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Student Affairs

Student Scrapbooks and Papers

Allen Family Papers, 1773-1796, 1802-1806, 1816-1818, 1822-1823, 1828-1839, 1842-2000

Tape Recording Descriptions

Reel 1—

2-3 Ralph Allen Interviewing Prof. Joseph C. Blair, ca. January 1949

4-22 Blair's parents, Migration from Scotland to Nova Scotia

23-27 Blair's decision to leave the farm

28-33 Arrival in Boston after a storm

34-39 Brooklyn Bridge

40-49 Arrival in Ithaca, New York, to study agriculture at Cornell on April 1, 1892

50-62 Liberty Hyde Bailey

63-78 Came to Illinois in 1896, contacts with farmers and students, appreciation of Illinois

79-94 Introduction, Nov. 27, 1967, Ralph Allen interviewing Paschal and Edith Hatch Allen.

Paschal Allen is 86 & was an early agriculture student

96-106 Went from Delavan to the University of Illinois in 1900

107-117 Farmer's Institutes

118-135 Registration, Courses of studies, Prof. Ward & soil physics

136-142 Prof. Crane & Farm Mechanics, getting machinery & surveying, laying out tile

143-150 Trips to equipment manufacturers, Agricultural College train trip to Ohio. Photograph.

151-170 Collection and operation of machinery, corn pickers, power, McCormick & Deering

171-191 Threshing machines

192-199 Pres. Andrew S. Draper: "he was an Eastern man, who didn't know much about agriculture"

200-204 Agriculture appropriations

205-206 Special students in agriculture who did not have "high school" background

207-209 Short course boys called shorthorns

210-217 Prof. Kennedy (Animal Husbandry) stock judging

218-222 Prof. T. J. Burrill--Bacteriology

223-238 Prof. J. C. Blair--Landscape gardening

242-244 Edith Hatch Allen

245-259 My Uncle Miles Hatch was in the first graduating class, Farmed on Vashan Island near Tacoma, Washington

260-272 Fred Hatch (brother) also attended University & was in the second class, married Ann Reynolds, who died soon after, was a good reader

273-274 Built silo, green alfalfa

275-276 University trustee

277-279 Attended 1902 graduation

280-283 Altgeld Hall was a showplace

284-288 Cyclone went through Champaign before graduation day

289-298 My father was a younger brother, Class of 1880

307-314 Paschal Allen resumes, Agricultural meetings at the University.

315-338 Professors from Kansas gave advice on raising alfalfa in Illinois Dr. Hopkins corrected

them--stressed inoculation of the soil. Hopkins was a knowledgeable chemist  
339-348 Hopkin's analyzed corn--breeding of corn started through Hopkin's ideas. He was a chemist.  
349-357 Hopkins and soil fertility  
359-375 Chemistry & quantitative & qualitative soil analysis  
Hopkins was first to analyze soil chemically  
376-392 The Experiment Station, Soil survey was started by Dr. Hopkins--Allen made a soil survey of his farm his thesis  
393-406 Meetings with livestock men, Arguments over yellow corn vs. white--vitamins  
407-418 Ignorance of vitamins & soil bacteria at the time.  
Hopkins brought much of this out. Was head of the Dept. of Agriculture.  
419 Memories of athletic activities  
420-423 George Huff--was a good baseball coach  
424-425 Successful Eastern baseball tour  
426-440 Baseball and football stars--Jack Stahl  
441-445 Basketball was a girl's game then.  
446-453 Allen stayed out one year--belonged to Class of 1904, but graduated with 1905  
454-460 Classmates--J. C. Spitler  
464-478 Prof. William L. Burlison--identification of agricultural leaders in a photograph: Herbert Mumford, Rankin, Charles Hottes, Eugene Funk, Lewis Smith  
479-488 Ralph Allen & Frank I. Mann, classmates in 1876, members of opposing student parties  
489-515 Advisory committee  
516-532 Ralph Allen comments on the picture  
535-840 Radio program theme music for the Prairie Farmer "Dinner Bell" program,  
American & Danish national anthems, Interview with Inge Schwensen, Danish  
exchange student who stayed at the Ralph Allen farm, Charles Ray on Illinois,  
DHIA, artificial insemination, cattle judging  
(recopied from paper tape)

## Reel 2 -

1-62 Dedication of James L. Reid Memorial for yellow dent corn, Sept. 10, 1955.  
Excerpts from Dr. R. W. Jugenheimer's remarks on the importance of corn & corn breeding  
Robert Reid moved from Brown County, Ohio, to Delavan, Illinois, 19=846  
Robert Reid spent 20 years developing a corn strain  
James L. Reid's bumper yields  
57-61 Welcome by Delavan mayor  
63-79 Introductions  
80-124 Dean Louis B. Howard on the University of Illinois role & its staff  
125-188 Ralph Allen introduces Reid family  
189-310 Ralph Allen's remarks  
311-510 Robert W. Jugenheimer's remarks, corn breeding, Reid's yellow dent corn yields, prizes, hybrid corns developed by crossing many inbred lines which were developed from Reid's yellow dent corn  
511-662 Dr. Kenyan C. Paing, Michigan State University Corn Foundation citation presentation, corn  
663-699 Mr. Clifford Walton, Response by great grandson of James L. Reid

715-802 George Iftner, assistant director Illinois Department of Agriculture, former Tazewell County farm advisor (recopied from paper tape)

Reel 3 -

1-10 Ralph Allen message to David Thompson

11-34 Bloomington, Illinois, March 26, 1949

Greetings to Thompson from an old friend, Frank Bill

Bill identifies Thompson as a former McLean County farm advisor

Recalls meetings that Thompson held in the past

Thompson lives in New York City

35-54 Ralph Allen gives details of how recording by Bill was made, March 30, 1949

Discusses his recording hobby

Comments on the weather

Mentions Thompson's other old friends in Illinois including Earl Smith, Sam Thompson,

Chester G. Starr, W. L. Burlison, J. C. Blair

55-60 Discussed with Bill the best method of making of a historical recording on agriculture

61-90 Refers to Dr. Joseph C. Blair's recording & his acquaintance with horticulturist Liberty Hyde Bailey

91-98 Joke on relativity

99-110 Recalls J. H. Turkley, former farm advisory in Logan County

Turkley invited Allen to a Rotary meeting in Lincoln

Hopes that he can make a recording of Turkley's corny stories sometime

Hopes Thompson will make a recording to return to him

111-118 George Iftner, July 21, 1950

119-136 Tazewell County Farm Bureau president Milo Miller sends recorded greetings to

Chester G. Starr, second farm advisor in Tazewell County

137-179 Mr. Benniman sends greetings to Starr

180-204 Mr. White or Hoyt, Assistant Tazewell County farm advisor

205-220 Mr. Paul Miller, Farm Bureau insurance man

221-232 Miss Eleanor Winkle, reminiscences

233-259 Mr. Clarence Bale, 5th Tazewell County Farm Advisor

Soil fertility, changes in farm living, agricultural progress

260-313 George Deppert, Tazewell County Farm Bureau treasurer, Farm Bureau assets

314-354 President of Pike County Farm Bureau

355-619 Chester G. Starr

Recollections of Farm Bureau men and programs

Mr. Starr arrived in Pekin to replace Mr. Robbins on June 1, 1918

Reminiscences of first days as advisory, securing miss Eleanor Winkle as secretary for office, use of "pure Bred" as slogan for county livestock, types of pure breds, herd of Brown Swiss cattle shown at Illinois fair as advertisement (Prof. Rhodes of U. of I. helped in selection), 1st Brown Swiss sale

Recollections of Tazewell County Farm Bureau (continued) during his time there, 100 bushel corn club initiated, R. Robinson, son of Archy Robinson, usually had best corn yield, Dept. of Animal Husbandry sent Dr. Lyon to test cattle, origination of auto insurance for members, acknowledges Mr. John Schwarzentraub of Morton for help in developing auto insurance program, development of the Farm Bureau automobile insurance program in

Tazewell County

620-712 Starr recalls his personal history

Born in Ohio, moved to Missouri, Purdue, circumstances of his employment as Tazewell County Farm Advisor, Tazewell County work, 1918-22, Colorado, 1922-26, Bloomington, Farm Credit Corporation, Jefferson City, Missouri last 19 years, medical service, Now Director of the Rural Health Service and President of Missouri Agricultural Credit Corporation

713-742 Son--Chester Jr., presently Professor of history at U. of I.,  
Previous experience in war (History of 5th Army)

Reel 4 - (entire)

Recording made by Dave Thompson (Agricultural Consultant for the Grocery Manufacturers Association of America) on April 29, 1949 in New York City at Ralph Allen's request. Thompson relates his activities as Farm Advisory for McLean County (February 1915-February 1919), as Executive Secretary of the Illinois Agricultural Association (1919-1922) & as Editorial staff member of radio station WLS (1922-41). Phil Alampi (Farm Director of radio station WJZ, where the recording was made) serves as moderator. (recopied from Scotch tape to Ampex, 7-21-94, interview concludes on second side of reel)

Reel 5 and 6 - (entire)

Recording was made on February 12, 1952 in the Farm Bureau Building at Eureka, Woodford County, Illinois. The speakers are Hugh Brock (Farm Advisor of Woodford County), Lester Davidson (former Director of the Illinois Agricultural Association), Frank Felder (first man to use the Farm Bureau's Farm Management Service), Charlie Smith, Louis C. Schurtz, Simon Lantz (former State Senator), W. H. Smith. Ralph Allen acts as moderator. Speakers relate their experiences in establishing the Woodford County Farm Bureau & the Illinois Agricultural Association, in introducing soil treatment and in farming during the early 1900's. (recopied from Soundmirror to Ampex, 7-21-94, recordings conclude on second side of reels)

Reel 7 - (No date of recording given)

1-672 E. T. Robbins recounts his experiences as the first Farm Advisor of Tazewell County  
675-831 Herman W. Danforth (first President of the Farm Bureau and first President of the Illinois Agricultural Association) comments on Robbins' talk & relates how Robbins was appointed Farm Advisor. Ralph Allen serves as moderator (recopied from Soundmirror to Ampex, 7-21-94)

Reel 8 -

1-11 Introduction of Frank W. Hatten. Interview in Delavan, Illinois by Ralph Allen  
12-18 Allen reads letter from Hatten's granddaughter about his work in building the Panama Canal  
19-39 Hatten relates how he completed his Westinghouse Electric Company apprenticeship by accepting a job as engineer on the Panama Canal after completing his work at the University of Illinois  
40-73 Boat trip to Panama  
74-85 Cristobal

86-100 Work as a wareman on barge pumps pumping water from the lower Miraflores lock.

Later worked on cranes in the lock chambers

101-107 Tools were run by compressed air

108-143 He lived at a government hotel three miles from Panama.

Good meals at 30 cents each. Meal tickets were deducted from wages

French & Spanish lived in silver quarters

144-170 He was made foreman of the electricians. Had charge of telephone & power lines. Most of the laborers were Barbadean Negroes. Sings songs

171-208 YMCA entertainment. William J. Bryan lectured. Encounter with Bryan & a carriage

209-237 Raould Amundsen lectured. He brought his dog sleds. Cook-Perry controversy. Perry & Henson gave an interesting account. He later met Richard Byrd who flew over the South Pole

238-259 He learned to operate a motion picture projector for the YMCA

He did this 4 or 5 nights a week. He took Spanish and French lessons & dancing lessons.

Lists motion picture stars.

260-285 He made a swimming platform & had to obtain permission from Colonel Goethals in Culbra. They became good friends.

286-334 He escorted President Taft through our end of the canal. He was general foreman of the electrical department for the Pacific end of the canal. Fire control fortification responsibilities.

Sixteen inch rifles with a fourteen mile range. Pacific island fortifications. Wireless

335-349 Airplane flight across canal. He escorted the aviator back on an army flatcar. Bomb protection

350-368 1917 he was in New York on leave when World War I began.

German ships were interred in Panama

369-370 He took a dive on a C-series submarine

371-400 Flora & Fauna of the tropics. Tarantulas & coral snakes

401-425 Government sanitarium on a Pacific Island. They fished for sharks. Alligator hunt

426-447 Tropical storms

448-472 Theodore Roosevelt visited Delavan & spoke. Hatten was at camp Yaphank when he died. He knew his sons

473-479 He met Wilson, Taft & F. D. Roosevelt. None compare with "sheer bravado and accomplishment."

480-485 Caruso, Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Castle also visited Panama.

486-840 Organ music & funeral service for Frank W. Hatten by Reverend Charles Hendricks of the Delavan United Presbyterian Church