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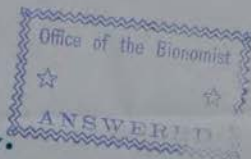
Hunt Institute was dedicated in 1961 as the Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library, an international center for bibliographical research and service in the interests of botany and horticulture, as well as a center for the study of all aspects of the history of the plant sciences. By 1971 the Library's activities had so diversified that the name was changed to Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. Growth in collections and research projects led to the establishment of four programmatic departments: Archives, Art, Bibliography and the Library.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY.

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OFFICE OF
SEED AND PLANT INTRODUCTION
AND DISTRIBUTION.

Washington, D. C., May 22, 1907.



Mr. O. F. Cook,
Bureau Plant Industry.

Dear Mr. Cook:

The following quotations from a letter just received from Mr. S. Galbraith, Government Agronomist, Orange River Colony, Bloemfontein, may be of interest to you.

" It may interest you to know that the Apache corn from Central America promises to revolutionize our Mealie (corn) production. This year I had only 1/20 acre growing and the yields are very great being 7660 lbs. (cobs and grain) per acre, a marvellous yield for this country, since the average yield is about 3-10 sacks (203 lbs). per morgen. Should the Apache Mealie continue to yield as present I will have some satisfaction after so much disappointment from drought and locusts. I might state that the weights quoted are those of the newly harvested cobs".

I am writing to Mr. Galbraith and request of him a few cobs of this Apache corn so that we may determine definitely what it is.

Yours very truly,

C. V. Piper
Agrostologist.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Dr. Ralph R. Shaw
U.S.D.A. Librarian, Washington, D. C.

FROM : Dr. W. Andrew Archer, Curator
U.S. National Arboretum Herbarium, Beltsville, Md.

SUBJECT: Shipment of books, reprints and articles.

DATE: Sept. 18, 1951

Today we are sending by department messenger 5 bundles of books, reprints and articles tied with twine. We are also sending two small books in a standard messenger envelope. We trust that these will be useful to you.

*There were Cook reprints
of palm publications.
The bundles were
lost enroute and
never reached the
Library
W.A.A.*

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Sept. 21, 1949

Mr. Ralph Shaw, Librarian
U.S.D.A. Library, South Bldg., Wash., D. C.

Dr. W. Andrew Archer, Curator
U. S. National Arboretum Herbarium, Plant Industry Sta.
Beltsville, Md.

Dear Ralph:

At last I have finished checking Dr. O. F. Cooks' reprints. I have made up a set of available items for your reprint collection. Trying not to duplicate those you already have, in accordance with the photostat copies of cards which you sent me some months ago.

The publications are being sent by messenger in four bundles to the Acquisition Section of the U.S.D.A. Library, Washington, D. C.

We have finished the Cook bibliography and intend as soon as possible to mimeograph it, but we are waiting to include an itinerary of his travels. As soon as possible we shall send you a copy.

Sincerely,

cc: Acquisition Section

Mr. Lagergren

Sept. 6069

Sept. 21, 1948

Mr. Ralph Snow, Librarian
U.S.N.A. Library, South Bldg., Wash., D. C.
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Fred Hayland
Dist. P.O.

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