



Horticultural Society: Letters Received and Sent

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Daisies,
Caladiums,
Xanthosomas,
Dasheens

Cut Flowers in Season

DEER PARK, ALA.,

Aug. 16th



A. W. Catham

Dear Sir - Replying to yours of 6th
would say that I do not think you fully under-
stood my idea as expressed in my former letter.
Altho I should try to tell the exact truth
about southern conditions yet I feel that
what I would say would in no wise injure
your aim to build and protect the Minnesota fruit
interests which are so very dissimilar to ours.
I have no doubt but there are many Real
estate boomers in your city who would very much
hate to have the exact truth as I should
endeavor to express it told in your section.
I should endeavor to put you people right
on some of the big games told by these boomers
who are selling them gold bricks in the
shape of Alabama real estate.

Alabama has advantages, also disadvantages which all should know before investing in lands here, climatic conditions are favorable for those who cannot longer endure the rigors of the north, but there are so many things to be learned regarding our soils, rainfall and the adaptability of some different soils for different crops that it takes years for the new comer to learn and understand the same, and the conflicting stories from those who have blundered along, sometimes making failures and other times doing well are enough to befog the new comer.

Personally I am satisfied with Alabama as a home because I cannot stand the extreme cold of the north and there are crops especially adapted to this section that I know make profitable returns, when given the needful attention, but what is satisfactory to one is often disappointing to hundreds who are not of the same disposition and habits.

The Real Estate boomers who buy lands for \$3 to \$5 per acre and sell it to the land hungry people at from \$25 to \$100 per acre when it will take another like amount to clear it and put it into cultivation all good citizens should be warned against.

Also the parties who sell stock in Orchards yet unplanted and unlikely to ever be properly cared for if planted are enemies of the common good and should be exposed by all horticulturists and much of my talk would be warnings along those lines.

I remain yours truly L.H. Read.



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DEER PARK, ALA., Aug. 4th 1914

A. W. Latham Sec.,
Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Sir:- The August Issue of Horticulturist just at hand and your note on cover page regarding coming Annual Meeting and suggestions for the program noticed.

I have always wished that I could meet with your society and the thought struck me that if you were still looking for more outside matters of interest for the program and we could get together on terms I might be able to assist you.

I know that probably thousands of people from your state are interested financially in south Alabama lands and I believe that I could give them a talk that would interest them as well as be profitable to many of them.

Having spent 14 years in south Alabama and very carefully studied Horticultural conditions from all view points, worked with our state and local Horticultural Societies and always presented your State society and the Wisconsin society as models of what we ought to have

here but I am sorry to say haven't got, I think that a sketch of conditions as they are here in the south would be of value to your people.

I am a strong believe in the future of this section along Horticultural lines and especially am an advocate of Paper Shell Pecans and Satsuma Oranges, but I should handle all sides of the question as a free lance and not in the interest of any land company and all such could expect to get a little wind knocked out of their literature.

If you are interested, let me hear from you at once as to what you think of it.

As I am a poor man I would expect my expenses for the trip and would arrange to bring with me an exhibit of Pecans + Satsumas and such other fruits of interest as I could get to gether which I know would interest your people. Together with a collection of Photos.

Hoping to hear from you soon I beg to remain

Yours very truly

L. H. Read

8314 St Paul Aug 1/14
Dear Mr. Katham:-

Have you
still got those two
Gladioli Cuts, with
Mrs Ruff in the foreground,
and if so can I borrow,
rent or buy them
from you?

I am just issuing a
New Peony Catalogue
which will be out next
week and I would like
to use one or both
of these views of our
garden if I can get them
from you. Mrs R is now

sick in bed and
has been for nearly
a month. However she
is improving and
we hope to have her
up and about in
another week.

Thanking you in advance
for whatever accommoda-
-tion you can grant
me regarding the

Cuts Museum

Yours Truly
D. W. Buff



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SUPT. GLENCOE TRIAL STATION

Glencoe, Minn. June, 7th, 1914.

My Dear Secretary Latham;

Your call on me on June 2nd, for "your usual misadventure" of your trial station, found me with a broken collar-bone which played me "nose-au-sensat" for the past six weeks and for three weeks I could not feed my self nor even blow my own nose as it was the shoulder of my only arm that got hurt by being thrown from a wagon, consequently I will have to ask you to excuse me from my mid summer repery for the July number, but later if you think it will be of any value I will attempt to supply the demand.

an abundance

We will have ~~an abundance~~ of nearly all kinds of fruit but apples which crop will be ~~scarsher~~ last year.

Sincerely yours,

A. H. Reid.

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ST. PAUL, MINN.

June 4/14

Dear Latham:-

I hope to be able to attend the National Provy Society meeting, which is to be held in Chicago Tuesday June 9th. Mr. Harrison has written me to do all I can to induce them to hold their next meeting ^{to show} in the Twin Cities, which I will do providing you will (if you have not already done so) invite them to show here in connection with our Horticulture meeting next June. As I will probably leave for Chicago Monday night kindly let me know at once what your wishes are regarding the matter.

In haste
D. W. C. Ruff

*If I forgot to enclose copy of my letter
to Prof. Saunders, do you approve?
D.W.C.*

June 6, 1914.

Prof. A. P. Saunders,
C/o Chicago Florists Club,
Art Institute, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

I expect to attend the National Peony Society meeting next week in Chicago, and am desirous of urging the Society to hold their next annual meeting and Peony Show in the Twin Cities, in connection with our State Horticultural and State Rose and Flower Garden Societies.

The Northwest is a great field for disseminating the Peony, and nothing will advertise the Peony and stimulate its growing popularity like the National Show. We have lots of large and enthusiastic Peony growers around the Twin Cities, and sufficient exhibitors to make a creditable show. I am growing over 200 varieties myself, and have one of the very finest collections in the United States, Mr. Shaylor not excepted.

I would exhibit in Chicago, but our season is about a week later than theirs. I can hold blooms for weeks, to exhibit, but am not able to bring the plants into bloom before they are ready.

Hoping you will use your efforts to secure the next annual meeting for the Twin Cities, I remain,

Yours very truly,

DWCR/MP

**P. B. ROGNLIE. DEALER IN
HARDWARE AND,
FURNITURE
ESMOND, N.D.**

*A. W. Latham Secy
Mississippi Mine*

Gentlemen; I sent in an order for a new member besides myself, and was to have the following premiums #2, #3, #6, #8, #9, #11, #13, #10 of these I hope not as yet received #8, #10, #6, and there is only one of the #13 that have shown signs of life as yet.

Please let me hear from you

P.D. send my second description to Horchulewicz to Ed Craig Esmond N.D.

*Yours truly
P. B. Rognlie*

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STEWART, MINN.

May 18 1914

Mr. A. W. Latham, Pa.

Mpls Minn.

Dear Sir - Enclosed you will find ~~the~~ the amt of \$5. one half pay to life mail ship, as per offer, some time ago. I will send the other half this fall. If not satisfactory retain \$1.00 and return the rest.

Yours Respectfully

John H. Reil

Brownston

Minn.

membership no is 2291 -

Belgrade, Minn.

May, 9, 1914

Mr A. W. Latham
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I would like
to ~~enter~~ the "one acre
orchards" contest. Kindly
let me know where I
can get the seedlings
and about how much
would I have to pay
for same. If it is ~~ne-~~
cessary to fill out any form
to enter contest kindly
send me one.
Respectfully,
Oscar A. Reigerson

Route 4, Bradley St. Sta.,
St. Paul, Minn.

May 9, 1914.

Mr. A. W. Latham, Sec'y
Minn. Horticultural Society,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir;

I desire to report on the planting of my orchard with a view to entering the competition for prizes offered by the Minnesota State Horticultural Society for One-Acre orchards.

I placed my order for nursery stock several months before I heard of this competition, also the piece of ground I had ready was of a limited size and irregular shape. Owing to these facts my orchard may not comply with some of the requirements.

However if your honorable body see fit to allow me to enter and have an equal chance at the prizes I will be glad to do so.

My name is Sterling Russell
Address, Route 4, Bradley St. Station, St. Paul, Minn.

My orchard is located at my home at Oakland Station
(near Highwood) St. Paul, Minn.

My trees are three year old stock, 5 to 6 ft.

I made my planting May 3rd, 1914

Diagram is enclosed.

Trees are 16 feet apart in rows running southwest and northeast. Rows are 24 feet apart.

Dodge Center, Minn

A. W. Satham Sec.,

207 Kasota Block,

Minneapolis
Minn.

April 29-14

Dear Sir:-

Having read "Trees, Fruits & Flowers of Minnesota" I decided to become a life member of your society & am therefore enclosing the sum of \$9.00 to be added to the annual membership fee of \$1.00 which I recently sent you.

Respectfully yours

W. F. Palf

Mr. A. W. Satchard

Dear Sir,

I am sure the plan
of letting Mrs Smith's member-
ship stand as it does will
be satisfactory to her - but not
hearing from either Society
she naturally she felt neg-
lected. I have still another
matter to consult you about.
Would you be willing for me to
appoint Mr Grand of Faribault
and Mr Straub of Taylor's Falls

also Mr Andrews of
Fairbairn as the Judges
in Pernies. Mr Ruff
Judge of Seedling Pernies

Mr Myers of Perennials
Mr Franzen on Annuals.

I have already talked
with Prof. Farver chairman
of the Exhibition Committee
and we will wait until we
hear from you.

We shall have a meeting
of our different committees
soon. to look over the June
meeting.

Formally you did not
decide on the date of the
Summer Meeting as
early as this, did you
I expect you have good
reasons for doing so this
year. but it seems a little
early to tell about the
flowers does it not.

I hope that the date will
strike the Pernies right - as
a speciality is not made
of strawberries - and the
Pernies are the star
flowers of June. we shall
grant a dash for them - in their
prim.

It is hard to arrange a date to
suit all. Mrs come earlier than
Sojts. Mrs Tillitons & Mr Gull
have not found the date to suit
them & have made a special
request for a date nearer their
conditions. I hope that this date
will suit them.

I think that Mrs Wymau said that
you allowed her to appoint the Judges
last year. so I may not be ask-
ing too much to be allowed to do so
this year.

Thank you for asking after my
health. I am very much better after
the past winter in Florida. we
thought of you and spoke of you
when Chattanooga -

Sincerely Mrs Anne Ruff.

My dear Mr Latham.

Mrs W. Smart Smith was
486 Portland.
and is a member of our
Garden Flower Society. a
few days ago she complained
of not receiving her year book
and that she had received
no notices of meetings from
our Society. Mrs Countryman
our Secretary says that she
had not paid her dues for
1914 - and that Mrs Gynman

and I have enclosed - Mrs Smith
says that she paid \$^{9.00} dues
for the card she sent me
does not give her credit for it.
In getting the ^{our} book straighten
ed up mistakes are liable to
happen - Can you let sheets
that extra balance was sent
to our society - Mrs Countryman
has her name as a delinquent

had not carried her forward
from last year. so I asked
Mrs Smith to let me see
her membership card
or the receipt of her 1914
dues - which she sent me
and this year this receipt
turns out to be a card
from your society. I had
told her that she had to
pay 17¢ postage on the
book which she sent me

which vexed Mrs. Smit very
much as she is prompt in
paying. She has not
received the Horticulturist
or of course feels very much
neglected.

I hope to get in to see you
very soon - and talk over the
Summer meeting with you -
the program is made out -
in May is it not? But
of course our exhibition
Committee has charge of
our work in that line but I
like to have a finger in that too.

Sincerely yours
Wednesday, Mrs. Lorr Ruff



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DEER PARK, ALA., 3/30

Mr. A. W. Latham

Dear Sir:- yours of 27th at hand and in reply will say that you can make the offer of bonus to hold good up to June 15th if desired as we will have started plants to mail after May 1st.

We line out in thick rows a great many bonus roots in open field and when started into nice plants we take up root off soil and pack in Moss and ship all over the U.S. They are better than those started in Greenhouses because they are hardier.

Yes the April numbers will do to send to the names sent you. I want these people who are with me on a committee to get a good idea of what your society is doing.

I remain yours truly

L. H. Read



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Glencoe, Minn. " January, 9th, 1914.

Mr. A. W. Latham, Secretary,
Minnesota State Horticultural Society,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My Dear Mr. Latham:-

The January number of the "Magazine" is just at hand and I notice you have got the two "photos" I sent you in which I hardly expected as they have no reference to "horticulture" but if you and the readers of the "Monthly" can stand it, I can. I only fear that some of our critical readers may think that you are giving "Captain Reid" too much notoriety.

If you have any of the January magazines to spare I will be pleased to have you mail a copy to the following addresses.

Hon. E. A. Child, Sprague, Wash. Dana E. Child, Spokane, Wash. Ira A. Latta, San Jose, Cal.
Mr. Charles Beals, Turner, Maine. Mr. James E. Irish, Buckfield, Maine. Hon. Otis Hay-
B. Neyse,
fera, Canton, Maine. Mrs. Mary -15- Bigelow St. Cambridge, Mass. Mrs. Sara E. Hill, Cam-
bridge, Mass. William Bircher, Saint Cloud, Florida. Maj. W. J. Colburn, Chattanooga,
Tenn. Mr. C. H. Hicks, (Secretary to Senator Nelson) Washington, D. C. Rev. J. K. Rich-
ardson, Denver, Col. Mrs. Watie Maplesden, Etna Mills, Col. Alex S. Nobles, Wolf-Butte
N. Dak. Col. Heratio Bisbee, Jacksonville, Fla. Capt. Geo. D. Bisbee, Rumford Falls, Me.
John J. Casseray, Rochester, Minn. Elnemuel Dunham, Bryants Pond, Me.

I have extended my list so long that I fear you will not have surplus enough to go around.

I received the two "samples" from the plates you had made and they were



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Glencoe, Minn.

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better than those taken from the negative.. If the plates are no further use to you, send them to me and I will send you a check for what they cost.

Please include in bill a reasonable charge for the "Magazines" sent under this order and I will be pleased to remit for them as well as for the plates.

In looking over your premium list of "BARRELS OF APPLES" on page 43, I notice but four bbls which were premiums, N.W. Greenings, 1st, 2nd & 3d, and one bbl Wealthy, 4th, premium, and I cannot understand it as four or five barrels set by the stair-way in lobby of West hotel and as I remember 1 bbl Wealthy's, 1 bbl, N.W.. Greenings, 1 bbl, Wolf River and others I do not remember... They were all as large and handsome apples as I ever saw barreled and I understood they belonged to the La Cressent man, Mr. Webster with whom I disputed about the wealthys being of that variety as I thought they were too large for wealthys. Now I notice they only were 4th, premium and no Wolf River reported and I do not understand "the phelocity" of the transaction.

Very truly yours,

A. H. Reed.



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Glencoe, Minn. January, 19th, 1914

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My Dear Secretary Latham:-

Your favor of the 15th, duly received and

I am pleased to hear that you have surplus numbers of the January Magazine to go the rounds of the list I sent you and that you would mail them. I am in receipt of a few copies by mail for which I doubly thank you.

Inclose my check for \$15⁵⁰ in payment for the two "stereotypes" and thank you besides.

I presume that Harrison and Smith Co. do the most of your printing and I like their work very much. I am contemplating getting published "A Family Genealogical Record" and while such printing may be out of their line I think no doubt that they can do it just as well and as cheaply as most any other printing firm. I will need quite a number of "cuts" and the pages about the size of the "magazine" pages.

You might inquire of them if they ever done or will do such work and if so I will write them.

Very truly yours,

A. H. Reed.

Winnabago museum Jan 17-14

A W Latham

Minneapolis

Minn

Dear Sir I am not in the
general nursery business now
The S D Richardson Nursery
occupies part of one village lot
I have some everbearing strawberries
Roses Paeonias Lilacs grafted on
White Ash &c In order to ship
anything even to a friend it was
necessary to have the stuff inspected
and give the nursery a name
Yours truly S D Richardson



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Glencoe, Minn.

January, 28, 1914.

My Dear Secretary Latham:-

In answer to your letter of the 26th, inclosing "sample prize offer" I can say send them along (not many) and I will try and distribute them but must remind you of the fact that nearly all of your Glencoe members who subscribe through me, live within the village and not in a position to set out an acre of trees and only one, Timothy Shanahan, is so situated living near town and owning about 20 acres.

While I am willing to do all I can to aid your project I cannot give you much encouragement as to getting any one to take hold of it while I think it would be a good thing for many farmers to do.

I am about out of selling apple trees as I have only one block left of less than 5000, grafted set in 1910 of 4 years growth and will set myself many of them as I only sell to those that come after them and help dig them, as I find help "unseparable."

I have been confined to my house now for three weeks with a bad cold, fearing "pneumonia" but think I will be able to get to the City again in a few weeks.

I have just begun to realize that I must take care of myself at the age of almost 79, which I will reach on March, 13th, while up to the last year or two as to health I have not feared "God-man or the devil" so to speak.

The "Magazine" brings me now and then a correspondent, lately from Mr. Eason, of Duluth, who says he has a farm at "Sandy Lake" where he proposes to start an orchard and made inquiries as to kind of trees he ought to set. He will be a good subject to take hold of your premium plan.

Very truly yours,

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3/23

A W Latham Sec.,
Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Sir:- Please find enclosed \$1.00 to renew my membership in your state society for another year and put me down for premiums No. 3 & 6.

I wish you would send samples of your March number of the Magazine to the following addresses.

J. H. Mc Berry Pres. Ala. State Hort. Society
Birmingham Ala.

J. C. C. Price Sec. Ala. State Hort. Society
Auburn Ala.

S. E. Washburn Bolling Ala.

Our society is weak and we are trying to get it to work for new memberships and I want to show them what your people are doing up there.

I am chairman of Exhibition committee and we have made a start towards getting up an annual show of products never had an exhibition until this year but they begin to see the need of it and we will have a big show next year. I remain yours very truly L. H. Read