

NPC achievement award goes to Childers

MARTINSBURG, WV — The 1981 National Peach Council Achievement Award was presented to Norman F Childers of Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Outgoing NPC President Douglas Zee presented the Award at the Western Theme Party during the NPC Convention in Phoenix, Arizona.

Childers has been an outstanding contributor to the advancement of the peach industry and of National Peach Council. He has attended 12 NPC conventions beginning in Columbus, Ohio, in 1937, and has served on many NPC committees. He is currently a member of the Research & Education Committee. In 1963, Childers organized and

conducted the National Peach Conference and produced the book "The Peach" a 600 page book which has been printed in 4 editions, circulating 8500 copies. He is now revising the book for a 5th edition in 1982.

From 1974 to 1978, Childers traveled around the world visiting 55 countries studying various aspects of horticulture including peach growing. His findings on those travels were discussed in his speech at the NPC convention in San Antonio in 1978, which was published in the proceedings of that meeting.

Childers suggested and helped establish the Carroll R. Miller Award sponsored by National Peach Council. This award is

presented by the American Society for Horticultural Science. In 1974, he won that award for the research paper, "Calcium Nutrition of Peach and Prune Relative to Growth, Fruiting and Fruit Quality" with co-author Dennis A. Abdalla.

Childers was born in Moscow, Idaho, and was active as a 4-H member there. He became interested in pomology, and studied at the University of Missouri. After receiving his doctorate at Cornell University, he served on the faculty there and at Ohio State University. He served as Assistant Director of the USDA Experiment Station in Puerto Rico, then moved on to Rutgers University and has been there since 1948. He has

published a large number of research papers and other articles on peaches.

Childers is planning to retire in June. National Peach Council is

presenting seeking nominations with supporting information for this award. For more information contact or send nominations to National Peach Council, P.O. Box 1085, Martinsburg, WV 25401, (304) 267-6024 or 263-6161.

Md. apple commission

HAGERSTOWN, Md. — A meeting of the Maryland State Apple Commission will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 1981, at 9 a.m.

The meeting will be held at The Lounge of The Venice Inn Motel, 431 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, Maryland.

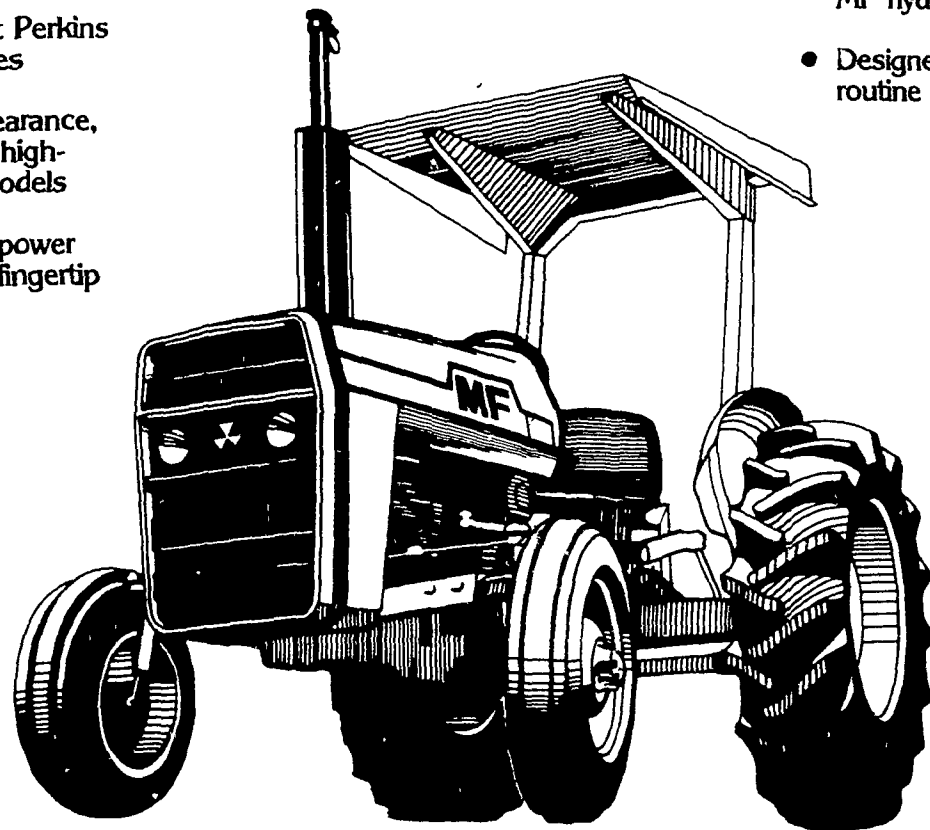
Subjects to be discussed at the

Commission meeting include State Ethics Commission, IAI 1980-82 Dues, Promotion Project Proposals from Maryland Department of Agriculture, Metro Sports Program, Eastern Apple Committee Budget for 1981-82 and other matters appropriate for that meeting.

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