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TEACHERS OF AGRICULTURE WIN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE

This entire issue of the "Visitor" is devoted to a brief story of the activities and the experiences of several teachers of agriculture who have won the Master of Science Degree during the last year. Space does not permit a complete account of the achievement of each teacher. These men are all good teachers. They realize the value of continued professional study as a basis for growth in their work as teachers and leaders for rural youth.

Ira Montgomery

Mr. Montgomery was reared on a farm near Sleepy Eye, in Brown County, Minnesota. He is a graduate from the Sleepy Eye High School. His interest in rural education brought him to the College of Agriculture, University of Minnesota, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Education. While a student at the University, he was honored by election to Alpha Zeta, honorary fraternity. Following his graduation from the University, in 1916, Mr. Montgomery has busied himself with the following activities.

- 1916-18 Taught agriculture at the Deephaven High School, Hennepin County, Minnesota.
- 1918-19 Served a year in United States Army overseas.
- 1919-20 Taught agriculture at Pine City Minnesota.
- 1920-21 Farmed a 640-acre farm at Beulah, Manitoba, Canada.
- 1921-24 Instructor in vocational agriculture in the High School at Grafton, Walsh County, North Dakota.
- 1924 to the present served as instructor in vocational agriculture in the high school at Faribault, Rice County, Minnesota.

Mr. Montgomery has taught agriculture for twenty-one years and is now in his sixteenth year of teaching at Faribault, where the enrollment in his all-day classes averages over 60 each year. In addition to his experience as a teacher he has served as 4-H leader and as county agent in Hennepin County, Minnesota

and as Agricultural Extension worker in Manitoba, Canada. He owns his home in Faribault, and he owns a farm on which he "works off and on" in order to keep busy and stay out of mischief. In addition to his work with high school students, Mr. Montgomery is a pioneer in adult education for rural folk. He has conducted night school classes for adult farmers and part-time classes for out of school rural boys for eleven years. During these busy years, Mr. Montgomery found time to return to the University of Minnesota to continue his graduate work. His interest in rural youth gave rise to his thesis problem, "A Study to Discover the Educational and Occupational Trends of Boy Graduates of the Rural District Schools of Rice County, Minnesota for the Years 1924 to 1936, Inclusive." Having completed the requirements for the Master of Science degree and upon recommendation of the faculty of the Graduate School, Ira Montgomery received his Master of Science degree in July, 1938. In recognition of his service as a teacher and leader he was elected this year as president of the Minnesota Association of Agriculture Teachers.

Leo Fenske

Mr. Leo Fenske has completed the requirements for his Master of Science degree which was conferred upon him at the annual commencement exercises in June, 1939. Mr. Fenske was reared on a cut-over farm near Bemidji, Minnesota. His ability was clearly shown when he was graduated as valedictorian of the class of 1927 from the Bemidji High School. Mr. Fenske's association with Mr. Dowdell's agriculture classes and judging teams prompted him to enroll in the College of Agriculture, University of Minnesota in the fall of 1928. His active college career includes membership in many of the professional clubs, and also the following fraternities: Alpha Gamma Rho, Alpha Zeta, Phi Delta Kappa, and Gamma Sigma Delta. He has received many scholarships; namely, Caleb Dorr, Alpha Zeta, Henry Webb Brewster, and also the Caleb Dorr Senior Medal. In December, 1932, he was graduated with high distinction. Following graduation, Mr. Fenske became agriculture instruc-

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tor at Granada, Minnesota. In July, 1933 he accepted a position at the Alango High School in St. Louis County. During the five years in this school he developed three State Farmers. Two of his boys received the Duluth Chamber of Commerce trip to the National F.F.A. Convention in Kansas City.

The summer of 1937 found Mr. Fenske continuing his graduate work in the field of Agricultural Economics. He was granted a research assistantship in Agricultural Economics in the fall of 1938, and was awarded his Master of Science degree in June, 1939. At the present time, Mr. Fenske is assistant Agricultural Economist, College of Agriculture, University of Idaho at Moscow, Idaho.

Leigh H. Harden

Modest Leigh H. Harden was born at Lane, South Dakota, and as a typical rural school student received his early training at the Lane Consolidated School. Leigh had a deep interest in the farm and in rural youth which prompted him to enroll in the College of Agriculture, University of Minnesota. During his college career, he was named a member of the following fraternities: Alpha Gamma Rho, Alpha Zeta, Gamma Sigma Delta, and Phi Delta Kappa. In 1932, Mr. Harden received his Bachelor of Science degree with high distinction. Following graduation he accepted the position of agriculture instructor at Lakefield, Minnesota and later at Owatonna, Minnesota. Mr. Harden was a thorough student of the problems of teaching agriculture. Under his guidance the students developed very good long time programs of farm practice that served as models for teachers in many other schools.

In 1937, Mr. Harden was elected to the position as instructor in Agricultural Education at the University of Minnesota. His compelling love and major

interest is a better integrated and correlated program of education for rural youth, with adequate and functional guidance. His study and his interest in rural youth gave rise to his special research problem, "A Study of the Needs of the Teacher of Agriculture for Subject Matter Teaching Material and Methods by Which Such Material May Be Developed." In July, 1938, Mr. Harden received his well-earned Master of Science degree. At present Mr. Harden holds the position of instructor in Agricultural Education and assistant to Dr. E. M. Freeman, Dean of the College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics, at the University of Minnesota.

Thomas Wm. Raine

Mr. Thomas Raine was born near Darlington, England, on June 24, 1908. When he was two years old, his parents came to the United States and settled on their present farm at Marshall, Minnesota. At an early age, Mr. Raine displayed his ability by completing his elementary education in six years. His high school training was filled with activity, especially in music, dramatics and declamation. By working in a hardware store, he paved the way which enabled him to enroll in the College of Agriculture, University of Minnesota, in September, 1930. In December, 1934, Mr. Raine received his Bachelor of Science degree. Following graduation, he accepted the position of agriculture instructor at Olivia, Minnesota and later at Fairmont, Minnesota. This only whet his desire for more improvement and he re-entered the University of Minnesota as a graduate student during the summer sessions of 1937 and 1938. Mr. Raine achieved a high degree of success in the development of the techniques of teaching involving the integrated course of study in agriculture. His work in this area and his published articles have gained national recognition. His work with teachers in the course of study laboratory during the summer schools has helped many teachers to a better understanding of the problems of developing individual programs for the high school boys. In August, 1938, he was granted an instructorship in Agricultural Education, and at the annual commencement exercises in June, 1939, received his Master of Science degree in Agricultural Education. At the present time, Mr. Raine is the agriculture instructor at Jackson, Minnesota. Many of the seniors in Agricultural Education are taking their "practice teaching" under his direction.

Nelvin E. Haugland

Mr. Nelvin Haugland's interest in agriculture started on his parental farm home at Spring Grove, Minnesota. During his high school training at Spring Grove, he was especially interested in vocational agriculture, which later brought him to the College of Agriculture, University of Minnesota. In 1932, Mr. Haugland received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Education from the University of Minnesota. The call of the North caused him to accept a position as agriculture instructor in the St. Louis County Rural High School, located at Cherry, Minnesota. His years of close association with the program of agriculture in the northern section of the state created the basis for the problem of his thesis: "A Study of the Factors that Influence Farm Development in Clinton and Cherry Townships of St. Louis County, Minnesota." Mr. Haugland found time in 1937 to continue his education at the University of Minnesota, and in March, 1939, was granted his Master of Science degree with a major in Agricultural Economics and a minor in General Economics. On August 1, 1938, he accepted the position of agriculture instructor at Fairmont, Minnesota.

Clyde B. Campbell

From Park Rapids, Minnesota came the son of a pioneering farmer who has become a leader in Agricultural Education. Clyde Campbell received his early education at Park Rapids. For his college work he enrolled at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, where he graduated with the Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Husbandry. The following three years he taught vocational agriculture at Deer River, Minnesota. After that he operated a farm at Park Rapids for two years. He served as county agent in Hubbard County for one year and in Morrison County for four years. Following this he served in organization work for the Minnesota Cooperative Creameries Association (now Land O' Lakes). But the call of the school bell sent him to Durand, Wisconsin, where he held the position as teacher of agriculture for three years and then joined the teacher training staff at the River Falls Teacher's College, a position which he still holds. During his spare moments he continued his graduate work at the University of Minnesota. He chose as his special problem "An Analysis of the Activities of Agriculture Teachers in Conducting Farm Practice." He was

granted his Master of Science degree in 1939. Mr. Campbell's interest in farming is shown by the fact that he owns and directs the operation of a farm.

Leslie L. Pulkrabek

Mr. L. L. Pulkrabek has completed the requirements for his Master of Science degree which was conferred at the annual commencement exercises in June, 1939. Mr. Pulkrabek is a Minnesota farm boy who received his early education at Glencoe, Minnesota. Like many other ambitious farm boys, he wanted to continue his education so he packed his suit case and headed for the University of Minnesota. He entered the College of Agriculture and with a major in Dairy Husbandry and a minor in Agricultural Education, Mr. Pulkrabek received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1930. Following graduation he served as assistant football coach at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota. Because of his interest in teaching he returned to the University of Minnesota to complete his major in Agricultural Education. Mr. Pulkrabek started the agriculture department at Windom, Minnesota and in 1936 accepted a position at Olivia, Minnesota.

Many teachers in the field will remember Leslie Pulkrabek for his activities on the football gridiron. Under the tutelage of Dr. Spears, former University of Minnesota football coach, "Les" played brilliantly, winning the coveted "M" in 1928, '29, and '30. At the close of his football career, he was named "all conference" guard. He was also awarded a place on the New York Sun's All American selection. Along the way, "Les" has been honored by selection to Alpha Zeta, Wing and Bow, and Iron Wedge.

E. R. Draheim

Mr. E. R. Draheim received his Master of Science degree at the annual commencement exercises in June, 1938. He was reared on a farm near Olivia, in Renville County, Minnesota. His interest in agriculture became deeply rooted while attending the agriculture classes in high school, and in logical sequence he entered the College of Agriculture, University of Minnesota. Working his way, so to speak, Mr. Draheim received his bachelor of science degree from the University of Minnesota in June, 1933, majoring in Agricultural Education and minoring in Animal Husbandry. While attending the University, Mr. Draheim was very active on University livestock judging teams. He also achieved considerable distinction

as a member of several athletic teams. Following graduation he held the position as agriculture instructor at Howard Lake, Minnesota and later at Lakefield, Minnesota. For the past four years he has been ably conducting the vocational agriculture department at New Ulm, Minnesota. Mr. Draheim has displayed a live interest in community activities which developed his thesis problem, "Parent Education, as a Factor in Developing a Sound Community Program of Vocational Agriculture." During his career as a teacher, Mr. Draheim was successful in developing a well balanced program of instruction including all-day, part-time, evening school, and F.F.A. work. His students were interested in their agriculture work as a result each one carried out well planned programs of farm practice.

At the present time, Mr. Draheim is holding an assistantship at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, in the department of rural education. He is enrolled in the graduate school at Cornell where he has launched on a program of study toward the Ph.D. degree.

A. F. Dahlberg

Arthur F. Dahlberg is a native of St. Paul, Minnesota, where he spent his boyhood days and received his early education. He did not find great pleasure in city life because nature had endowed him with a love for the open country and a strong interest in rural life and agriculture. The key note of his life has been service to others. The stories of his activities as he has come down through the years read like "fairy tales". They include active leadership work in F.F.A., 4-H, American Legion, Hi-Y, rural scouting, Junior Chamber of Commerce, N.Y.A., state agriculture teacher's association, junior cow testing association and several others including membership in the Minneapolis Apollo Club.

In 1936, Mr. Dahlberg was appointed to his present position as instructor at the North Central School of Agriculture. The North Central quarterly summarizes his training and experience as follows:

"Graduate of the University of Minnesota with B.S. Degree in Agriculture, class of 1917. One year graduate studies in College of Education and Agronomy and Farm Management Division, College of Agriculture "U" of Minnesota. Five years seminar and summer school session in Agriculture and Education. Member Phi Delta Kappa,

honorary fraternity in Education. Two years first Lieutenant Regular United States Army. Three years engineering with the State Mines. Twelve and one-half years experience as teacher of vocational agriculture in the high schools of Albert Lea, Mound, and Redwood Falls. Interested in Science, Farm Engineering, Poultry, and Gardening. Special interest, farm practice work for farm boys. Hobbies, music and scouting, 4-H future farmer activities."

Mr. Dahlberg has had a busy life but he did not neglect his professional improvement work at the University of Minnesota. Whenever opportunity presented itself he continued his graduate study. On recommendation of the graduate faculty he received his M.S. Degree in June, 1939.

A. H. Olesberg

In June, 1923, Albert H. Olesberg, a North Dakota farm boy, graduated from the College of Agriculture, University of Minnesota. Mr. Olesberg received his early education at Kathryn, North Dakota, and his secondary school education in Canada. His interest in rural life induced him to enter the normal school at Valley City, North Dakota to prepare for service as a rural school teacher. Following his normal school training, he taught in the rural schools at Marion, and at Kathryn, North Dakota. He then held the position of principal of the consolidated school at Litchfield, North Dakota.

Following his graduation from the College of Agriculture, Mr. Olesberg has taught agriculture at Renville, Barnesville, and Plummer. In each of these schools he is credited with a great deal of effective community work.

During the World War, Mr. Olesberg served in the army overseas and since his return to America he has been an active member of the American Legion. For a period following the war he served as rehabilitation assistant in the re-training by the U. S. Veterans Bureau. Concurrent with all these activities, Mr. Olesberg found time to continue his education and was awarded the M.S. degree in March, 1939.

THE VISITOR is happy to extend congratulations to each of these men. May each find abundant personal satisfaction as a reward for his achievement. Their graduate study has not only improved their own work as teachers, but it has also had a wholesome influence upon the agricultural education program for the entire state.