs (you remember Professor Rolfs, who was for so many years Dean of the College of Agriculture at Gainesville, and who did so much for the development of tropical fruit growing in Florida) used to serve as a pie made out of Sandershas, not picked very ripe of course, We called it apple pie in those days, which reminds me of the Norwegian lumberjack up in Minnesota who said at dinner, "Dem wild blackberries make better apple sause than prunes". It was good pie, and again it can be good pie, and when you folks learn to eat Chutney, as it is now being made at the Kampong in Coconut Grove, you finally agree with me.

Now just two more mango varieties and I am through - and of course at this point the boys at Homestead will go home to lunch, in profound disgust. Julie has become the most important mango for home gardens in Jamaica. Why? Because it comes into blossom; if the anthracnose fungus gets it, what does it do? It starts out again. It almost always produces a reasonable, not a big, crop of fruits. And they are not the handsomest mangos in the world, but they eat pretty well, and not too much fiber. A little more than I like, because toothpicks are getting expensive. Julie is one of the varieties which resists attack of the Anastrepha fruit flies. I guess this doesn't worry you too much in Florida, and I believe they are developing very efficient controls. So I guess I won't dig out that phrase in the Scriptures, isn't it something like this? "Let him who thinketh he standeth, beware, lest he fall"?

The other variety I want to mention is ~~Amini~~. This is the only mango over which Mrs Krome and I have ever had an argument, and I want it clearly to be understood that we did not come to blows nor did she ever hail me into court. I like Amini, and in Honduras it has borne beautiful crops for us. It is a small mango, it is well colored, it has almost no fiber, but it is a trifle acid for some tastes. But I shall continue to grow it because I love that aroma. Really, it is not too bad. Not like that aroma which used to inspire Mrs Fairchild, when I had the great privilege of living in their home in Washington, to call out to the waitress "Unchain the Gorgonzola."

Always faithfully yours,

Wilson Popenoe

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TO: Dr. Wilson Popenoe
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EDWIN A. MENNINGER
 The Flowering Tree Man
 Drawer 45, Stuart, Florida
 SUMMER ADDRESS:
 Box 11, Cashiers, North Carolina

FORM 30

SUBJECT Dear Wilson:

DATE 12 20 59

Don't forget you are going to send me a bunch of *Tabebuia*
pentaphylla seed this winter -- in 3 colors ??? of pink.

MESSAGE

I have sold my nursery to a man 20 years younger who is as nuts on
 flowering trees as I am. I'm helping him get seed etc to encourage people
 to plant beautiful things.

Have you finished your spanish fruit book? I still sell books, so when the
 publisher has it ready, tell him to send me 20 copies (with booksellers
 discount). Tell him to send by mail. Freight shipments of books are a pain,
 because of customs difficulties.

I'm writing a new book. And it will be a whang! I'll write you about
 it soon. Ed

MARRY CHRISTMAS!

SIGNED _____

REPLY

DATE

REPLY TO

SIGNED _____

THIS COPY RETURNED TO SENDER

Antigua Guatemala, 10 June 1960

Mr. Edwin A. Menninger
Drawer 35,
Stuart, Florida, USA.

Dear Ed:

Herewith seeds of two fine Tabebuias. I believe you asked for three shades of pink but we have limited to the two finest forms which grow near the Escuela Agricola Panamericana. One of these is the finest of all the pinks, a very deeply but with no trace of purple in it. The other is a rare form - in fact we only know of one tree - which bears very large clusters of flowers which, at a distance, appear to be white, but which on close examination are seen to have a touch of pink, very light pink, in the throat. I believe you know that I greatly doubt that Tabebuias grown from seed will reproduce exactly the colors of the parent trees. I wish you could find someone who will plant ten trees each from the two lots of seeds sent herewith, and see what happens.

I am working on the Manual of Tropical Fruit Culture in Spanish but I have so many interruptions I can hardly hope to finish it before the end of this year.

Best regards always,

Sincerely yours,

Wilson Popenoe

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 Central America

EDWIN A. MENNINGER

FORM 30

The Flowering Tree Man
 Drawer 45, Stuart, Florida

SUMMER ADDRESS:
 Box 11, Cashiers, North Carolina

SUBJECT Dear Wilson: I'd like very much to have the *Tabebuia* seed. DATE 7 25 60

I have nearly 200 collaborators on my book in countries everywhere
 and all of them are crazy for *T.* seed of various kinds (which I supply as I am
 MESSAGE able. I'm in N.C. but send the seed to Stuart where my secretary will
 package & label it, etc.

My book on "The World's 200 Finest Flowering Tropical Trees" is coming along
 fine; I'm illustrating each subject with color plate of the flowers. I am still
 short of pictures (35mm slides) of a few Central American trees and although
 you don't have them in all probability, you might be able to help me get them.
 Maybe someone who has them will let me borrow the originals long enough to have
 copies made; then I will return. Here are the trees I'm short:

Bernoullia flammea
Cordia gerascanthus
Hasseltia sp.
Clusia grandiflora
Billia columbiana
Inga marginata

Fuchsia arborescens
Magnolia poasana
Lonchocarpus guatemalense
Coumarouna odorata
Faramea sp.
Helicarpus excelsior

Erblichia odorata

Please do anything you can
 for me on this. Paul Allen
 supplied me some fine pix
 3 yrs ago. Ed

REPLY

DATE

REPLY TO

SIGNED

THIS COPY RETURNED TO SENDER

EDWIN A. MENNINGER
"THE FLOWERING TREE MAN"
STUART, FLORIDA

June 27 1960

Mr Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza Num. 2
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Wilson

I appreciate very much the two pkt of *Tabebuia pentaphylla* seed and have arranged to have them properly labelled with all the dope you put on the envelopes, and raised separately so some tests can be run on them later.

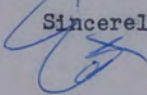
Some years ago a correspondent in Caracas (I'm ashamed to say I've forgotten who it was) sent me 2 kodachrome slides of a white-fl'd T.P. on a street there -- the tree as a whole and a detail of the flowers, but not close enough to determine whether any pink in the inside. I have never had seed of it but have thought of it often.

Do you know any of the big guns of the Shell Oil Co. in Venezuela? That company recently, in collaboration with the V. govt, published a magnificent book on the flowering trees of Venezuela, elaborately illustrated in color. You ought to get a copy for your library. It was written (the text part) by ~~Mr~~ Francisco Tamayo, who sent me a copy. His address is MAC - C. Simon Bolivar, Torre Norte, Piso 9, Caracas. But as it a Shell & govt enterprise, one of those sources might be better. I told Tamayo I'd like to buy 50 copies if he can arrange it, but I doubt it -- looks like a "presentation" deal.

Please send me Paul Allen's address.

I'm having a wonderful time on my "World's 200 Finest Flowering Tropical Trees." Some 200 correspondents in 100 countries each has nominated the 10 or 15 prettiest trees of his locality, and from that frightening list my job is select 200, find color slides of them, describe each one as if it was growing in my back yard.

Thanks again for the seed and all good wishes.

Sincerely,


Antigua Guatemala 29 June 1960

Mr. Edwin Menninger,
"The Flowering Tree Man",
Stuart, Florida.

Dear Ed:

Thanks for your note of 27th June. I am glad to hear the Tabebuia seeds reached you safely. Don't forget my suggestion that you have somebody plan at least ten trees from each of the two kinds sent you, in order to see if they come true to color. I cannot see how this can happen. The fact that we have so many different shades of pink among the trees in the Zamorano valley makes me feel pretty certain that the seedlings from any one tree come out any color they happen to like.

Thanks for the tip regarding the new book on Flowering Trees of Venezuela. Although I do not have any intimate friends down there in the Shell Oil Company, I am pretty well tied up with the Fundación Eugenio Mendoza, and I am going to ask them to send me a copy of the book. I know they will do it, even if it cost them 25 bolívares which is a lot of money for you and me, but will not buy you a first class dinner in Venezuela.

When Paul Allen last wrote to me he was in the Phillipines but he said he expected to move South before long. He told me to address him in care of the Research Department, United Fruit Co, 30th St. James Avenue, Boston, Mass. I hope he will be back in this part of the world before Christmas.

With best regards, always

Sincer@ly yours,

Wilson Popenoe

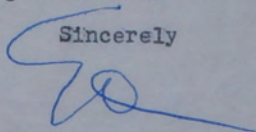
EDWIN A. MENNINGER
"THE FLOWERING TREE MAN"
STUART, FLORIDA

July 10

Dear Wilson

I thought maybe you would like this slide
for your collection. All good wishes.

Sincerely



Antigua Guatemala, 15 July 1960

Mr. Edwin A. Menninger,
" The Flowering Tree Man",
Stuart, Florida. USA.

Dear Ed:

Thanks for your note of the 10th and the slike of the white Tabebuia in Caracas. This looks just like the one from Honduras of which we sent you seeds.

I am writing now to say that I still have here a good quantity of Tabebuia seeds brought me a month ago from Honduras by Amado Pelón, part of them being from the very fine pink flower tree and part from the one of which the flowers are almost white. Do you want any more of these seeds?

Ever yours,

Wilson Popenoe

Antigua, Guatemala, 20 Oct 1960

Mr Edwin Menninger
Stuart, Florida.

Dear Ed:

Referring to your note of 25 June, I am sending you the remaining stock of *Tabebuia* seeds, and you will never get seeds from two finer trees than the ones these seeds came from. But what will happen to the progeny I don't know; I just wish someone would plant a row of 100 trees of the deep pink one and see what happens.

I am afraid I can't do anything for you in re the pictures. These are mainly pretty rare things and I am no longer taking pictures. Paul Allen is the lad, but Alas! Paul is right now in North Borneo or some adjacent region and I don't suppose he will be back in Central America until early next year. Maybe not that soon. I am returning his letter to you. I wish we could keep Paul in this part of the world. He is an extremely useful guy.

Ever yours,

Wilson Popenoe

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Antigua, Guatemala, 8 March 1961

Mr Edwin A Menninger
Stuart, Fla.

Dear Ed:

Many thanks for the "Washburn Alumnus". Takes me back to the old days. I was too young when we left Topeka, but my brother Paul graduated from Washburn Academy, I think it was in the class of 1904. Then we moved to California. Rather interesting that the Popenoes, the Menningers and the Bowmans (only Karl, really, because his brother Tom died very young) all went in for science, more or less. You and I might be called borderline cases, I suppose.

I guess you know one of Paul's boys, John Popenoe, took Bruce Ledin's job at the Subtrop Exp Sta, Homestead. My son Hugh is now an Asst Prof at Gainesville, his field being economic botany and tropical soils. I expect to be in Miami by the 19th for the annual jamboree of the Caribbean Region, Am Soc Hort Sci; there is to be a three day excursion to Winter Haven and Orlando and Ft Pierce and back to Miami; don't know whether or not a stop is planned at Stuart. I shall probably go to Gainesville afterward to give a few talks. I am getting to be a very popular lecturer, for three reasons, (1) I never talk more than 20 minutes, (2) I don't tell the audience anything but jokes, and (3) I don't charge any fees. You can't beat that line-up.

I wonder if you got the last (second) batch of Tabebuia seeds - quite a lot of them. You must put this tree along half the roadsides in southern Florida. It is just coming into bloom here now; makes one think of Tokyo in cherry blossom time.

Ever yours

EDWIN A. MENNINGER
"THE FLOWERING TREE MAN"
STUART, FLORIDA

March 27, 1961

Mr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle De La Nobleza Num.2
Antigua, Guatemala

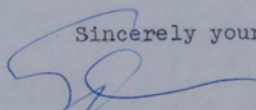
Dear Wilson:

May I offer my sympathy in your great loss and let you know that your friends are thinking about you.

I went to the Fairchild Tropical Garden Saturday mostly for a visit with you but there will be another time.

My kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,



Edwin A. Menninger

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EDWIN A. MENNINGER, D. SC.

"THE FLOWERING TREE MAN"
DRAWER 45, STUART, FLORIDA

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Dr Wilson Popenoe
1722 NW 2d Avenue
Gainesville, Fla

Dear Wilson

I'll be right here in Stuart next week and I want you to come by here and see me. Plan to have lunch or dinner with me. I'll flip a coin to see whether I lend you money to get to Antigua or you lend me some to get to NC. I won't leave here till May 8.

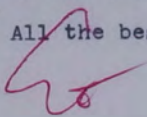
I'm delighted you got Wolfe to help on the book and I will write him and offer photographs and other help if I can give. And I certainly will get in on the ground floor in book sales because about November I'll be mailing some 20,000 circulars on my own account to people all over the world and I will persuade U. of F. Press to supply separate circs on your book. I suppose you are familiar with Oehse's book; he has some 100 pages on fruits. I have one of his old books in Dutch, too.

Dave Sturrock is still around. I sent him \$250. royalty check the other day on sales of his book the past year, so maybe he is taking a slight vacation, or just resting from the shock, or something.

That handle on my name came most unexpectedly a year ago this month when Florida State University at Tallahassee decided to put some plume feathers in my tail. As you know, Len Brass got a D.Sc. from FSU too, so he and I hold hands for mutual support.

My office is at the Southeastern Printing Co., 3 miles south of Stuart on A-1-A. My phone there is 287-2141. My home phone is 287-1091. So call me and tell me when you'll be here because I want to see you.

All the best!



EDWIN A. MENNINGER, D. SC.

"THE FLOWERING TREE MAN"
DRAWER 48, STUART, FLORIDA 33494

January 23, 1967

Mr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua,
Guatemala, Central Am.

Dear Mr. Popenoe:

Mr. Menninger was in a serious automobile accident, and will be hospitalized for some time, at Martin County Hospital, Stuart, Fla. I have read your letter of Jan. 15th to him, and he states we have no used Standard Cyclopedia of Hort. Bailey. We do have a new set, the price \$65.00.

Mr. Menninger is improving slowly, but as he says "in the broken bones department, everything takes time."

Respectfully,

(Mrs) Dorothy Gimm
Secretary to Mr. Menninger

I am sending a copy to your Gainesville office

EDWIN A. MENNINGER, D.Sc.

"THE FLOWERING TREE MAN"
WINTER ADDRESS (NOV.-APRIL)
219 MARTIN AVENUE
STUART, FLORIDA 33494
PHONE 305 - 287-1091

Oct. 20, 1968

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza No. 2
Antigua, Guatemala
Central America

Dear Wilson

I've begun work on a new book on the EDIBLE NUTS OF THE WORLD, and I could use some help if you have time to think about the subject and give me the benefit of your experience.

The word "nut" is so loosely used in our language, both botanically and commercially, that some sort of organization is needed, perhaps like this:

- 1) hard-shells with edible kernels like walnuts.
- 2) fruit-nuts like cashew
- 3) palm nuts of a hundred kinds like coconut.
- 4) spice nuts like nut-meg

Then there are examples like litchi-nut where the edible part is inside a hard shell, but outside of the seed (not the kernel).

I'm not sure where the peanut (ground nut) falls in this classification. I don't know whether the Chinese eat the hull or the kernel of the ginkgo -- if the latter, it is a nut, in Class 1. I don't know to what extent the kernels of Aleurites, Quercus, etc. are used for human food, which would immediately make them "edible nuts." In fact there is so much I don't know that I'm asking a lot of questions of friends all over the world whose experience in horticulture would qualify them as experts, and you are one of them.

Strangely enough, Brazil nuts and sapucaya nuts (Lechytis) are not offered for sale in Brazilian markets. Conversely, every locality possesses locally cultivated "nuts" used in seasoning, in foods, that are unknown elsewhere. What "nuts" do your cooks use in your part of the world that the rest of us don't know about?

If you have time, I would appreciate your writing me about these things and suggesting any special literature I should consult. If you have photographs of any local species that would be unavailable elsewhere, I can suggest where I might get them, I would appreciate this too. I often wonder whether Ocoba, Couroupita, and some other hard-shelled tables are "nuts." Any ideas on this?

Sincerely

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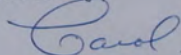
Dear Ed:

It has been quite revealing to go through all of your correspondence for the past few years. (There has been a lot of it!) Among other things of interest I have found is a letter from Wilson Popenoe that you sent me more than a year ago. I can find no evidence of having answered it, and that is shameful of me.

His project for a picture book of "Wayside Flowers of Guatemala" with paintings by Carol Chickering sounds most promising. His idea for style of writing also seems excellent. Without some investigation I would not know who might wish to publish it, but after I return from England I would be glad to make some inquiries.

I am now returning his letter, as you requested. I do not know how it happened to get filed instead of answered. I am most embarrassed, and hope I can make amends with good works.

Sincerely,



Carol H. Woodward

CHW/PB

P.S. Since starting this letter I have heard of the splendid collection of watercolors of tropical flowers made in the Caribbean area by Edith Farrington Johnston. If Carol Chickering cannot complete her work, there might be a possibility of some collaboration here.

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Mr Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza #2
Antigua, Guatemala
Central America

Dear Wilson

I'm sorry I didn't get to the FSHS meeting mostly because I wanted to see you and visit with you but I was under the weather. I suppose you are in Guatemala but who knows?

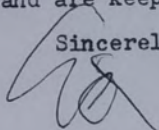
I still get calls for the fruit book you and Wolfe were going to write. Isn't it going to come through? And you wrote me too about a Guatemala wild flower book you were going to write; What happened to that?

My new VINES book is off the press and I am madly trying to mail out the 500 orders I have for it. It is quite a book and I think will sell well.

A lot of Kansas fellows got together in West Palm Beach on Kansas Day (Jan. 29) but I couldn't go, so sent my son who lived his early life in Topeka. Fellows I used to know in Topeka sent me greetings -- Frank Hetherington, Ralph Kingsley, Churchill Sargent and one or two others; I don't know whether you will remember those names after all these years. I don't go back to Topeka any more as all the folks I knew are gone.

I hope you are in good health and are keeping a song in your heart.

Sincerely



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Some vines have no flowers at all.

Some vines with leaves like a magnolia, bear cones like a pine.

One vine in the Pacific ensnares birds and kills them.

One vine grows down instead of up.

Many vines start in the ground, then let their roots die away while they grow into the trees and live as air plants.

Some vines climb for years, then become trees. Some trees, when they get up in the world, decide to become vines, and take off into the wild blue yonder.

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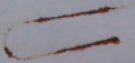
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Floyd McClure would have described himself as an Ohio farmboy, first and last. Nothing evoked more nostalgia in him than the sight of cornfields under a blazing sun or a bouquet of field grasses and flowers. His rugged rural youth was a warm memory.

But his adventurous mind did not allow him the complacency of a provincial life. He could take his green thumb for granted perhaps; rather he was challenged to cultivate the fertile crannies of his mind. Words and languages fascinated him; foreign countries attracted him; new philosophies intrigued him. He read incessantly in many fields of science. His expanding comprehension of the universe, including his own role in it, was a constant wonderment to him. So as the farmboy became a PhD, travelling in the world of plants, he travelled widely in his thinking. It was not just his family who noticed that in his last years his mind seemed to grow younger as his body aged.

Years ago when he "discovered" bamboo, he included it in his life's work. As he grew and studied it, trying to describe and classify it, he tended an inner garden as well—analyzing, describing and putting into perspective his own complex nature. While the man and his work were never completed to his own satisfaction, at his death his professional contributions were innumerable. His personal discoveries had rewarded him with some extraordinary relationships and rare perceptions.

His spirit must have taken great delight in finding itself released on a fresh spring evening out among the plants he loved. No one would have wanted to deny him that gentle parting.

August 14, 1897 — April 15, 1970



Floyd McClure with a flute made by him from a section of the Tonkin Cane, a Chinese bamboo which he was the first to make known to science and which bears the name *Arundinaria amabilis* McClure.



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great person and with his help and the help of Alvin Smith, Mick's artist from Cambridge, I have the first to think it will be possible to finally see the work in print. I am grateful that Mick was spared all suffering - and his doctor says it was most unusual that he had almost a decade of productive work after his near-fatal heart attack in 1960. On April 15, 1970 he & I spent a wonderful day working in the office (I had been his Research Assistant for 10 years) and then out along the cherry blossoms. The trees, their buds just beginning to push, made a beautiful setting against the sky.

October 5, 1970

Dear Wilson - I thought you would like a copy of my memorial to Mick. Our friendships with you goes back almost half a century.

You know it is difficult now for me to begin a whole new life - yet I am very fortunate in that the National Science Foundation has asked me to try and ready Mick's almost-completed manuscript on the New World bamboo for publication by the Smithsonian Press - an awesome task. Yet it is life-saving to come down to the office and work with his colleagues. Young Dr. Tom Soderstrom, Head of the Guatemala Barium, is a

On arrival home Mick changed into his immediate winter garden clothes while I got the supper. So he was down what he loved best to do - work among his plants, especially his "bamboo friends!" I love to recall the many happy occasions when Mick and I were with you, both in the United States and in Honduras. It makes me glad to think of you and Alice down there in that beautiful land of Guatemala. With best time greetings and affectionate wishes to you and all good Sincerely,
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Oct 8 [1970]

Dear Wilson

When will you be in Miami again? Where?

I may catch up with you there.

Where is our fruit book?

Lets to talk to you about. Keep a stiff upper
lip and keep a song in your heart.

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Dr. Wilson Bopenoe
Calle Noblexa No. 1
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Most Enduring Friend

Grateful for your letter and to know you are busy on that fruit book. You'll fool me yet by getting the job done. I'm not surprised as I know your capacity.

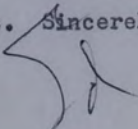
I didn't go to the FSHS meeting but I did go to the AHS because there I got to see fellows from all over the country that I know, including Hurov from Hawaii and Gaskins from Puerto Rico, as well as Howard, Seibert, Hume, and a lot more. Also I had a man over there from U. of M. Press talking about the book I've projected -- a collection of my magazine pieces about flowering trees, about 35 of them I've written over the years, and as all the writing is done and I have all the pix the book will not be much of a strain on me. Geo. Lawrence is writing the introduction (you just did escape getting that job) so be sure to say your prayers tonight and be thankful for another blessing.

I can't give you a bit of help on that grapes difficulty. You'll have to contact some of those fellows at Gainesville when you come up.

I'm planning a book on SHRUBS. See enclosed letter that has gone to 300 plantmen all over the world. A flood of replies is coming in. I can't do the actual research and writing but I'll assemble all the material, photos, etc. I like doing that sort of thing and it keeps me from being unemployed.

Take care of yourself and be sure to see me if you come this way. I list your Manual of Trop & s-t Fr in my book list (just now getting out a new one) and sell a good many copies.

All the best always. Sincerely



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[1972?]

Dear Wilson

As soon as I get those Tegucigalpa books from the bindery I'm sending you one as a birthday present. You see March is my birthday month but I'm doing things backward. I was 59 last year, now I'm 58, and so on. And instead of receiving presents on my birthday I'm giving them. Yours will be in the mail one of these days and I think you'll get a kick out of it.

Cheerio.

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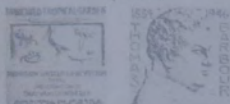
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Dr Wilson Popenoe June 19 1972
Calle de la Nobleza No. 2
Antigua, GUATEMALA, Central America

Dear Wilson

Another year has slipped by since we have compared notes and I've been thinking about you, hoping all is well and that you continue happy, busy, and full of your oldtime vigor. Are you finding enough to do to match your energies?

I'm still plugging away at my writing. The Garden Journal (NY Bit G) will publish an article I've written on monocarps, precipitated by the blooming, seeding, and bying of a huge Corypha palm at Chaoman Field -- 70 feet high, planted back in 1934. Also I've just had a lot of fun writing a piece about the double coconut (*Lodoicea maldavici*) that I'm going to send to American Forests. I'm trying to find a collaborator on a book about the EDIBLE NUTS OF THE WORLD on which I've accumulated a lot of material but I need a partner to do the actual writing. And I always have at least 6 other irons in the fire, no time to sit around and twiddle.

Write me a lote when you have time. You will get a smile out of the enclosed.

Keep a song in your heart.

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Feb 6 [1973/1974]

Dear Wilson

This book will take you back to the days
when you and I were 8 or 10 years old.

You and Ralph Kingsley are my oldest friends. In yjose
days he lived on Van Buren between 6th and 7th. He now
lives in Winter Park, Fla., so I have sent him a copy too.

Keep a song in your heart.

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I think I'm wrong. I believe Kingsleys lived
opposite the court house between 4th and 5th. Do you remember Ralph?
We used to call him "Fat."

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Aug 13 [1973/74]

Dear Wilson

Mrs. Lau told me of stopping to see you and she reports that despite some puny spells, you are still up and at 'em with the old gleam in your eye. That's what I wanted to hear and I'm trying to follow your example.

I wrote my brother Karl the other day on his birthday and reminded him that SEVENTY years ago this month he and I (and the Popenee boys) were in St. Louis at the world's fair sticking our fingers in the crack in the liberty bell. Of course you couldn't remember that far back but so it was.

Enclosed is a circular I just get out, and it will interest you. Keep going old boy and keep a song in your heart.

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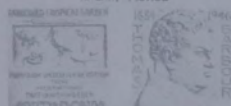
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Dr. Wilson Kopenow
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Dear Wilson

I hope this finds you still up and at 'em. I keep going though my poor vision is a terrible obstacle. I'm still plugging away getting photos and material for a book on the EDIBLE NUTS OF THE WORLD of which there seem to be several hundred. I need to pick your brains a little.

In South America I'm familiar with Bergholetia and Lechythis. But beyond those I am VERY ignorant and I want you to suggest a list of the nuts I need to bone up on.

As you'll note by the enclosed paper I gave last year at the Fla State Hort Soc meeting, I define "nut" as a hardshelled fruit of which humans eat the kernel. This ropes in nutmeg and many other things not ordinarily considered as "nuts", but it leaves outluchee, etc. as we don't eat the kernel. I'm arbitrarily excluding most of the oaks and beans, and I have trouble with the cashew and some others. Of course a lot of things are called "nuts" that are not eaten at all, so I'll have a chapter on NOT NUTS. Lot of palm fruits besides the coconut are eaten and relished so I'll give them proper attention. O lmoaw a little about Guevina but there my fund of information stops.

What nuts, by my definition, are described in your Manual of Trop ' subtrop fruits? I'm too blind to hunt, so you tell me which pages go xerox.

Keep going, Wilson, and keep a song in your heart

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Dr Wilson Popence
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Dear Wilson

Good to hear from you. You are wrong about Elaeis.
It may be an oil palm primarily but the nuts are eaten
extensively.

Questions I need to ask YOU --

1. I know the fruits of Bactris are eaten. Question: Are
the SEEDS eaten? Does the fruit have a HARD outside (Shell) --
in other words, is it a NUT by my classification?

Same questions about Aegle marmelos. I know it has a
hard shell but are the SEEDS eaten?

I've had to put Struchnos spinosa in the chapter on
"NOT NUTS" because although the contents of the hard
shell are eaten, I find nothing to indicate that the
seeds are eaten. Of you know different, tell me.

I got a copy of that PLANT EXPLORERS book from FTG and
I think it has possibilities. I've written EAA at Tegucigalpa
and asked how many copies they have and what they will
take for the whole works. If I DO decide to use it, I'll
put a new jacket on it. NO BOOK labelled "Symposium"
every sold itself to anybody. My jacket will make
EVERYBODY jump at a chance to look inside. Such is
salesmanship on a dark night.

Keep a song in your heart. New Year -- we've for a new chance.

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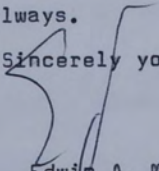
Dear Wilson:

See attached copy of letter I have written today.
The offer is not much but if I am going to do all the
worrying, it is enough.

It is unfortunate that such an awful title was
gold stamped on the cover of the book because I think
it is a valuable publication and I will do the best
I can with it.

With all good wishes always.

Sincerely yours,


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I would want them sent by the most reasonable method, freight or what have you to Miami, Florida, and would want them addressed to the Dobbs Brothers Bindery Company, 1075 East 14th St., Hialeah, Florida 33010 this is a suburb of Miami - who will acknowledge as receiving agent for me.

If this is satisfactory I will mail you a check for the books and I will also send a check for your estimate of the freight charges.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe ✓

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February 12, 1974

Kermit H. Adams, Director
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Dear Mr. Adams:

Thank you for your letter of Feb. 4th. Enclosed is a check for the symposium books, and please prepay the air freight if possible and let me reimburse you. The books should be shipped to:

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1075 East 14th St.,
Hialeah, Florida 33010

The waybill should be marked "Scientific Books" because under this classification there is no customs duty in this country. I will appreciate your advising me when the books are shipped. Thank you for your co-operation.

Sincerely yours,

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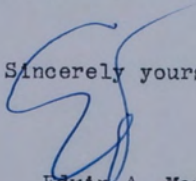
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Dear Wilson:

Thanks for your letter of May 5th. The Palms book was a gift. I celebrated my birthday by doing things backwards - last year I was 59 and this 58 and instead of receiving presents I sent them to 50 friends of long standing. I have sent you another book that you will receive soon and will get a laugh out of it.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,



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Dear Friend:

The big FRUIT NEWS of the year is the reprinting of Popenoe's: MANUAL OF TROPICAL AND SUBTROPICAL FRUITS and this wonderful book is now available at \$13.95. I pay the postage if your check accompanies your order, add sales tax in Florida.

This book, by far the best publication in its field, has a new introduction written by Dr. Wilson Popenoe who has lived to do this 54 years after the original go round, few authors ever have this distinction.

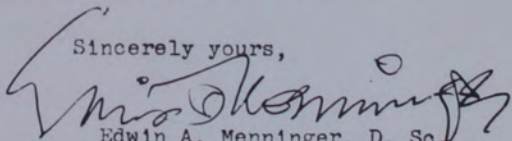
Some other fruit books are worthy of your attention:

THE PEACH(Childers). 1974 edition. Varieties, culture, marketing and pest control. 377 pgs. illus., price \$7.00.

WITH THE GREAT PLANT EXPLORERS, David Fairchild, Wilson Popenoe and Others. What they did for American Gardens...fascinating stories of the plants they introduced, including the avocado, Macadamia nut, rice, celery, coffee, cocoa, sorghum and many others, price \$ 5.95.

I will be glad to send you my 1975 price list if you are interested.

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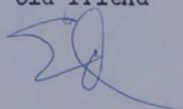
Dec 9 [74]

Dr Wilson Popenoe
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Dear Wilson

I've just ordered a Christmas present for you. Yje Shawnee County Historical Society has just published a book of OLD HOMES in Topeka with a couple hundred pictures and they will bring back many happy memories to you. One of the pictures is of your home in Highland Park. Also one of the Daniels place on 21st St where we turned off of Topeka Ac to head for your place. Also of homes on Van Buren that you will remember. Also one of the Menninger home with three small boys standing out front -- you couldn't guess who. And so on and on. You'll get a lot of fun out of it and I hope the book will help to make your Christmas merry,

Your old friend



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Dear Wilson

Wonderful to get your letter. You're not so damned old. It is a pity that some of the se young bucks don't have the get-up-anf-go that you and I still have.

On the nut book, I expect to include everything that somebody calls a nut, but I'm going to make some sharp distinctions. One section of the book will be devoted to the NOT NUTS which will include Elaeis, Hyphaene, Litchi, and plenty more (vegetable ivory etc.) The only "nuts" I'm really having difficulty with are the legumes like Bauhinia esculenta, Tamarindus, etc. which ARE eaten by humans, and I'll probably have a chapter of them. And I'm wary of Quercus, because so far as I know, the sp. that ARE eaten by humans are just a tidbit rather than a food item; maybe some are "starvation foods" but I'm not sure how far to go on that. At any rate I'm plugging away on this NUTS idea and have collected a colossal amount of stuff for somebody to write. The pili nut is represented in a big way and similarly a dozen other Philippine nuts that most of us know nothing about. So with many tropi al African nuts. A surprising lot of palm nuts are eaten, and I'm after them. More damned vfun; and if you think of any suggestions to spue mw on, don't hesitate to tell me. I'm too blind to write the book mysekf but I've collected HUNDREDS of photos and plenty of other stuff for somebody to put together someday.

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Regarding the Lancetilla book. I'll write the sirector and see what he'll take for ALL the books. I may scheme up something to offer

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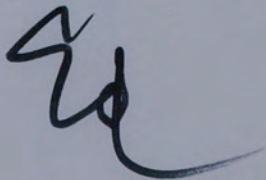
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mailing soon because I expect by new book COLOR IN THE SKY will be ready to sell before too long. It is mostly a reprint of "scholarly" articles I wrote for various magazines over the years -- the first one on Oncoba in the NY Bot Gar Jbl 25 yrs ago.

Anyhow I'm thinking and am glad I stirred you up. Keep coming. And keep a song in your heart.

Merry Christmas.



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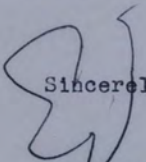
Happy to get your letter of Jan. 24th and you will be delighted to hear that I have sold about 100 copies of the reprint of your book and still getting orders faster than I can get stock from New York.

Hafner gives me only 20% discount which I do not think is right for a bookseller and I have complained about it so I have no idea what discount they will give you. If you want me to send you some copies at my cost I will be delighted to do so.

Yes I have been doing very well with the plant explorers book. I have not kept any count but I am sure I have sold 50 copies or more the past month. As I told my wife I am losing money every day but my volume is holding up.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,



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