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Asgrow Export Corporation

INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF ASSOCIATED SEED GROWERS, INC.
BREEDERS AND GROWERS OF VEGETABLE SEED SINCE 1856

2 June, 1958

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TELEGRAMS: ASGROW MILFORD
CONNECTICUT, U.S.A.



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Dr. Wilson Popenoe
c/o Rancho California
Almuñecar (Granada)
Spain

Original Via Air Mail ✓
Confirmation Via Sea Mail

My dear Dr. Popenoe,

Your letter which was mailed from Granada 16th May, addressed to F. H. Woodruff and Sons in Mercedes, Texas, reached us by a rather devious route!

As you may have learned from the trade news if you are continuing to subscribe to Seed World, Seed Trade News, etc., F. H. Woodruff & Sons, Inc. was brought into the Asgrow company some months ago with the effective date of the actual absorption being just about now.

So Mercedes turned your letter over to Asgrow Texas Company, which is the domestic distribution branch of Asgrow for the Texas and surrounding territory, and Mr. Ervil Fry, president of the Texas company, sent it up to us as we are the International Division of Asgrow, consequently handle all such inquiries as yours. So we have your letter!

Well, of course, we know Wilson Popenoe and I personally have tried to see you a couple of times while passing through Honduras but either haven't had the time to do it or, when I did have, you were off station so, one way or another, we never got to meet each other.

I'm interested now that you are there in Spain because I know that territory a little although not from too much actual travelling there because the Spanish government, as you are probably well aware, is not at all sympathetic to bringing in seed apparently from anywhere, but certainly not from the U.S.A. As our representative in Madrid told me "It isn't that they forbid it; the government just won't grant the import permits!"

Asgrow Export Corporation, NEW HAVEN 2, CONN., U. S. A.

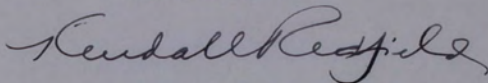
TO Dr. Wilson Popenoe
DATED 2 June, 1958
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We're going to send you separately a copy of our general catalog and also we shall send you within the next few days a copy of our price sheet both in English and Spanish. I imagine from your years in Honduras you may even prefer to read the Spanish but, either way, you will have the price data before you. Let us know what you want in the way of samples, etc. and we shall be glad to send them and, since we don't have any regular distribution in Spain, would be glad to receive your orders for whatever quantity you need with the exception that the VIGORPAKed items ought to be bought in a minimum of one can.

When you have occasion to write tell me what you know about the import situation on seed currently, would you. It would be a favor to us!

Very best wishes to you for a most successful tour of duty in the Land of the Tierra de Cantos y Santos!

Sincerely yours,



Kendall Redfield, President
Asgrow Export Corporation

KR/ad

Rancho California, Almuñecar (Granada) SPAIN
17 August 1958

Kendall Redfield, Esq.
President, the Asgrow Export Corporation
Milford, Connecticut, EE UU de A

Dear Mr Redfield:

On coming back to my "base" from a two months trip to the eastern Mediterranean, including a good stay with my horticultural friends in Israel - what those boys are accomplishing under difficult conditions is a wonder! - I find your letter of 2 June and a note from Paul Ledig dated 1 July. I did not know you have taken over the Woodruff business. For some years we dealt with their Mercedes branch when I was at Escuela Agrícola Panamericana in Honduras, partly because their seeds were good and partly because they could ship from Brownsville to Tegucigalpa by air pretty easily. For the past couple of years we were buying from you. I am on the retired list and no longer at the school but I feel sure they will keep on buying from you.

I said I am on the retired list; I am, so far as EAP is concerned, but I shall hope to stay in the game for some time yet, as witness the job I am on here in southern Spain, trying to get better avocado varieties and some other subtropicals established. This is quite a winter truck crop region and I asked my friend David Burpee to send me some sample packets of things I thought interesting, which he did; and we are right now eating some of his tomatoes and rhubarb chard and will soon have a few Crenshaw melons. You ask about the situation regarding shipping seed to Spain - you tell me your understanding of it and as far as I can learn from my friends here, unofficially, you are right. It is not that the government does not ^{allow} people to plant American seeds; it is simply that they don't want any money to go out of the country. I recently ran up against the same thing when I wrote the Planet Jr people about getting a few wheel hoes for my friends here. I don't know that there is much we can do about it, though I have the feeling that if and when we have a real case, as for example in regard to good vegetable seeds, we might get somewhere if we could sit down quietly with the right man or two and talk things over. For the time being, it seems to me about all we can hope for is mail order shipments of seeds like the one David Burpee sent me; no objection was raised at all. This is of no help to you. But I do wish we could find some way to put American seeds on the market, especially in the Vigorpak form. In my six months here I have seen so much inferior produce, due to poor seed.

I have some pretty good contacts among the government people in Madrid and elsewhere in the country - those in the agricultural field. Whenever I get a chance I am going to bring up the matter of superior vegetable seeds from the States and see what reactions I can get. Many thanks for your descriptive catalog - a veritable handbook of vegetable varieties. Extremely useful. I am going down to the Canary Islands this week; back here about 10 September; then up to southern Germany and probably back to Central America before Christmas.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe

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My dear Dr. Popenoe,

It was good to receive your interesting and newsy letter of 17th August and to study your comments about the situation there.

In connection with samples, any time you need a few species and varieties why don't you sing out and we'll send either some of our regular international packets -- if we have the variety in packets -- or we'll make up some samples and send them to you. Unless you need unusually large amounts there won't be any charge; we'll put it down to sales promotion!

To that end I'm enclosing a packet order form which shows you what presently is in our packets. We happen to be enlarging this line at the moment but aren't ready with the new items yet.

I note that you said our catalog was received and I believe this must be the No. 19 which is the last general catalog in English which has been issued. You may remember we had a larger catalog (page size 8½ x 11") and undoubtedly you had a copy of this when you were in Honduras. This is extremely old now -- something over ten years -- but it was such a good handbook of vegetables and included so many illustrations that on the assumption that you may not have a copy in your library there in Almuñecar we are sending one by ordinary mail and in due time it will show up and perhaps be of some use.

We'll be glad to hear from you again and don't forget -- if you need anything, just holler.

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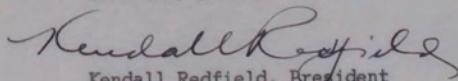
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CUSTOMER:

Ex. No.

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Variety</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Variety</u>
		<u>SWISS CHARD</u>			
	4226	White Silver		✓ 4234	<u>CHIVES</u>
	4225	Lucullus			<u>PARSNIP</u>
	✓ 4001	<u>ARTICHOKE</u>		4475	Hollow Crown
		<u>CHICORY</u>			<u>BRUSSELS SPROUTS</u>
	4230	Radichetta		4048	Half Dw. Imp.
	4231	Witloof			<u>KALE</u>
		<u>CELERY</u>		✓ 4315	Tall Gr. Scotch
	✓ 4206	Self Blanching		4313	Dwarf Gr. Scotch
	4212	Wonderful Golden Pl.			<u>CAULIFLOWER</u>
	4204	Giant Pascal		4184	Snowball
	4220	<u>CELERIAC</u>			<u>RUTABAGA</u>
		<u>PEAS</u>		4745	American Purple T
	1094	White Marrowfat		4748	White Swede
	1002	Alaska			<u>KOHL RABI</u>
	✓ 1100	American Wonder		4321	White Vienna
	✓ 1083	Little Marvel		4320	Purple Vienna
	1082	Laxton's Superb		✓ 4285	<u>DANDELION</u>
	1004	Telephone			<u>ENDIVE</u>
	1090	Mam. Melting Sug.		4306	Batavian Full Ht.
		<u>EGG PLANT</u>		4308	Gr. Curled Ruffec
	4295	Black Beauty			<u>ASPARAGUS</u>
	4298	Long Purple		4008	Mary Washington
	4299	New York			<u>SPINACH</u>
	4251	<u>WATER CRESS</u>		4577	Bloomsdale
				4583	New Zealand
	4046	<u>BROCCOLI</u> -Christmas Cal.		4590	Viroflay
		<u>PUMPKIN</u>			<u>LETTUCE</u>
	4515	Connecticut Field		4341	Hanson
	✓ 4521	Small Sugar		4331	Big Boston
		<u>CORN SALAD</u>		4376	Simpson's Curled
	4247			4332	Grand Rapids
		<u>CARDOON</u>		4365	N.Y., Los Angeles
	8506			4380	Cos Paris White
	4447	<u>ONION</u>		4379	White Boston
	4434	White Portugal		4350	Imperial 847
	4434	Ebenezer		4343	Iceberg
	4452	Yellow Globe Dan- ver		4364	Mignonette
					<u>SWEET CORN</u>
	4445	White Globe		3014	Golden Bantam
	4430	Prizetaker (Valencia)		3011	Clark's Evergreen
	4441	Red Wethersfield			
	4444	White Queen-Pick.			
	4450	Yellow Bermuda			

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Variety</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Variety</u>
		<u>CANTALOUPE</u>			
	4117	Hale's Best		2703	<u>SOY BEANS</u> -Bansel
	4119	✓Honey Dew			<u>LEEK</u>
	4141	Tip Top		4325	American Flag
	4138	Rocky Ford		4324	Giant Carentan
		<u>MUSTARD</u>			<u>OKRA</u>
	4406	Broad Leaved		4422	Tall Green
	4410	Gt. Curled		4421	Dwarf Green
		<u>TURNIP</u>			<u>RADISH</u>
	4722	White Ft. Dutch		4544	Sparkler
	4720	Snowball		4540	Crimson Giant
	4719	Purple Top Wt. Gl.		4541	Scarlet Globe
	4718	Purple Top Strap Lvd.		4554	White Icicle
	4715	Lg. White C.H.		4538	Long Scarlet
	4717	Milan Purple Top		4545	French Breakfast
	4758	Shogoin		4550	Long Black Spanis
				4543	Early Scarlet Tur
		<u>CUCUMBER</u>			<u>BEET</u>
	4258	Chicago Pickling		4024	Edmand's Bld. Turn
	4262	Early Fortune		4021	Flat Red Egyptian
	4266	W. I. Gherkin		4018	Crosby's Egyptian
	4260	Submarine		4016	Asgrow Wonder
	4267	Long Green		4019	Detroit Dark Red
		<u>PARSLEY</u>			<u>MANGEL WURZEL</u>
	4471	Plain		4398	Mam. Long Red
	4468	Moss Curled			<u>CABBAGE</u>
		<u>PEPPER</u>		4067	Brunswick
	4494	Red Chili		4068	✓Golden Acre
	4483	Cal Wonder		4075	Mammoth Red Rock
	4502	Ruby King		4082	Savoy Perfection
	4496	World Beater			Drumhead
	4489	Lg. Red. Cayenne		4074	Late Flat Dutch
	4482	Bull Nose		4064	Dw. Flat Dutch
		<u>BEANS</u>		4073	Jersey Wakefield
	2016	Bountiful		4061	Copenhagen Market
	2017	Stgls. Green Pod		4063	Danish Ball Head
	2100	Stgls. Wax		4085	All Season Succes
	2205	Dwarf Lima		4059	Charleston Wakefi
	2260	King of Garden			<u>COLLARD</u>
	2740	✓Kentucky Wonder		4242	Georgia
					<u>PE-TSAI</u>
				4060	Chihli
				4090	Wong Bok
				4566	<u>RHUBARB</u> -Victoria
				4570	<u>SALSIFY</u> -Mam. Sand- wich Island

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Variety</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Code</u>	
		<u>WATERMELON</u>			<u>ALYSSUM</u>
_____	4787	Fla. Favorite	_____	8003	Carpet of Snow
_____	4770	Kleckley's Sweet	_____	8004	Perennial
_____	4778	Stone Mountain			
_____	4788	Tom Watson	_____	8130	<u>LUPINS</u>
					An. Mxd.
		<u>TOMATO</u>			<u>POPPY</u>
_____	4651	Scarlet Dawn	_____	8205	Iceland
_____	4706	Cardinal	_____	8202	Oriental
_____	4671	Earliana	_____	8204	Shirley
_____	4660	Bonny Best	_____	8206	Hybrid Mixed
_____	4681	Marglobe			
_____	4685	✓ Ponderosa	_____	8019	<u>ANEMONE</u>
_____	4702	✓ Rutgers	_____		
_____	4662	Stone	_____	8222	<u>SNAPDRAGON</u>
_____	4709	✓ San Marzano	_____		
_____	4687	✓ Pritchard	_____	8048	<u>COLUMBINE</u>
					<u>SWEET PEAS</u>
_____	4161	<u>CARROT</u> Long Orange	_____	8245	Sr. Flw. Sc.
_____	4155	Chantenay	_____	8242	White
_____	4164	Oxheart	_____	8333	Mariner
_____	4153	Imperator	_____	8332	Mars
_____	4163	Nantes	_____	8236	Mixed
_____	4157	Danvers	_____	8248	Per. Mixed
				8244	Sr. Flw. Pk.
				8235	Shirley Temp.
				8246	Spencer Mixed
				8234	Early Crimson
		<u>SQUASH</u>			
_____	4621	Cocozelle	_____	8026	<u>BALSAM</u> Db. Mixed
_____	4617	Golden Hubbard	_____		
_____	4618	Green Hubbard	_____	8027	<u>BEGONIA</u>
_____	4624	✓ Table Queen	_____		
_____	4627	✓ Black Zucchini	_____		
					<u>CALENDULA</u>
_____	8537	<u>HERBS</u> Sorrel	_____	8029	Orange King
_____	8538	Sweet Basil	_____	8033	Mixed
_____	8503	Borage	_____	8032	Sunshine
_____	4290	Dill	_____	8030	Yellow Col.
_____	8514	Fennel			
_____	8539	Swt. Marjoram	_____	8036	<u>CALLIOPSIS</u>
_____	8529	Rosemary	_____		
_____	8533	Sage	_____	8038	<u>CANTERBURY BELL</u>
_____	8541	Thyme	_____		
_____	8002	<u>AGERATUM</u>	_____		
					<u>NASTURTIUM</u>
_____		<u>STOCKS</u>	_____	8156	Trailing Mixed
_____	8300	Beauty of Nice	_____	8157	Golden Gleam
_____	8301	Double Crimson	_____	8158	Sc. Gleam
_____	8225	Double 10 Wks. Mxd.	_____	8159	Gleam Hybds.
_____	8302	Double Purple	_____	8155	Dwarf Mixed
_____	8303	Double Pink			
_____	8260	<u>VIRGINIA STOCKS</u>	_____	8070	<u>CANDYTUFT</u>
				8037	Hy. Flwd. White
					Mixed

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_____	8021	<u>BACHELOR BUTTON</u> Double Blue	_____	8101	<u>HOLLYHOCK</u> Dble.
_____	8022	Double Mixed	_____	8062	<u>AFRICAN DAISY</u>
_____	8250	<u>SWEET SULTAN</u>	_____	8145	<u>MOONFLOWER</u> - Wh.
_____	8112	<u>BURNING BUSH</u>	_____	8064	<u>SHASTA DAISY</u>
_____		<u>CARNATION</u>	_____	8317	<u>ROCK GARDEN</u> Mixed
_____	8041	Chabaud Mixed	_____	8075	<u>MYOSOTIS</u>
_____	8071	Double Giant Red	_____	8167	<u>NIGELLA</u> Mixed
_____	8072	Marguerite	_____	8161	<u>NEMOPHILA</u>
_____	8196	<u>DIANTHUS</u> (Pinks)	_____	8121	<u>LARKSPUR</u>
_____		<u>MARIGOLD</u>	_____		<u>PANSY</u>
_____	8136	African Double	_____	8179	Mixed
_____	8139	Yellow Supreme	_____	8210	Blue
_____	8140	Harmony	_____	8211	Yellow
_____	8132	Crown of Gold	_____	8176	Purple
_____	8133	Orange Sunset	_____	8178	Trimardeau Mixed
_____	8052	<u>COSMOS</u> (Mixed)	_____	8177	Swiss Gt. Mx.
_____	8046	<u>CHRYSANTHEMUM</u> -Sgl.	_____		<u>PETUNIA</u>
_____	8061	<u>DAHLIA</u> -Dwarf Hybds.	_____	8171	Blue Balcony
_____	8067	<u>DELPHINIUM</u> - Mixed	_____	8184	Gts. of Californi
_____		<u>MORNING GLORY</u>	_____	8185	Hybrid Mixed
_____	8148	Heavenly Blue	_____	8172	Heavenly Rose
_____	8149	Imperial Giant Mxd.	_____	8180	Flaming Velvet
_____	8076	<u>FOUR O'CLOCK</u> -Mixed	_____	8190	<u>PHLOX DRUMMONDI</u>
_____	8219	<u>SCABIOSA</u> - Mixed	_____	8220	<u>SCARLET RUNNER</u>
_____	8334	<u>SNOW-ON-THE-MOUNTAIN</u>	_____	8207	<u>BEANS</u> <u>PORTULACA</u>
_____	8086	<u>GAILLARDIA</u> -Pren.Mxd.	_____	8214	<u>RANUNCULUS</u>
_____	8084	<u>GILIA</u> -Capitata	_____	8201	<u>CALIF. POPPY</u>
_____	8095	<u>GODETIA</u> Dbl'd. Mxd.	_____		<u>ASTER</u>
_____	8091	<u>GYPSOPHILA</u> -White	_____	8014	Ostrich Plume
_____	8100	<u>HELIOTHROPE</u> -Dk.Mxd.	_____	8011	American Branch.
_____	8055	<u>CYPRESS VINE</u> Mxd.	_____	8016	Peerless Pink
_____	8126	<u>LINARIA</u>	_____	8015	Heart of France
_____	8128	<u>LOBELIA</u> - Dw. Bl.	_____	8013	Giant Crego
			_____	8144	<u>MIGNONETTE</u> (Machet)
			_____	8042	<u>CASTOR BEAN</u>

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Variety</u>
_____	8215	<u>SALPIGLOSSIS</u>
_____	8217	<u>SALVIA</u>
_____	8221	<u>SCHIZANTHUS</u>
_____	8226	<u>EVERLASTING</u>
_____	8253	<u>TITHONIA</u>
_____	8231	<u>SUNFLOWER</u>
		<u>VERBENA</u>
_____	8256	Defiance
_____	8255	Mixed
_____	8258	<u>VINCA</u>
_____	8259	<u>VIOLET</u>
_____	8090	<u>ORN. GOURDS</u>
		<u>ZINNIA</u>
_____	8274	Golden Dawn
_____	8279	Red Rd. Hd.
_____	8265	Fantasy Mix
_____	8283	Illumination
_____	8277	Lilliput
_____	8269	Lavender
_____	8271	Pink
_____	8266	California Giant
_____	8275	Giant Double
_____	8162	<u>NICOTIANA</u>

Rancho California, Almuñecar (Granada) SPAIN
13 October 1958

Mr Kendall Redfield, President,
Asgrow Export Corporation,
Milford, Connecticut E U A

Dear Mr Redfield:

Shortly after getting back from a very interesting ten days in the Canary Islands I received your letter of 30 Sept. I am about to start on a six weeks tour of Spain which will probably end at the ramp of an airplane headed for Central America. For this reason I am going to give you a few impressions; they are not worth much, for I am sure you folks already know more about vegetables in Spain than I do, but they are the impressions of a casual bystander who has spent 35 years of his life playing with vegetables in Central America. I hope you will be interested in reading them even if they are not of much use; and speaking of those 35 years in Central America, when I was in Rome last July I spent several days working with the people in FAO of the United Nations, and in connection with a manual for school gardening in Central America they asked me to make a list of suitable vegetable varieties for the various climatic zones, which I had great pleasure in doing.

So I give you herewith some random observations, not because I want to get a job as your representative in Spain (you dont need one) and in any case I have a job; I have just agreed to write a Manual of Tropical Fruit Culture to be published in Spanish by Salvat Editores of Barcelona. This will keep me busy for the rest of my natural life if not longer.

You and I have discussed at long range the situation with regard to the importation of American seeds into Spain. I have not been in Madrid but shall probably be so next month and I shall see if I can learn anything more than I know at present. What I know is what you know. I am sure the whole program is not based on keeping out American seeds any more than those of Vilmorin or anybody else (What has become of Haage and Schmidt of Erfurt; they were big producers in my youth) but is part of the general program to keep as many pesetas at home as is reasonably possible. For example, I cannot buy Gillette blades in Spain but I can buy blades made of Swedish steel in Barcelona. I am told the system is this - and you doubtless know if I am correctly informed. The Instituto Nacional de Semillas Selectas, a dependency of the Ministerio de Agricultura, grants certain firms concessions to produce and sell seeds. I suppose they must import seeds from time to time to get new varieties etc. I enclose an envelop which carried lettuce seeds of the variety "Crispilla Verde" which was sold in the city of Granada. You will note that this envelop was issued by Concesionaria number 9 (I dont know who that is) and that the seeds were certified on the 20th of February 1957 to be good until the same date in 1960. When issued they showed a germination of 91%.

During the next month I hope to get an idea of what they are doing in northern Spain. I believe most of the seed production is in that part of the country. I may write you what I am able to observe. For the present, here are my random comments on vegetables here:

Asparagus. Seems to be quite a lot grown up around Aranjuez, just south of Madrid. Maybe elsewhere. Pretty good job of putting it up in glass and tin, practically all white, and good large spears. Not too popular apparently; I don't think the situation is quite the same as it used to be in Guatemala when your daughter got married. For the wedding feast you had to buy Item 1, a Swift's Premium Ham, Item 2, a can of California asparagus tips, and Item 3, a bottle of Champagne.

Beans. Green or snap. I am told they have good varieties up north. Here in Andalucia we usually get green pods from the plants destined ultimately to produce dry beans. They are not too tough or stringy, but they don't have much flavor. I need to know more about this subject.

Beans Lima. I have seen none in Andalucia to date. I would like to see some of the Sieva type tried here.

Beets and Carrots. Not terribly popular but probably as popular as they deserve to be, especially beets, in which I cannot see much nutritional value and only good to eat with (a) plenty of butter, or (b) plenty of vinegar, salt, pepper and onions. I think their carrots are or were originally French varieties.

Chard, Swiss. Not much used here in southern Spain. Probably no need for better varieties.

Broccoli. I don't recall having seen any here, to date.

Cabbage. Here I think is an opportunity. This morning we were in the market and there was a big pile of green leaves turned upside down and my wife asked, What are those things? and I said, I'll look inside and see if they might be cauliflowers, but they weren't. And this noon we ate a head of Golden Acre produced fifty feet from our kitchen, and what a difference. I don't know: there are as many vitamins in those big green leaves as in a head of Golden Acre (You remember the story of the London housewife who asked the greengrocer, Are there any vitamins in lettuce? and he replied, Madam there are always a few but you can easily wash them off. To be serious, I really believe something could be done here - at least in the south - with better varieties, not of vitamins, of course, but of cabbages.

Cantaloupes and other melons. What an opportunity! As you know, this is one of the world's great melon countries. How we have revelled in them since early August. They are about gone now. The Valencia melons, in the opinion of every loyal Spaniard, are the world's best. But there are Valencia melons and Valencia melons. My friends admit that buying a melon is just like getting married - you never know how it is going to turn out. I feel there is a lack of standardization. They don't seem to recognize varieties to any great extent. Melons seem to be melons, maybe they are called yellow or green or something like that. I would like to have spare time and spare money to experiment with melon varieties at Valencia and build up some seed stocks. (Of course the cantaloupe as we know it is not grown here, but the good melons are hard to beat).

Cauliflower. I don't know what varieties they grow. I suppose they are of French origin but you never hear anyone say this is a Super Snow-Ball or the equivalent in French.

Celery. Not very popular in southern Spain, Shows up in the market once in a while.

Corn (Sweet). Seems not to be known herein southern Spain. At the place where I have been headquartering for the past 8 months, the owner (who lives in Chile) had sent some sweet corn seed three years ago to be planted here. The local manager planted it, didnt eat it, and planted it again, according to orders. This year we showed him how to eat it and he was thrilled. He is a sweet corn enthusiast from now on. I wouldnt worry too much about introducing or developing sweet corns for this region for the time being. Too many other things to do. They dont even make full use of field corn, and refused to believe me when I told them that I was born in Kansas and was 21 years old before I knew you could make bread out of wheat.

Cucumbers. Pretty fair; I dont suppose there is much need for better varieties.

Egg Plant. Idem.

Lettuce. Big opportunity here. Not enough attention to varieties. Lechuga is lechuga. We have grown Slobolt here this year and it has made a hit: not so with Mignonette, which is my pet. I believe a lot could be done to improve the types of lettuce put on the Spanish market in general.

Onions. I guess we have you licked. The one we are eating here strikes me as being something like your Yellow Sweet Spanish (you doubtless know all about the Spanish onions) and they have the diameter of a butter plate - at least a butter plate big enough to hold all the butter you give us in one of your hotels these days. I bought one in the market this morning, 800 grams. And they are good. They have another form here more like our Louisiana Red Creole, so hot it makes you weep just to look at it. But I take my hat off to that Sweet Spanish.

Peas. Not much interest in them, here in southern Spain, but I have eaten some pretty good canned ones from the north. I have tried to sample all the canned fruit and vegetable products I have run across in this country; they are doing a really good job on some, not so good on the peaches and some other fruits.

Peppers. Very controversial subject. There are so many kinds, but at that nothing to compare with Mexico. They like them sweet, here. My kick would be that there is no uniformity in the seed. You get peppers allright, but what a range of sizes and shapes. Reminds me of my brother's story of the psychiatrist. A man came to him and said Doc, I am going crazy. You've got to help me out. And he said, What's the matter? And the man said, Its terrible, all day long, decisions, decisions, decisions. And the Doc said, what dasyou mean, and the man replied, I work in the orange packing house. I stand at the end of the chite, and the oranges come rolling down, and I have to pick out the little ones and put them in one box and the big ones and put them in another. Decisions, decisions, decisions!

Radish. No use arguing much about these. You show ten varieties on page 74 of your excellent catalog and I think they would all look very much alike to Juana Garcia if she were buying here in the Almuñecar market.

Squash and Pumpkin. I believe something can be done here. I dont know why we shouldnt have Zucchini and Cocozelle and some more of that kind. And I have seen no summer squashes (scallop type) here in Spain. Today we ate baked pumpkin; too watery. Spain could use some better varieties. How about Small Sugar?

Tomatos. A most interesting and important subject. Lots of good ones in the market, and lots of others deeply ribbed and of poor quality. I think too much seed is saved at home. Over in the Canary Islands they are really tops on tomato production; as you know, they ship to the British market (and other I assume) and they tell me the British want small tomatos so they grow British varieties; and they are fine, to my taste. They are just now planting, here on the Mediterranean coast, tomatos for the winter market in Barcelona and Madrid and elsewhere. I have seen their product, this past winter and spring, Not bad. Right now there are lots of tomatos in the market of the San Marzano type. Good stuff. Handles well and tastes just like a tomatø. I feel sure a lot could be done to increase the profits of winter tomato culture in this region by attention to varieties.

Watermelon. More attention to varieties needed. Good demand for watermelons in Spain.

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This has stretched to an interminable length. Treat it like San Zemurray, president of the United Fruit Company, used to do with our reports. He would hand one of them to the executive vice-president, Arthur Pollan, and say "Arthur, What is therein this that I ought to know?"

Sincerely yours,

Wilson Popenoe



Christmas 1963
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Stockton, Calif.

Dear Friends:

Last Christmas we wrote to you from Chile, telling of our approaching retirement. We were occupied already in the task of clearing up administrative and other responsibilities at EL VERGEL, the institution to which we had given 43 years of our lives. To it was added the task of sorting, discarding, giving away, selling or racking the accumulated personal possessions of a lifetime.

The need of saying "Good-bye" brought lumps to our throats, but we were the recipients of so many heart-warming expressions of regard from the host of friends that we had to leave behind. We hope some day to see many of them again, if time and circumstances will permit a future trip to that fair and lovely land that is Chile.

The end of March found us steaming out of the harbor of Valparaiso,

bound for San Francisco. We travelled 35 days under fair skies and little wind, stopping at numerous ports of call as only a freighter can do, reading and writing and resting, and learning much of the changing coastal trade from Captain Karl Staus, veteran of the Grace Line freighters. Outstanding in importance was the huge and expanding fish meal industry of Peru, and now Chile.

A month after our arrival at San Francisco and temporary settling in Stockton, we drove east as far as Ohio, where we visited with our son Larry in Dayton, and with Elbert's three brothers in Dayton, Lima and Cleveland. On the way east, in Lincoln, Nebraska, we accompanied Stan Moore at his wedding to Beryl Feather. Stan, you may remember, worked with us for three years at EL VERGEL and soon will return as a mar-



ried man to continue in that work. Another stop of three days was at Ames, Iowa, for Alumni Day, when the Alumni Association of Iowa State University honored several old graduates with Awards of Merit, Elbert forming part of the group.

A week at Greencastle, Indiana, was given to the Annual Missionary Conference of The Methodist Church (Board of Missions), where we met many friends again, and were ourselves finally "graduated" as retired missionaries with 43 years and 1 month of service, part of a numerous group which included an old classmate of Elbert's at Ames.

In Ohio we were joined by Marian's sister Lois, who accompanied us the remainder of the long journey of 11,000 miles. We returned westward across the northern tier of states, some new to us, taking in National and State Parks and Monuments and thrilling with the natural wonders of this world. We drove north into Canada as far as Calgary and Lake Louise; then west to Vancouver; turning southward through Washington, Oregon, and the Redwood forests of California to Stockton.

In those 80 days we covered 20 states and provinces, spent 28 nights in 27 motels, one night on a ferry crossing Lake Michigan, 21 nights with 13 friends, 23 with 8 relatives, and the 7 at the Missionary Conference. Large numbers of other friends and relatives were seen more briefly. The trip was rich with experiences and renewal of cherished ties. Our only regret was that we did not get to see all of you! And to give all of the details would require a book!

In October came a trip to Los Angeles and thereabouts, at which time another goodly number, as well as our two sons Rich and David and their families and also Elbert's only sister Hazel.

Since our last letter we have another addition to the family in the birth of Agnes Francis to our son Larry and his Chilian wife, Erna Vidal, in Dayton, born September 7. Joyce and her Spanish husband, Pedro Mompean, are now here in Stockton where Pedro is studying in Covell College of the University of the Pacific, which gives its courses in Spanish. Joyce, meantime, is in charge of the Religious Education program of the Grace Methodist Church, and also acts as temporary secretary for the San Joaquin County Migrant Ministry.

For the time being we are still living with Marian's sister, along with Joyce and Pedro. But we are in the process now of buying a home near the college here and expect to move in shortly, fixing up a small apartment for Joyce and Pedro.

Elbert has been putting in time and thought on a study of the street and shade tree situation, which has become a matter of serious concern in this country. This week, too, he was called to Sacramento for a consultation with the director of the Chile-California Program. That program, one of the initiatives of deceased President Kennedy, carries a potential of valuable technical aid to Chile by men of wide experience in this state.

We want to "dig in our roots" for a few years and to participate in the life of the community and the church. Later on we shall probably take facilities in one of the many fine retirement homes that we have been visiting and in which we have found many old friends.

Word from EL VERGEL tells of a successful year in the work there. The Masons, Walter and Sarita, have taken over the administration of the institution in our place, and they are living in the house that we had occupied since 1925. Both Walt and Sarita are capable and devoted workers, and, teamed up with the other capable missionaries and Chilian workers, we are sure that they will be effective and progressive in the work of the Kingdom of God in Chile. Walt still is an acting District Superintendent and has responsibilities in the over-all program of the Methodist Church which occupy part of his time. We were happy on leaving that the conditions of crops harvested, harvesting and to be harvested were the most promising in some years, which naturally is a big help to anyone taking over.

We would suggest that those of you whose interest is that of receiving circulars and letters telling of the work and the continuing program at EL VERGEL should write to one of our missionaries there and ask that your name be included in their mailing list if it is not there already. The Masons will be absent on a short furlough from this month of December till April 1964.

The Missionary Staff is as follows:

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Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Moore, On furlough

Let us express to you our deep appreciation for your years of interest and prayers and financial assistance. They are vital in this and in all work of the Christian Church and for those who continue in it. We covet your continued interest for those who have taken over where we have stepped out.

Please accept our fondest hope that this coming Christmas and The New Year that follows may be truly meaningful and loaded with the richest of blessings for you and for yours.

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