



Horticultural Society: Letters Received and Sent

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A. W. Sathau Secy. Randolph Iowa Sept 21-14
Minneapolis Minn

Dear Sir.

I have yours of the 18th and note contents especially the subject matter of which you make mention as being desirous of some information.

My very good friend Secy Greene has put upon me by suggesting that I was qualified to supply your wants but that line quite an extensive and I may say impossible or almost difficult proposition at the same time paying me a compliment which I highly appreciate.

As you will see I am officially barred from appointing myself a delegate to attend your state meeting but will try and secure a good member of our society for the place.

Referring to the question again will say I may submit a paper that possibly might be of some interest to apple growers for your meeting in case I can make conveniently avail

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myself of your more than kind and generous proposition for which accept thanks
am just now busily engaged in my Grimes Golden harvest which owing to our protracted and severe drouth has caused what promised to be at least a 1000 bbl crop of fancy fruit to one of about $\frac{1}{2}$ that size owing to the size of the fruit which while being side smooth and free from worms averages small.

Late rains without excess as has been the case within 20 miles of here has made my crop of wine saps the most promising I ever had and barring future unfavorable conditions expect to harvest 1500 bbl of strictly choice stock with a lively remembrance of the many courtesies shown me when a delegate to your meeting a few years since and best wishes to you personally I remain

Yours truly
F. P. Spencer

Belgrade, Minn., Sept. 11, '14.

Mr. A. W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.,

Dear Sir:-

You ask if I would present a paper at the next meeting on my further experiance with irrigating with lake muck,

If this is made a trial station I shall make an effort to be at the meeting in order to get acquainted with others who are irrigating or interested in irrigation and also to consult with officers with a view to getting the station organized so as to be as helpful on the subject of irrigation as possible. It is my conviction that when we know how to pump and use water most economically there will probably be an irrigation plant on practically every farm to water garden and fruit trees. In my experiments here I have found it a serious handicap to have a three man's job on a one man farm. ~~That is~~ to irrigate with muck with my No 3 pump and steam engin requires three men. This year a severe drought came on in the middle of harvesting and stacking. We did not consider it possible to get two extra men at that time and the best crop of plums and compass cherries we have had shrivelled up and dropped from the trees. I am now experimenting with the smallest plant possible—a one and a half horse gassoline engine an outfit that I hope to be able to run all myself when the necessity for irrigation comes in seasons when outside help is impossible and also to have a convenient outfit for irrigating such things as tomatoes etc which require water when many other things do not need it. Figuring on this outfit brought out the interesting fact that it would be more economical of power than my large outfit. That is, a one and a half horse power outfit would raise more water per horse power through the same pipes than the larger outfit on account of less friction in the pipes. There are however other considerations ~~that~~ that will be brought out by actual service but we hope to make a small outfit a success not only to pump water but to pump muckladen water.

If I attend the meeting I think I can find something of interest to say on my favorite subject,

In regard to the draining of the lake I have found that those who are trying to get the ditch are meeting with considerable opposition. One young man who is now the support of the family since his father was killed in a railroad accident last year was so outraged because the ditch would bring a tax of about \$10 an acre on their land without much, if any benefit, that he has threatened to meet the operations with "Deit;" law if they attempt to dig the ditch. Another man has said that he would sell out if they drain the lake as he fully realizes that to lower the water under his fields 8 to 10 feet would ruin the land. On the other hand one of the rich men who are trying to get the ditch has threatened that if they do not get signers they will get the ditch without signers. They have retained a lawyer any will probably try to do their worst but I am hopfull that the opposition will be to strong. Such a little thing as to make this a trial station might help.

Respectfully yours

C. P. Sandvig

LANGFORD W. SMITH

"THE MEADOWS" R. F. D. 2

ST. PAUL, MINN.

AUG -8 1914

Mr E W Nathan

My dear friend
Dear Friend

Yours of the 5th recd. and contents noted. My idea would be to have the Society furnish the boxes. If the exhibitors know before hand they can easily grade their apples to the proper size for the boxes. and I think they ^{apples} would

Show up to better advantage as a display. I am not objecting to the wire basket, but think a one layer box shows up better and requires a more uniform fruit. Which ever is decided on is perfectly satisfactory to me.

To me,

The Bbl Score Card is entirely satisfactory to me.

To me.

Sincerely yours
Langford Smith

Whalan Mass July 25th 1914

A. W. Latham

Dear Sir,

I am sending you
under separate cover
a sample of apples
I raised on my farm
and kept in a common
cellar

They are a seedling
from Ben Davis
And the best keeper
of anything I know
of they are keeping
quite good yet
Yours Truly
B. W. Shattuck

The Meadows Fruit and Dairy Farm

Langford W. Smith, Agr.

PHONE N. W. ROBIE 262

DODD ROAD, R. F. D. 2

St. Paul, Minn.

AUG -1 1914

Mr. C. W. Larkum

My dear Friend -

Dear Friend: -

Yours of the 31st ult. recd. and contents noted - I have

looked over the premium list and am in full accord with the changes you suggest. but cannot think of any others.

If possible would have a commercial display of Box Apples.

or 1 layer boxes if possible - as I think it lends greatly to the display.

Why not have the Peck entries exhibited in one layer boxes? They ^{will} show up much better advantage than flat exhibits.

Very sincerely yours

Langford W. Smith

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HAMLIN, MINN.

July 29, 1914

Mr. A. W. Latham, Sec.,

Minnesota State Horticultural Society,

207 Kasota Bldg., Minneapolis.

Dear Sir:

I have worked up the supplements obtained from apple growers throughout the state to a certain extent, but my appointment as supervisor of publicity and advertising at the Minnesota State Fair came at such a time that it has been impossible to finish up the investigation as I had planned it originally. As soon as the Fair is over however, I will have time to work up the supplements into an article that ought to prove interesting to members of the State Horticultural Society at their annual meeting. In case you desire to place me upon the program I will read a paper on Apple Marketing in Minnesota at that time.

I am sincerely sorry that it has been impossible for me to get this data together as I had planned. The work at the Minnesota State Fair however must be done, and I cannot give precedence to anything else.

Hoping this is satisfactory, I remain,

Yours truly,

Ray P. Speer

ST. JOHN GRAIN CO.

HOME OFFICE, HERON LAKE, MINN.

Lakeport
Station Minn 3 24 1914

A W Latham & Co

Dear Sir

Enclosed you will find
\$1.00 to pay my subscription to the
Horticulturist for 1 year
Very Resp
A W Latham

STRAND'S NURSERY

GEO. W. STRAND, PROPRIETOR

HARDIEST STOCK FOR NORTHERN PLANTERS

TAYLORS FALLS, MINN., July 20th, 1914

SOLD TO A. W. Latham, Secy.,
Minn. State Hort. Society,
Minneapolis, Minn.

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TAYLORS FALLS, MINN., July 20th, 1914

Friend Latham:-

Owing to the fact that I did not have the Treasurer's books in my possession at the time checks were sent out for premiums for the summer meeting, I did not notice the shortage in the treasury to meet same.

You will note from enclosed that balance on hand July 1st was \$60.03 and amount of premiums \$159.00. Hence if you will please see that deposit of \$100 is made at once to cover. The bank is evidently not taking care of the overdraft --as from enclosed note from Mr. Ruff his check has been returned. Perhaps some of these parties have written you. If you think best we can write them all a brief letter covering the matter. I regret exceedingly the oversight, as checks were drawn without giving it a thought but what we had ample on deposit to cover.

Also enclose herewith statement and orders covering memberships sent in as far as our records show. Perhaps you have some others charged to us.

Under separate cover I send you a sample of N. W. Greening kept in an ordinary cellar until a few days ago, being crisp and firm as ever. These were merely wrapped in paper and put away in boxes with no particular intention of keeping them ~~this~~ long as they would keep. As the sample sent you has been around the office for several days it has deteriorated considerable.

The windstorm of June 23rd hit us pretty hard but we expect to have quite a showing of plums and grapes but very little in the line of apples. If other sections of the state are the same they will have to scratch some for a showing at the Fair this year.

With sincere best wishes, I remain,

Yours truly,

G. W. Strand

Lang Lake July 5th 1913

A W Lathan Dear sir

I am having large photos
printed from my old seedling
trees (now loaded with apples)
also of the old wealthy trees photos
5/7 inch if you can use them
will send one of each. if good
and clear cut if not good I dont
care to send them. Plums will
be very light crop Apples I think
near $\frac{1}{4}$ less than my ^{former} estimate
owing to ~~some~~ so many drooping
of boughs is a good thing for the
trees. level hail storm ^{high} did
quit a lot of damage where
it struck I think $\frac{1}{4}$ of apples on
branches & early Apples etc

Weathy not so bad, the storm not over
 1 miles wind $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north of me
 no hail one mile south. struck storm
 going from S. W. to N. E. I would
 like to have monthly magazines
 come with June number if
 your ears. I got all of last years magazines
 from my neighbor Mr. Ford. These
 Apples ^{of which I sent apples} trees, I think are from
 among a lot I got from Peter
 Mc Digeon I received from him
 Ten thousand grafts of his own
 make. and this may be of his
 No 9 tree of which he speaks so
 highly of to me in an interview
 I had with him March 10th
 1899. of which I made a Report
 in my Dinea Book

if you think it would make
 interesting reading matter I can
 send you a copy. it would cover
 one or two pages of magazine size
 it gives an account of the Peter
 norther crab. Gideon, seedling
 No 9, ^{others} and some other items in
 port might be of interest to the
 Public of which I have never
 given to the Public. I Recd a
 letter from Mr Darsey university
 farm asking about my seedlings
 I suggested the best plan for
 him to come out & see them
 when fruit is ripe next week in
 sept. they are loaded full of apples
 your truly Ralla Stubbs

Pilot Mound, Man.,
Canada

May 8 1914

Dear Mr. Latham,

Many thanks for your kind
reply. Yes, we have always held up the
Minn. State Soc. as our model & hope one
day to put up a Monthly that will be worth
looking at inside & out.

It is all very well saying - "Why don't you take
that office yourself?" - but I am a country Dr
compelled to scrape hard for my living and
cannot possibly even for Horticulture live
on the elements!! No one regrets more than
myself that my name should appear so
often on the first No., but I promised our good
Editor to see him through with 'copy' right along
despite the fact that I am turning out a lot

of other literary work. Have written a series
of gardening articles for the "Farmer's Advocate"
extending from Jan. to May of this year: and
am Chairman of a Publicity Committee - see enclosed
copy of one amongst many other Convention
matters - I prepare the literature & submit it for approval to

Again thanks from

the Convention Comm.

Yrs. Fraternaly

H. M. Speechly

Pilot Mound, Man.,
Canada

Ap. 29 1914

Dear Mr. Latham,

Quite possibly our good friend, Geo. Batho, the Editor of the "North West Farmer" who is kindly editing the enclosed, may have overlooked sending you a copy. This is our initial effort to follow in the steps of the Minnesota Society: it is very ^{tiny} - the day of small things; but we are not ashamed of that. Indeed I expect the appreciation of this will be sufficiently encouraging to justify the doubling of its present size for the June or July issue. Owing to increased aid from our Provincial Dept. of Agriculture (derived from the Dominion Govt. in ^{major} part) we are able to print this journal as well as a number of unprinted papers from our Conventions. I am anxious

to get a more active Sec. than Prof. Brodrick
can be - he is tied so much by his position.

I think the combined Dominion + Provincial aid
will amount to \$1500⁰⁰ this year, a big advance
on \$800⁰⁰ wh. was the record up to recent date; but
that is scattered over half a dozen horticultural
societies. It is not turned over to us to handle.
Politicians don't do things like that!

Please give us a little fatherly pat on the
back in the "Min. Horticulturist" one of these days.

Hoping you are flourishing + with kind
Remembrances

Yours sincerely

H.M. Speechley

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s/g

Lake City, Minnesota

Jan. 19th, 1914.

A. W. Latham, Secy.,
Minn. State Hort. Society,
207 Kasota Bldg.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Reffering to yours of the 15th. I did not get my January Horticulturist - I saw one Mr. Underwood had. Later I wrote for six which have arrived and for which I thank you.

Now regarding the second paragraph of your letter, which refers to our making definite offer on 96 trees, giving distance apart and varieties that are to be planted with privilege of changing, which includes membership in the society. This proposition may appeal to our agents favorably, but as agent will not cut his commission we should have to do the cutting, and the result would not be profitable. Mail Order Houses will no doubt make special prices, but we cannot compete with them thru our agents, and we cannot advertise special prices on acre orchards, because that method would conflict with agent's prices, so we are at a loss how to handle the proposition. We doubt if customer will buy very generously the acre orchard unless special prices are given.

Altho you state that the subject of offering prizes for best orchards was discussed a year ago, the writer did not know of it.

Yours very truly,

The Jewell Nursery Co.,

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Vice-President

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M. SOHOLT, Supt.

Madison, Minn., Jan. 12, 1914.

Mr A. W. Hatham,

Your letter rec'd. Thanks, "I think that orchard proposition
ought to work out pretty good through out the county, as there are
a good many who are setting out orchards. and I am in hopes they will
~~xxxx~~ enter the contest.

You may send me 500 or 1000 of those circulars.
What commission do you give on Life members, in the society.

Yours truly,

M. Soholt.

1.15.14

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APPLES BY THE CARLOAD

Howard Lake, Minnesota,

July 12 1917

Mr A W Latham

Dear Sir

When I told you I would supply
you Photo's to illustrate that paper of mine
I thought I had some, and I am sure I did have
some, but the two moves I made the past
year got away with them somehow I cannot
find them.

I am sending you my own Photo perhaps
you can use that. Kindly return it when
through with it.

I have not received my bound volume of
Fruits & Flowers for last year, have you forgotten
me?

Yours Truly
Harold Simmons

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Lake City, Minnesota

Jan. 12, 1914

A. W. Latham, Sec'y.,
207 Kasota Block,
Mpls., Minn.

1.23.14

Dear Sir:

You might send us 500 circulars containing prize rules for one acre orchard. We will send them to our agents and try them out. The objection to this plan which I have personally at the present time is as follows. In the first place it is not generally understood among planters. I believe it will be a good thing to talk it over among the members of Horticultural Society at the winter meeting. A discussion might prove profitable.

A number of parties who have ordered a few trees might have ordered more if they had known of this proposition and have planned on the "One Acre Orchard". A number of varieties which we would like to introduce in this orchard we are now all sold out of such as Jewell's Winter and Malinda. The former cannot be procured elsewhere. The latter we should have to buy.

In my judgment it would be better to defer this matter one year and make it a special topic for program at the next winter meeting. Even if the discussion results in nothing definite it would at least advertise the proposition early enough so that a number of people could plan on setting out these orchards, while as it is now the advertising will be confined principally to members of the Association or those who subscribe for the magazine. Some may not have their ground in readiness which is another important item. Perhaps some would like to clear off a side hill or plow the ground. It is too late to do either now.

While this matter may have been before the Society for some time it is a new proposition to me. I must have overlooked it or forgotten it or not have known anything about it until very recently.

Yours very truly,

The Jewell Nursery Co.

By *E. A. Smith*
Vice President.

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CHRISTMAS TREES AND HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

MANKATO, MINN., 1/13 1914.

A. W. Latham.

Minneapolis Minn. 500
1.29.14

Dear Sir-

In reply to your favor of Jan 10th will say, you may see me
1000 of the circulars containing discription of the prizes offered by
the Horticultural Society, and as you say I will make a set price for
the 96 trees and include a membership in the Society, as I understand
we are to have the memberships at 50 cts each, I will also worke the
Proposition thru our Agents, could you send me about 6 bound reports
and the same number of monthly phamplets thoes of any years issue would
do I would place one in the hands of each Agent to show what the new
Member would get. I would like the Circulars to Cary Presented By
so we can stamp our name on them.

Very truly.

L. Z. Smith.

OFFICE OF
VINEGAR HILL NURSERY
WM. SANDROCK

RUSHFORD EXPRESS OFFICE

Rushford, Minn., R. 4 Jan. 15, 1914

A.W. Lathan, Se'y
Horticultural Sec.
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I approve of your new revised circular, on One Acre Orchard Prizes. Please send me 500 of them, I would like the words "Presented by" at bottom. I will distribute & mail them to interested parties as soon as I receive them.

Hoping your work will have many good returns
I remain yours very cordially

1/23/14

Wm
4 Sandrock

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TAYLORS FALLS, MINN., Jan. 16th, 1914

Mr. A. W. Latham;
Minneapolis, Minn.

Friend Latham:-

Am enclosing herewith a receipt and letter from Mr. Patten, evidently sent me by mistake. Glad to see that you have complimented his efforts to that extent. His presence is worth a good deal at the society meetings.

The West Hotel drew a sight draft thro our local bank for \$100 on me as Treas. of the Hort. Society, which I referred back to you.

Relative to the prize orchard circulars we can use the same amount of these as of folders sent. That is about 5000 for correspondence or 40,000 for catalogs and if you are going to print same special, will be pleased to have you put on, as per copy:

STRANDS NURSERY, Taylors Falls, Minn.

Supply 4/5 ft. Trees @ 17¢; 5/6 ft. @ 22¢; 6/7 ft. @ 30¢.

Yours truly,

Geo. W. Strand

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A. W. LATHAM, Secretary,

207 KASOTA BLDG.

Minneapolis, Minn.,

1/20/14

M. Scholt,

Madison, Minn.

Dear Friend.-

I am making up a list of nurserymen to publish in the February Horticulturist who consented to fill orders of \$1.00 each as premiums for new members at fifty percent discount. I am not clear in my mind as to whether you accepted this proposition or not, and I cannot find any letter from you containing reference to it. If you wish to go into this list wont you please notify me at once.

Yours fraternally

A. W. Latham Sec'y.

Mr. Latham

Dear Sir:

You may mark me for one of those that give Nursery stock for membership.
Yours truly
M. Scholt

The Meadows Fruit and Dairy Farm

Langford W. Smith, Agr.

PHONE N. W. ROBIE 262

DODD ROAD, R. F. D. 2

St. Paul, Minn. Jan. 29, 1914.

Mr. A. W. Latham,

Mpls, Minn:

Dear Friend:

Yours of the 21st came a few days ago and I note what you say about a report of the Missouri meeting, will try to get it out for you the first of next week.

Yes, I have some memoranda in regard to a score card for boxes and barrels of apples and will look it up and take it up at the first opportunity.

I had a letter from Mr. Underwood a few days ago containing his suggestions as to a score card for the prize orchard contest. I enclose a copy of my reply to him herewith in which I have taken up his criticism of each rule.

The score card I have drawn up is almost identical with the one you sent me the other day, the only change is that I cut down uniformity and raised density and height of head and I changed the ten points for health of fruit to productiveness and quality. These changes are so immaterial that if the original score card has passed a majority of the board there is no need to bring up these changes.

In my letter to Mr. Underwood you will see that I have suggested a supplemental contest to extend from the termination of the present one for a period of five or more years in which productiveness and quality are the main factors. I would also suggest that in the reports from the contestants that they record

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2.

their methods of culture, and particularly so if this supplemental contest should be carried out as much valuable information could be thus obtained.

If this suggestion meets with your approval will you take it up with the other members of the board. It seems to me that by some such arrangement we will be able to get full value out of this contest. and Mr. Underwood is right, that fruit in paying quantities is the prime factor in orcharding.

I have not sent you the remarks I made on The Minnesota Fruit Association at the annual meeting of the Society as I have not as yet compiled them. We have our Annual meeting on Feb. 9th and after that will be able to give a more complete paper.

Things with the Association have taken a very favorable turn and I feel assured that it will prove a great factor in the marketing of the horticultural products of Minnesota farms. in the future.

Cordially yours,

Langford W. Smith

Jan. 29, 1914.

Mr. J. M. Underwood,
Lake City, Minn.

Dear Mr. Underwood:

I have yours of the 24th enclosing rules and score card for the prize orchard contest. I will take up the rules you have criticized all others are O.K. No. 8.- Personality I agree with you as to distance apart that the trees should be planted, but a great many people do not agree with us and it was to reach these and induce more competition that the choice of distances was put in. For that reason I favor leaving No. 8 as it is.

No. 12-- While this rule is not absolutely necessary, I think it is a good idea to require an annual report as it tends to keep up interest in the contest. I agree with you that on the 5th, 6th, and 7th years the competing orchards should be examined by the Committee of Awards and think such stipulation should be included in this rule.

No. 13-- This rule as it now stands includes character of fruit which is, I think sufficient for a seven year old orchard, seven years is too early to judge an orchard for productiveness if the contest were extended over a period of ten or twelve years then I would favor a heavy scoring for it.

No. 16-- I heartily agree with you here, suggestions from the society are all too apt to be opinions and not the results of the experience of some one who has made a practical and financial success of orcharding. Let each competitor go it alone unless he seeks advice of his own volition.

Now as to the Score card, here are my suggestions after comparing yours with that sent by Mr. Latham.

FORM OF TREES.

1. Density of trees. They should be sufficiently open to mature fruit well and have branches evenly spaced. . . 15

2. Height of head from the ground. Not over 2ft. 6in. and should be as low as possible for the variety planted. Trees should be headed so that at least half to two-thirds of fruit can be picked from the ground. 15

3. Balance of head. Branches should be distributed evenly around the tree. 10

APPEARANCE OF ORCHARD.

4. Alignment of trees in orchard. Lay out orchard so the trees will be in line both ways. If set quincunx must be in line three ways. 10

5. Uniformity of size and shape. Each variety in the orchard to be scored in this respect by itself and an average taken of the whole number. (The fewer varieties planted the greater the probabilities in securing uniformity 10

Integrity. Each tree missing from the orchard detracts from the score $\frac{1}{10}$ of the whole number of trees in the orchard.

HEALTH OF TREES.

6. Health of branches and trunk 15

7. Health of foliage. 15

FRUIT

8. Productiveness, both of fruit and fruit buds. 5

9. Quality, 5

100

3.

You will notice that I have scored productiveness and quality very differently from you. In an orchard of that age I do not see how they can be considered to any extent, for up to that age the growth and development of the tree is the main consideration.

I would suggest a supplemental contest to run five or more years from the termination of this contest in which a majority of the points will be given for productiveness and quality. This will handle it better than any other way that I can think of.

Have a score card something like this:

TREES.

- | | |
|---|----|
| 1. Pruning to retain open, low headed, well balanced trees. | 30 |
| 2. Health of trees, branches, trunk, and foliage. | 20 |

FRUIT.

- | | |
|--|-------|
| 3. Productiveness, annual fruiting to be considered. | 30 |
| 4. Quality, Freedom from insect injury. | 15 |
| Uniform size and color for variety. | 15 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 100 |

Orchards are to be judged each year about Sept. 1st, or if the orchard is of early varieties the judging must be done earlier. Scores to be kept for a period of five or more years and the average of each orchard struck at the close of the contest.

Committee of Awards may require such data as they may deem of value, covering, Pruning, ~~values,~~ (if taken up during the contest, as to when done etc.); Spraying,

4.

materials used, number of sprayings, etc); Cultivation, if practiced, to what extent; if seeded down, what cover crops etc.

In fact I think some such records should be kept throughout the present contest so that from the results obtained some

information of value can be had.

Rule 12. Can include this.

Cordially yours

Langford Smith

HAROLD SIMMONS

GROWER OF FANCY FRUIT AND GINSENG
APPLES BY THE CARLOAD

Howard Lake, Minnesota,

Feb 6 1914

Mr A. W. Latham

My dear Sir

In reply to your inquiry, I do not think it possible that I could undertake the proposition with the institute corps. In the first place I can hardly afford to, and in the second place my presence is essential here.

However I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for your kindly remembrance of me for the task. Should occasion occur whereby a fruit specialist is required at some particular meeting that would take but one or two days I would be glad to do what I can for the cause, more particularly as a fruit specialist than for Horticulture in general.

With regard to Mr McKety, candidly and confidentially I do not think he is sufficiently posted, he has the talking ability, but he is a farmer, was interested in selling Nursery stock for a year or two,

HAROLD SIMMONS

GROWER OF FANCY FRUIT AND GINSENG
APPLES BY THE CARLOAD

Howard Lake, Minnesota, 191

and has an Orchard of 400 or 500 trees, which is like the majority of all Minnesota farmers orchards, is as much a hog and cattle pasture as it is an Orchard, personally, I feel that unless a man is competent he is better not on the job, and I do not think you will ^{find} it a very difficult task to locate a man that will fill the position better than Mr. McKeety.

Again Thanking you

I remain
yours fraternally
Harold Simmons

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Willmar, Minn., *Feb 7* 1914

A. W. Latham
Minneapolis
Minn.

Dear Sir
Enclosed please find
list of members for
county society
Kindly send me 40
copies Minnesota Horticulturist
enclosed please find
check for

13 Members @ 25¢ — \$3.25

Yours truly
C. C. Selvig

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ST. PAUL, MINN.

Feb. 8, 1914.

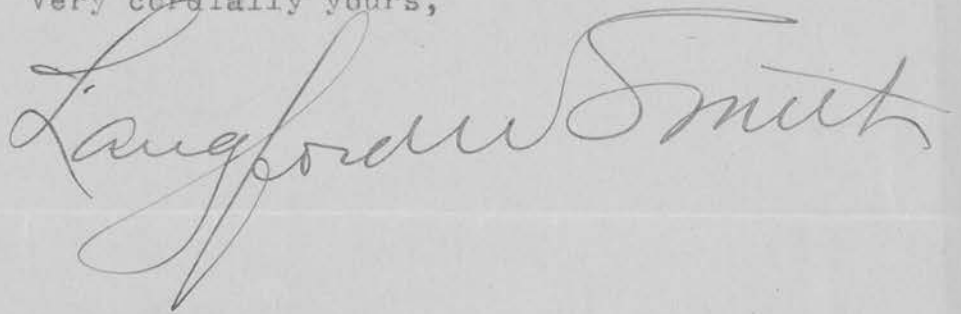
Mr. A. W. Latham,
Mpls, Minn.

Dear Friend:

I enclose herewith a report of the meeting at Columbia, Mo. which I hope is not too late to appear in the March issue of the magazine. I have taken the liberty of expressing a few of my own sentiments on the subject and incorporating them in this paper.

I notice that Mr. Underwood has not changed his ideas about the prize orchard contest. I had a letter from him enclosing a last copy of his letter to you on the subject.

Very cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Langford W. Smith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed closing of the letter.

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Halstad, Minn., Feb. 17th 1914

A. W. Latham,

Wphr. Minn.

Dear friend Latham - This is the first letter I have written for months.

I will be glad to furnish Nursery stock as premiums for Members to the Horticultural Society

It has been my intention to offer a special price this spring to parties that plant a Prize Orchard here in the Valley. You can send copies and I shall distribute them by mail and at Farmers meetings. In later part of this month will be a three days Farmer meeting as short course in Halstad and we can distribute some circular there also folders, have some left over from last year.

Shall announce our offer in several County papers next month. I am sure nearly all County Papers will be willing to copy and publish the circular.

The rural press is always willing to print anything in the line of Agriculture etc.

Our County Agent is also willing to assist in this work

Yours very truly

O. A. Th. Solem

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Q. W. Latham

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scabra.

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The enclosed Circular.

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Willmar, Minn., *July 11* 191*4*

A. W. Latham

Dear Sir

Your favor of July 9
Noted

what I want is 40
copies of our annual
report for our Members

Please add Dr. J. C. Jacobs
Willmar Minn. to
our list
Stamps Inclosed

Yours truly

C. C. Selvig secy.

The University of Minnesota

Department of Agriculture

Northwest School and Station

St. Cloud, Minnesota March 2, 1914.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. A.W.Latham,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of February 25th, I wish to state that we should like to have our Experiment Farm named a Trial Station in connection with the State Horticultural Society. I should be glad to have you appoint Prof. Thomas M. McCall, our Horticulturist, as Superintendent of this ~~Traxl~~ Trial Station under the plan mentioned in your letter.

We should be glad to have you come up and see us some time as we have a number of Horticultural Projects under way which I believe will be of value to the Red River Valley.

Yours very truly,

O. Selvig
Superintendent.

C/M

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TAYLORS FALLS, MINN. Mar. 2d, 1914

Friend Latham:-

Enclosed find personal check and also one for \$1000 to be added to savings deposit. This only leaves \$557.35 on open account or \$107.35 to apply on premiums for the summer meeting, after paying the June 1st quarters salary. Hence you may perhaps deem best to deposit only \$500 instead of drawing on your "revolving fund".

Hope that I did not keep you waiting, as it was very late when the meeting dispersed and I had a few important errands to finish before going home, I had to hustle some.

Add the name of Roy Johnson, Brandon, Minn., R 1 #46 to your membership roll and ~~charge to our account.~~ Hope to be sending in our usual prorata very soon.

Yours truly,

G. W. Strand

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March Six,
1914.

A. W. Latham, Secretary,
Minn. State Horticultural Society,
207 Kasota Bldg.,
Minneapolis,
Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Your valued favor received. We can furnish you scions of the varieties desired in limited quantities.

We take pleasure in forwarding copy of our new Year Book for 1914, also "The Story of an Apple".

PCS-NS.

Very truly yours,

Stark Bro's Nurseries & Orchards Co.
R. C. Stark
R. C. STARK, Asst. Sec'y & Treas.

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March Twelve,
1 9 1 4.

A. W. Latham, Secretary,
Minn. State Horticultural Society,
207 Kasota Bldg.,
Minneapolis,
Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Your valued favor received. We are shipping the scions to Prof. LeRoy Cady, University Farm, St. Paul, Minn. About 1000 scions will make the desired number of grafts and we are making up the list accordingly.

We generally charge for scions ^{in small lots} at the rate of 12 scions at the cost of one 5 to 7 ft., tree, but in your case, as these scions are to be used for experimental purposes by the members of your Society, we are going to furnish these scions complimentary. All that we ask is that your members be informed that the scions were furnished by Stark Bros. Nurseries & Orchards Co., Louisiana, Mo.

We are forwarding, by another cover, copy of Stark Orchard & Spray Book, which we think will be of interest to you.

If we can be of any service to you, personally or in your official capacity, don't hesitate to call on us.

Very truly yours,

PCS-NS.



Mar. 5, 1914.

Mr. A. G. Kluckhohn,
Belgrade, Mont.

Dear Sir:

We are referring your recent letter to A. W. Latham, Secr'y. of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society, who can give you more definite information as to the qualifications for the \$1000.00 offered on the seedling apple in question.

As you will note by the enclosed folder the principal requisites are that the tree must be as hardy and prolific as the Duchess, fruit equal to the Wealthy in size, quality and appearance and that will keep as well as the Malinda. The sample of fruit mentioned has not as yet reached us but when same arrives it will be forwarded on together with the letter as stated. If the tree is as hardy and prolific and has the qualifications of the commercial apple, it should be looked after and placed under propagation.

Assuring you of our co-operation in any way possible in the matter, and thanking you for calling our attention to same, I remain,

Yours truly,

Friend Latham:—

Enclosed will explain
itself. Fruit also at hand
and sampled. It would be
a good commercial fruit if
hardy. Much like a Winesap
in appearance and season
but could be better quality.
Hardly a \$1000⁰⁰ winner but there
is room for it if hardy and
productive.

G. W. Straub

P.S. = Hope to mail out all of the
Prize Orchard circulars this
coming week. So you will
no doubt get yours so by 4/1
after that (2/1)

Great Falls, Mont.

Feb. 16, 1914.

Mr. A. W. Latham

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find one dollar
in currency and 35 cts
in stamps for membership
and express if I
can get the larger trees
as premium this year.
I would like to have
No. 6. & No 13.

Yours very truly
F. C. Satchel
1318 First Ave No.

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March Twenty-seven,
1 9 1 4.

A. W. Latham, Secretary,
207 Kasota Bldg.,
Minneapolis,
Minnesota.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your favor of recent date we trust the scions we are offering to your society will help to increase the interest of Minnesota fruit growers, especially along the line of higher quality varieties.

Assuring you that we will always be glad to help in the cause, we are,

very sincerely,

Stark Bro's Nurseries & Orchards Co.

P. C. Stark
P. C. STARK, Asst. Sec'y & Treas.

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March Thirty-One,
1 9 1 4.

A. W. Latham, Sec'y.,
Minn. State Horticultural Society,
207 Kasota Bldg.,
Minneapolis,
Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Your valued favor received. We wrote
Prof. Cady today that we had shipped the scions
to him and he should receive them promptly.

Very truly yours,

PCS-NS.



Sauk Rapids March 24th
Mr Latham Dear Sir 1902

Through me Mrs Jane Cross & Mrs
Sartell sent you their Member
ship fee. Mrs Cross has become
entirely blind. But she feels
as though she should keep up
her membership with a Society
that is doing so much good
for the State. while her life
lasts. She would like for prem-
ium No 10 the Rugosa Roses.
and would very much like
some flowering Shrub. (She has
the Bolonia) for her graveyard
I hope you can fix it for
her. I am now at Mrs Cross
is writing. But Mrs Sartell
is stopping for a while with
me, and she would like
The the Rosa Rugosa No 10
sent to her (I'd like the same)

and No 11. Ornamental Plum
tree. Now I wonder if I am
writing this plain enough for
you to understand their
wants. By the way I went
into Yerkes for lunch that
day. Found a Mrs Wilson
demonstrating some kind of
wheat Of course I asked her
about Inez describing her.
Why said she that girl came
to me the first day and I
hired her for two weeks to
take care of my little boy for
two weeks while I am here
She lived on tenth st. well
She wanted me to leave her for
that time. I went home that
night she not to tell Inez who
called herself Madeline Deager
But she had her go to Mrs
Richs of the Traveler aid

When she was through with
her ^{Miss} Rich to telephone me.

Inez intended getting up in the
morning and hunting another
job. At ten o'clock when Inez
had gone to bed, she telephoned
me, I took the five o'clock train
Inez was left in bed, well
at about ten o'clock I went up
waked her and said, well
Inez you'd better get up if you
expect to find a job to day
Oh Grand manager said
She where did you come from
I was home that night and no
one knew of my outgoing or
incoming Now this is private.
I have just had a notice that
Luther Burbank had proposed
me to For Honorary to the
Luther Burbank Society do you
know of that well I will write me

in my next How I know to
Burbank now if I do not stop
and go home to Mrs Bartell
there will be Restrictions

I
Marie Stager

The Meadows Fruit and Dairy Farm

Langford W. Smith, Mgr.

PHONE N. W. ROBIE 262

DODD ROAD, R. F. D. 2

St. Paul, Minn. JAN 19 1914

Mr. L. Whatham
Twp. Minn.

Dear Friend:-

Your letter of the 10th relative to the Minn.
State Agr Comm. donation. I do not
see that we should contribute, unless all
plans resulting from the competition are to
be put into such form that the members of
the Society can receive some benefit from
them.

My delay in answering your letter was
due to the fact that I went to Columbia Mo.
to attend the Fruit Assn meeting there.
It was a very good meeting - and steps were
taken toward the formation of an interstate
Assn to embrace the Miss. Valley. I
will write ~~of~~ a brief article concerning the
meeting for the magazine if you wish it.

The other day you asked me for a
picture suitable for illustrating - I enclose one
that was given me the other day - Mr Guggsby
sold 40000 bu of apples off of his 110 acre orchard
this fall.

Sincerely yours
Langford Smith