

# Fruit Judging

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The following interesting article is taken from an Albion High School yearbook. The Cheveron back in the teens and twenties was published twice a year. The information gleaned here is from the "Christmas Number" of 1916.

"The First Western New York Fruit Judging Contest was held at the Albion High School in the agricultural room on November 3, 1916. The Vocational schools of Agriculture at Holley, Albion, Middleport and Spencerport High Schools were scheduled to enter the contest but the Agricultural Department at Spencerport could not compete on account of other work.

"Three pupils who are taking third year work were selected by each school of agriculture to represent that school. Sullivan Howard, Donald Howard and Myron Taylor represented

Holley. Edwin Trolley, Milton Kast and Curtis Parker represented Albion. We are unable to give the names of the Middleport school team.

"The work was divided into three parts; 1st, identifying 100 plates of apples, 2nd, identifying 15 plates of pears, and 3rd, scoring 5 plates of apples. On the basis of 100 % Holley had a team average of 79%, Albion had a team average of 63% and Middleport had a team of 55%. Donald Howard and Sullivan Howard of Holley tied for individual high score at 80.5%. Curtis Parker was third at 77%.

"Thirty-six varieties of apples were used for the identification of the 100 plates of apples, ten leading varieties of pears were used for the identification of the fifteen plates of pears; the varieties of apples used in the scoring were Baldwin, Rhode Island, Northern Spy, Roxbury, Russet and Tompkins King with one substitution on each plate.

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"The Orleans County Fruit Growers Association gave a cup valued at \$10 for the competition. A medal was given by the teachers of agriculture to the pupil making the highest individual score. The school winning the cup keeps it for one year. To retain the cup permanently, a school must win it three times.

"We wish to thank the Orleans County Fruit Growers' Association for their kindness in donating the cup. Also, we wish to thank Mr. Steele and Mr. Bowen for their co-operation in making the contest a success and for contributing a large amount of fruit."