

The new, toy-like plant, which yields delicious, full-size peaches, breaks into bloom at the same time as other peach varieties. The individual blossoms average an inch and a half in diameter, are cup-shaped and semi-double with 10 to 14 petals each. The color is rose-pink which darkens a little as the blossoms age. The fruit, which is considered "early-ripening" is in the medium size class when compared with standard peach varieties. A little thinning is desirable. Enough fruits should be removed so that those remaining do not touch. This type of thinning is practiced in most good commercial peach orchards as growers feel that it improves both the flavor and the texture of the fruit. Fruits on these toy-like dwarf trees are relatively uniform round to ovoid shape with flesh of good thickness which frees easily from the seed. The flesh is medium firm, light yellow and flecked with red toward the stone. It is fragrant, juicy and sweet flavored. The skin on these peaches is light yellow overlaid with flecks of rosy pink. It is of medium thickness and frees easily from the flesh. One of the nicest things about this new Bonanza, three-foot high, fruiting flowering peach of Arm-

leaves on a regular peach tree. Leaves on the Bonanza dwarf are the same shape as those on the regular peach and they have about the same green coloring but they are longer. Each leaf will measure from six and a half to seven and a half inches in length and from one and a quarter to one and a half inches in width. They will need spraying with bordeaux or one of the commercial preparations for preventing these tiny newcomers will be no chore at all. Inasmuch as the trees are grafted onto another type of rootstock, care should be taken to see the graft is kept above the soil level and any sucker growths that should happen to appear below the graft removed as soon as observed. Soil preparation should be the same as for any fruit tree or rose bush. Good drainage is essential as is plenty of sunshine. A generous amount of bonemeal should be worked into the soil below the roots when the little trees are being set out. Nitrogen fertilizers can be added later after the tree shows by its new growth that the roots have taken hold and are sending out new feeder roots.

Mathias Tantau, and is being introduced to America by the Jackson and Perkins company, Pleasanton, Calif. It has adapted well to local growing conditions, and will continue to be in full bloom in the Morcom rose garden for the remainder of the fall. The unusual feature in the presence of the trio of parent roses and offspring is the inclusion of Alpine Glow, according to the Oakland Park department's head risarian, George Shiraki, who is in charge of operations at the amphitheater. "Almost everybody has Peace," he said, "but Alpine Glow is quite rare around here now." Shiraki also pointed out that the Morcom garden, now at the height of its fourth crop of bloom for the season, is approaching its fifth blooming period. There is as much color in the garden as there was during the more widely known Rose Sunday period last May. Tropicana, called Super Star in Europe, won 12 awards in nine countries prior to winning the All-America award for 1963. They are the Concours International, Geneva, Switzerland; Presidents International trophy, England; Gold Medal, Bagatelle, Paris, France; Gold Medal, International

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