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GEORGE W. HOSFORD PASSES AWAY SUDDENLY AT HIS SAN DIMAS HOME

The whole community was deeply stirred by the almost sudden death of one of its leading citizens, after an illness of only a few days. This man of robust body succumbed to a complication of diseases, which terminated on earth a very useful though not long life.

George Wheeler Hosford, nephew and adopted son of Mr. & Mrs. George T. Wheeler, was born in Tully, N.Y., May 1st, 1879 and reared in Mexico, N.Y. He obtained his education at Cornell University, receiving his B.A. in 1902 and his M.A. in 1904. He taught one year in a Jewish Agricultural College, Dowlestown, Pa. He was Assistant Professor of Agriculture in Hampton Institute, Va., for three years. From thence he returned to Cornell in charge of the Farmers Extension Course, at the same time studying for and receiving a third degree B.Sc.

In 1906 he entered the U.S. Department of Agriculture, working with G. Harold Powell in fruit investigations.

The year 1908 brought him to California where he became manager of the San Dimas Lemon Association. In this capacity he evinced rare powers in effective organization. He placed this Association on such a business-like basis that little improvement has since been needed.

In 1915 a meeting of all the representatives of each lemon district was held to select a man to fill the newly created position of Lemon Field Agent. They were enthusiastically unanimous in deciding that the one man best fitted for the position in his extensive knowledge of lemons was George W. Hosford. He received the appointment in November of that year. In this position he served till his death.

Mr. Hosford was a member of one of the first classes that graduated from the agricultural department at Cornell college. He was a student under Prof. I. P. Roberts who was the first Dean of Agriculture in this college. Another of his teachers was Prof. Liberty Hyde Bailey, foremost horticulturist of the world, who bore this testimony to Mr. Hosford—"He was capable of fulfilling every obligation of any position which he might accept."

In 1907 George W. Hosford and Edith Maud Lacock were married at Ithaca, N.Y., at the home of Mrs. H. D. Perky. Among the eminent guests present were Prof. R. A. Pearson, who now holds the position as Dean of Ames Agricultural College, Iowa; Prof. Bailey and wife; Prof. A. R. Mann, the present Dean of Agriculture at Cornell; Prof. Atkinson, new teacher of Botany; Prof. W. L. Williams, Head of Cornell; Prof. J. H. Tanner and wife, Chair of Mathematics; and Prof. John Craig, Teacher of Horticulture, now deceased.

Mr. Hosford leaves a widow, three girls and one boy, the youngest being three years of age. His foster mother, Mrs. G. T. Wheeler, who is a member of his family, survives him.

He was Secretary of the Lemon Men's Club, President and Manager of San Dimas Citrus Improvement Co., Secretary of Exchange By-Products, charter member of Cornell Alpha Zeta Fraternity.

He ascended to the higher and better life last Sunday, November 4 at about two o'clock p.m.. The earthly frame was buried beside his foster father in Evergreen Cemetery in the presence of a large, sympathetic and very reverent company of citizens. His pastor, Rev. J. H. Mallows, officiated, assisted by his former pastor, Rev. C. E. Stickle, who sang two beautiful solos "Still, Still With Thee when Purple Morning Breaketh," and "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go."

San Dimas is the poorer for the loss of a good friend. He was the inspiration

of many a young man, guiding them in their studies and helping them to the choice of high ideals, giving them a worthy objective in life. He was a man of sterling qualities and of unbending integrity, faithful to friend and loyal to principle. He was a manly man. In the pursuit of an education, he knew what struggle really meant and the meaning of present sacrifice for future gain. In youth, he practiced self-denial, working at night in order that he might study during the day. He did not inherit, nor was success thrust upon him, he achieved it by his untiring and persevering industry. In business his great ability was manifested in his religious devotion to details, in the almost unerring instinct in the selection of the right man for the right place, and his unusual, but developed capacity for the systematizing of his work, the high efficiency with which he carried it on and the like efficiency he fostered in and exacted from others under him.

Though he has gone his work remains. Though his tongue is still, yet he speaketh. "The memory of the just is blessed."

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Editor Press --

It is only when a man is gone that we begin to add him up and find once in a long time that we have lost a well-rounded "big man" with all the attributed that go with that term as we use it. In many ways San Dimas has lost her foremost citizen in the passing of G.W. Hosford. He was a builder. He built good orchards where conditions seemed adverse; he built not on a house, but a home; he has written his name into the history of the upbuilding of the Citrus Industry and he has left his indelible imprint upon the industrial and social and religious life of San Dimas. He has even built men out of doubtful material. There was no such word as quit in his lexicon.

When his death was announced at the annual meeting of the Escondido Citrus Union Monday afternoon half a dozen men rose to pay him tribute. From three-hundred miles up and down California, wherever lemons were grown, his work and worth will be attested to.

In the community work of San Dimas he became, there as elsewhere, a leader and put system and definite purpose in work that will continue to bear fruit in various ways even though it may not be generally recognized.