

some in tangerine straps and some in smaller containers such as avocado crates, and even in cardboard cartons.

The Florida lime industry surely has a future; the fruit fits into the citrus picture. On account of limited localities where it can be grown prof-

itably, the fear of over-production can be laid to rest. More and more knowledge is being obtained. The usual percentage of fittest growers will survive—are surviving—and I believe the lime growing business will eventually be an important supplement to our great citrus industry.

FLORIDA SHOULD HAVE PLANT QUARANTINE STATION

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Time and again, Florida importers of tropical plants have been up against the discouraging experience of having these plants arrive in dead or dying condition after passing through quarantine with the Bureau of Agriculture in Washington.

This is not necessarily the fault of any official or officials in particular, but is rather due to the antiquated and impractical routine in vogue "since Hector was a pup" of requiring all tropical plant material coming by steamship from the ends of the earth to be shipped away north to Washington on arrival for quarantine inspection, after which it is shipped south again to the consignee in Florida. Little of this plant material is packed originally by experts and in the course of a long ocean voyage suffers much from drying out and the loosening of earth from the roots. Additional time consumed in shipment to and from Washington and detention in quarantine where the original soil is frequently washed from the roots, often results in loss of many valuable plants for which the consignee has paid good money, only to receive in the end a box of dried up sticks and rubbish. Many tropical plant seeds lose their viability within a short time and, due to delays in transit, also frequently arrive in worthless condition.

The remedy is simple if sufficient pressure can be brought to bear on the powers that be in Washington. Let the Bureau of Agriculture establish a tropical plant quarantine station at Chapman Field, just south of Miami, for the benefit of Florida plant importers and those in our island dependencies and possessions. Chapman Field is already a government experiment station under supervision of the Bureau of Agriculture, so that no special legislation would seem to be necessary in order to establish such a quarantine station there.

Aerial navigation has progressed by leaps and bounds until Mexico, Central and South America and the West Indies are now within close touch with the Miami terminal station, with regular schedules maintained, so that now as never before a wealth of tropical plant material is available to Florida horticulturists and plant lovers, provided some way may be found to overcome the vexatious delay imposed by present quarantine regulations.

Florida horticulturists and nurserymen should bring pressure to bear with our Representatives and Senators to have a plant quarantine station established at Chapman Field.

BUSINESS MEETING OF THE KROME MEMORIAL INSTITUTE

Upon motion, which was duly seconded, Dr. H. S. Wolf, of Homestead, Florida, was elected

Vice-president of the Krome Memorial Institute for the fiscal year of 1937.