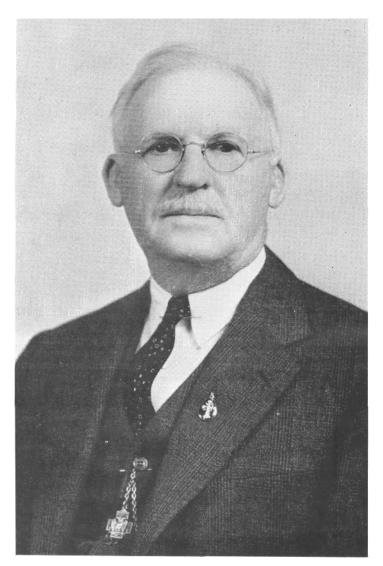
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Frank Dennison Halm - IN APPRECIATION



JUDGE FRANK D. HALM

Enthusiastic active worker in the avocado industry, Association Emblem of Honor, awarded to Judge Halm in May, 1938, proudly displayed.

The California avocado industry has indeed been fortunate in the fealty of men of experience and ability who have generously contributed time and money for the general good of all avocado growers. Because of the magnitude and effectiveness of his work, one of the most outstanding among these is Frank D. Halm.

Joining this Association in 1925, Judge Halm has served on our Board of Directors for

more than ten years, and efficiently filled the office of President in 1933. Feeling that avocado growers needed a large voice in Farm Bureau and legislative affairs, Judge Halm was largely instrumental in organizing the inter-county avocado department of the State Farm Bureau. Serving a term as Justice of the Peace at La Habra, Judge Halm became especially interested in the suppression of avocado thievery. He has been active in securing better police patrol and in furthering legislation designed to discourage thievery.

FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

When this Association proposed and promoted the ceremonial pilgrimage to Atlixco, Mexico, Judge Halm was selected as leader, which important position he filled to such eminent satisfaction to all concerned that voluminous expressions of appreciation came from Mexican government officials generally as well as from all his associates on the pilgrimage. At the annual banquet of this Association at San Diego, May 21st, 1938, Judge Halm was awarded the Aztec honor emblem of this Association, in recognition of his outstanding services for this Association and the avocado industry generally. And, all this has been accomplished after Judge Halm was supposed to have retired from active business.

Frank D. Halm was born April 8, 1859 at Urbana, Ohio. At the age of eleven he removed with his parents to Topeka, Kansas, where he received his education in the public schools and later attended Washburn College at Topeka. After serving an apprenticeship in his father's tinshop, he was married to May E. Fisher at the age of 22 and removed to Wyandotte, Kansas, where he became traveling representative for a pump and windmill manufacturing company at Kansas City. After seven years, he accepted a position as traveling representative of plumbing and heating supplies with N. O. Nelson Mfg. Co. of St. Louis. In 1892 he became affiliated with the Salt Lake Hardware Co. In 1897 he became salesman of tubular steel goods for Mack Mfg. Co. of Chicago, which later, through various mergers, became the Youngstown Sheet Steel and Tube Co.

"RETIRED" — TO AVOCADOS

In 1920, after a very active life as a traveling sales representative for hardware and steel products, Judge Halm purchased land at La Habra Heights, California, with the idea of settling down; as the territory which he had covered in his business included practically every portion of the United States.

Since he cannot endure inaction, Judge Halm is still vigorously at work for any good cause which comes to his attention. His chief interests are in the Farm Bureau, California Avocado Association and Calavo Growers. He is a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason.

A letter from him dated November 14, 1938, from Cayucos, California, contains a characteristic sentence: "If I can negotiate the road out of here into Paso Robles, I plan to stage it to the Sacramento Farm Bureau Convention tomorrow. Had you been following me the last month to Paso Robles, Salinas, San Jose, San Francisco, Santa

Barbara, Los Angeles, La Habra, Oceanside, and back here, you could have played checkers on my coat-tail."