



Horticultural Society: Letters Received and Sent

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SUPT. HORTICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

WAVERLY, IOWA,

Jan. 27, 1915.

Mr A. W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:- Yours received just before I left for a trip and last week I spent with the Dakota people at Yankton. I had a very enjoyable and a profitable time with them. Prof. Hansen is the mainstay of the society as well as of Dakota horticultural and in time he will be recognized as a great benefactor of the dry northwest country. If he were not so modest this would be known much sooner.

I hope to arrange to attend your meeting next December and if I do will gladly talk up the subject of arrangement of farm buildings and surroundings I am sending you by todays mail a late picture of myself which I would like returned as soon as you can make use of it.

With personal regards,

Elmer M. Reeves

CHARLES H. RAMSDELL
LANDSCAPE DESIGNER
812 NEW YORK LIFE BLDG.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

December 29, 1914.

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

Dear Sor:

I will appreciate very much some of the society Letter heads and envelopes, because I have in mind the obtaining of reports two or three time in the season from the best Horticulturalists in this district, concerning conditions which I could not investigate myself. Therefore if you can secure for me 200 letter heads and 200 envelopes I can doubtless make good use of them during my term of office. If I am not asking you for an undue amount I would appreciate the use of it.

A little later this winter I will have a conference with you in regard to persons available for correspondence throughout my district.

Besides being an important commercial horticultural district it is with out doubt the leading ornamental horticultural district of the state, due to the extensive amount of gardening which is done here and at the lake.

Yours very truly,

Charles H. Ramsdell

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each

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My dear Mr Satchell

I am sorry I spoke
of it at all - for it has
troubled you - and
over such a small
matter. I shall be
delighted with a
badge, and Mrs Country
man too I am sure.
White Seal seems to

appear on articles
written by me - on
the last one about
Spring Bulbs and
once before - not
Ester's mistake
Probably Mrs. Guel
wrote it that way -
You are both dears
& forget these

Love
I am glad that you
like our program
sincerely yours
Mother Day. Kingman & Ray.



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Mr. A. W. Latham, Secy.

207 Kasota Bldg.

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith check for \$10.00
in payment of Dues for Life Membership
in the Minnesota Horticulture Society.

Yours respectfully,

A. Ross Robinson

Enclosure

My Dear Mr Latham

I am sorry that Mrs
Gmed did not see the copy
instead of Mr Ruff sending it
on to me - which he did and
I sent back to you - this one
I see few changes to be made
those notes I made just for
my own use - not dreaming

They would be used in the
way they have been - but when

Mrs Countryman asked for
them to help Mr. Gmed in his
Garden keep page I was
very glad to be of use
to her - This probably will
be too late for you - but I hope
the other one reached you
in time. We expect to

be here until early in
April. but Mrs. Gines
Mrs. Countryman ^{and}
Mrs. Gibbs are going to
look after the comfort of
the Society. I received
a letter from Dr. Miller
which I shall answer
tomorrow.

Happy New Year to

You from
Lizzie C. Ruff-

Stuart Florida

Box 41

CHARLES H. RAMSDELL
LANDSCAPE DESIGNER
812 NEW YORK LIFE BLDG.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

December 30, 1914.

Mr. Thomas E. Cashman, President
Minn. State Horticultural Society,
Owatonna, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

At a recent meeting of the Minnesota chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, certain methods of Horticultural practice in the Twin Cities came up for considerable discussion. We refer to the matter of certain department stores, certain grocery and fruit stores in the Twin Cities who sell at very low cost, surplus nursery stock of the surrounding region. These stores make no pretense at keeping these plants in good condition, exposing them to the wind, sun and heat of the streets and sell them to the public as fast as possible.

It seems to the individual members of this Chapter of our Society that this practice ought to be stopped because of its injurious effect in selling plants which in most cases have small chance to grow and succeed as they have been thus exposed. It seems to us that the Minnesota State Horticultural Society should call this matter to the attention of all the nurserymen and Horticulturists of the state and especially interest the public to buy plants properly covered in a damp and growing condition.

Please understand that we do not question the advisability of disposing of nursery stock in this manner, we simply take exception to the fact that the public is buying material which has been partly destroyed by careless handling. In the absence of definite Horticultural information the public will buy and buy again and become discouraged through no fault of its own and in that way future sales will be less. Therefore we ask as a favor that you take up this matter with Mr. Latham and your executive committee and we hope that some action will be taken which will be of benefit to the Horticultural interests of our region.

Yours truly,

Charles H. Ramsdell
Sec. Minn. Chapter
a.s.l.a.

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WAVERLY, IOWA, Dec. 7, 1914.

Mr A. W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I have been living over the good times I had while with you the past week. I certainly enjoyed the meeting and hope I may be permitted to meet with you again. I had not visited your society since the meeting in which Peter Gideon was given such a friendly reception. I am glad I was present at that time and was glad to renew acquaintance with the older members and meet the new workers. I wish every state had as good a working force in their society as you have.

I find I spent \$3.40 for meals while attending the meeting so have made a bill for that amount.

With best wishes for your future success,

Very truly,

E M Reeves

HERBERT DORE
COURT AND CONVENTION REPORTER

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ST. PAUL, 18th November 1914.

Mr A.W.Latham,
Secretary, Minnesota Horticultural Society,
Kasota Bldg.

Dear Sir:

Re. Convention Dec. 1 to 4, 1914.

I understand that you are holding a convention as above and should be more than pleased to be favored with the reporting of same. I would be happy to quote you very generous terms and to furnish you with a complete and correct verbatim report of all speeches and proceedings. If you consider my application, I shall be pleased to run over to Minneapolis and talk the matter over with you. I have just concluded the Minnesota Good Roads Convention which was held here and trust that I may be favored with your esteemed commands.

Thanking you in anticipation of an early reply,

I beg to remain, Dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

Herbert Dore

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My dear Mr Lathau.

I am enclosing Miss Kimball's letter, I am sorry that I did not understand all the circumstances connected with the asking Miss Kimball for it was not an easy task to write her asking her to give her paper at some other time, at the February meeting if possible.

You probably have noticed the mistake made in the heading of our program - they, the printers did not follow the copy I sent, or in copying it a mistake was made - one I feel sure you feel annoyed by - as well as I -

Sincerely yours,
Dorothy C. Ruff

Will you please tell Mrs Ester - that my
address - is never White Bear - but
Bald Eagle Lake - Mrs Gmed
made the mistake. (perhaps) for -
she knows my mail goes through
White Bear. Thank Ester - so much
if she will make a note of this.
L.C.R.

Mr Sachau
Dear Sir -

We made the program long - for we knew that you wished us to fill the time until five - but Mrs Wymann was set on for the last number - in case we have too long a program she is willing to cut her paper to almost nothing, also Mrs Gould can be dropped - she is ill and at Rochester so may not even be with us.

I shall visit her in a few days -

I am glad that you are pleased with our program. We are delighted to have her with us and shall make a great effort to be of use to him and to you - Sincerely yours
Dwight C. Ruff.

Our own members will understand if asked to change their plans in ^{that afternoon} any way - which we might not be able to ask a stranger to do. The only reason I put Miss Kiebae on the program was the fear of giving disappointment to her and to Mr. Mudge -

Minneapolis Nov 2nd 1914

Mr A W Latham

Dear Sir

I have secured the promise of two papers to be read at the Market Gardeners Session of the Horticultural Society at the meeting next month. One by Charles Warner, of Brooklyn Center entitled My Five acre truck farm. And one by William Thotland of Golden Valley on the Making and Cure of Hot beds.

Yours Truly

A H Reeves

Mr A. G. Satchard
Dear Sir.

Dr Miller will take half
an hour for his first lecture
My Neighbour's Garden $\frac{1}{2}$ hr.
The Writ's Garden $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Some Perennials $\frac{1}{2}$ hr.
Making two hours, and
these can be cut to
less time if you think
necessary.

I shall write Miss Kimball
shall I? Or will you write
her. We wish her paper short
and I can let her know of the
slavery Mrs Dymman will give
so she can add to that. Or

bring in those she
I might wish to.

I heard from Mr. Miller
but he did not or had
not decided upon
his subject at that
time.

Sincerely yours

Walter E. Ruff

Friday Oct 30th.

The University of Minnesota
Department of Agriculture
University Farm, St. Paul

DIVISION OF ENTOMOLOGY

Oct. 27, 1914.

Secy. A.W. Latham,
Kasota Bldg.,
Minneapolis.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 26th received. I shall be
pleased to do as you suggest about going on the program
at the coming meeting of the Horticultural Society. I
think this is about as interesting and profitable a kind
of paper as I could give.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,



Head of Section of Spraying
and Tree Insects.



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My dear Mr. Lathrop,

Just a word that I received a letter from Mr. Miller - but he has not decided yet just what he will use.

Please do not send word to Mr. Hedge just yet about Miss Kimball -

I shall let you know in a day or so
(I would like to work her in if possible
in place.)

Sincerely yours,
Dizzie C. Ruff

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WAVERLY, IOWA,

Oct 9, 1914.

Mr A. W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr Latham:-

I certainly am gratified to have the chance to attend your meeting again as delagate. Thank you for your kind words and you may be sure I will do what I can with the subject you suggest. If I seem to spread over considerable treeitory I know you will bear with me.

Anticipating a pleasant time with your society I remain

Fraternally,

E M Reeves

"relixie" Oct. 13th - 14.

My dear Mr Latham

Yours of 8th
at hand. If you so desire, I will
do my best to get up a presentable
paper. Along just what lines would
you like it? It is my opinion
that commercially there is not much
in grapes in this State, still as a
very valuable addition to the home
fruit supply a small vineyard for
every one having the space, should
be recommended. I have 50 vines
of 13 or 14 varieties and it is a
great source of pleasure and comfort
to us - For the ordinary man who is
somewhat taken up in fruit growing, I
would say about 6 varieties - It will
It's no use to tell you what I think so
want to be you. Let me know how
you want it & I will begin to get down
notes as ideas come to me. (over)

It seems quite wonderful that
we have not had any post yet - I
expect it tonight if it clears.

Very respectfully Yours
E. G. Reed.

P.S. It would be a great con-
venience to me if you could put
me on in the p.m. session any day
as it seems hard for me to get
through my necessary chores in time
to get to the city early enough for an
a.m. session. I do not keep any help.

Reed.



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October 11th.

My dear Mr Latham

Your letters received in regard
to Mr Fuller on "the water garden" and Miss
Kuntzell on "the perennial garden" - would
you mind if I did not decide on this
for possibly, ^(the hardy garden) a week - I wish to see Mrs
Countryman as I spoke to her about a
paper for the program - and some
other plans I have. The Hardy Garden
is a subject of great interest, and would
be more so coming from one who had had
a successful one for a number of years, say
three years. If you will please write Mr Fuller
quite a few people have water gardens and
would like to hear of them - Last night
Mr Charles Deane gave a splendid paper -



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on water plants - at the February Meeting.
But more St-Paul people heard it -
than Minneapolis and another paper
on the subject would be welcomed.
I have written Mr Mills of our Society
its needs &c - and hope that I gave a
good idea of its needs. Will be lecture
from three until quarter to four - and then
again at four or shall we have time
for his topics one before his first lecture
and one between. I am anxious for one
paper from a member of our Society but
have not found one as yet.

As I am going into town tomorrow I hope to
see Mrs Countryman if so I shall write you
again before the next end.

Sincerely yours
Dorcas C Ruff

"elixir" Oct. 7th 14.

My dear Mr Latham

Yours of 25th Sep

at hand and in regard to a paper on fraps forming will say that some years ago I prepared one along those lines and if you recall, it did not meet with much enthusiasm.

Either the subject matter or the way it was presented did not seem to "take". However if it all the same to you I would be willing to answer what questions were asked me - as far as I could - and in that way would supply what information was really of interest to some persons who wanted it on any point, thus saving the time that a comprehensive paper would take. Of course, Mr Latham if you feel you want a paper read I am willing to do it up as

"brown" as I came -

I guess I am still in the lat-
ness "all right" as I seem to be
just as busy now 700 + apple trees
as I was with the vineyard - all
the difference is I have less help.

Will be glad to have your sugges-
ions in this grape growing matter.

Very truly yours

E. G. Reel.

Minneapolis Oct 4th 1914

A. W. Latham
City

Dear Sir: In answer to your note of the first inst. Would say that I think the Experiment station the best place that could be obtained, Equally distant from both Cities. While perhaps the general public might ^{not} see as much of the Exhibit as they would in the City. Those who were really interested could get there without

Much extra time or trouble
And the Exhibit would have an
Educational value for the Students
at the Farm School, Yours Truly

J H Reeves

Redwood Falls Minn ^{9/26/14}

Mr. A. M. Latham

Minneapolis Minn

Dear Sir —

I supposed that I was ruled out of the contest by having my orchard not in accordance with rule 4, and so made no report. But if non compliance with rule 4 does not rule me out, I will gladly continue. If I am permitted to continue without any handicap, and you have blank forms

to be filled out, I will do
my best to fill them
properly.

At the time of purchase
of tree I knew nothing
of the rules.

Yours resp.
E. H. Ramsey.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY



A. W. LATHAM,

Sec'y Minn. State Hort. Socy

207 Kasota Block,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Redwood Falls, Minn. 4/22/14
Mr. A. W. Latham.

4.24 Minneapolis Minn.

In reply to your letter
will say that I would
like to be a contestant
in the prize contest, but
my orchard I am putting
out this spring may not
be exactly one acre, I
am putting out 101 apple
trees set 21' x 21'; a few
cherries and a few plums
I will have more than one
row of mixed varieties.

If these statements do not
bar me, you may count me
as a contestant, and I will
be thankful for any advice
you may think best to
give. Yours truly,
E. W. Ramsey

Mr Lathau

Dear Sir-

Your letters came last
Evening in regard to the December
meeting also of Mrs Mills. It would
suit us nicely if the cars run to
the & near the building where the
meeting is to be held. I expect if the cars
are not running some way would

be provided to convey us there.
I was delighted to find that you
could get Mr Miller - a long cherished
plan of mine. At your suggestion I
shall visit him & our society - of these
gardens. I have not heard from
Mrs Dyman lately but shall plan to
see her in a few days also yourself - and
we can finish up our plans for the
meeting. Thank you for doing so much
to help our Society
Sincerely yours
Vivie C. Ruff -