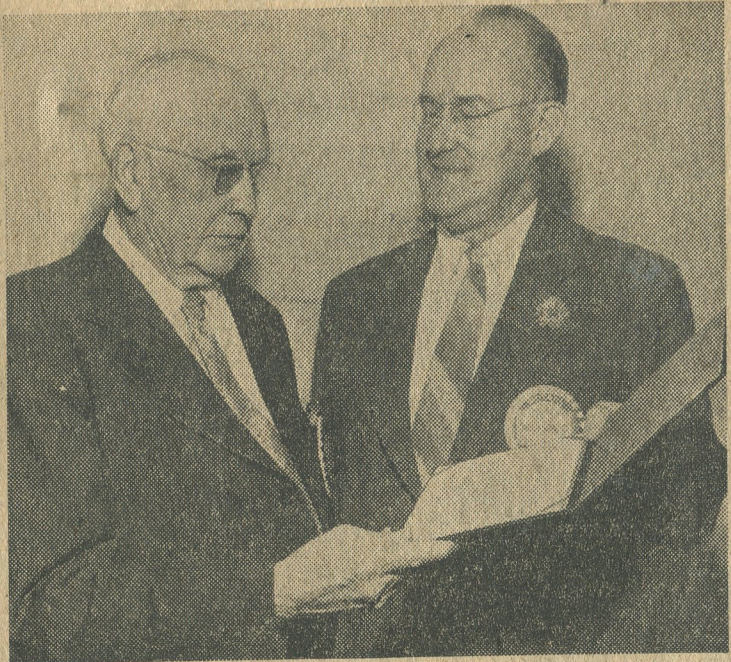


BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

Oct 17, 1951



Dr. J. C. Blair, dean emeritus of the University of Illinois College of Agriculture, received an honorary doctor of science degree Tuesday — 32 years after the honor had been bestowed. The degree was given him in 1919 by the College of Wooster, in Ohio. Wartime shortages delayed Wooster's supply of sheepskin, so the

dean got a blank piece of paper, which was supposed to be replaced at a later date. Director Donald E. Dickason of the U. of I. non-academic personnel department, a trustee of Wooster, heard about the 32-year delay, obtained the sheepskin, and presented it to Dean Blair Tuesday at the Urbana Rotary club luncheon.







BLAIR PORTRAIT UNVEILED. Professor J. C. Blair, dean emeritus of the University of Illinois college of agriculture, was honored Thursday evening with the unveiling of his portrait, a gift of friends to the University. Participating in the ceremony at the University YMCA were left to right: Dean Rexford Newcomb, college of fine and

applied arts, who accepted the portrait for the University on behalf of President George D. Stoddard; Mrs. C. S. Bernard, the Blairs daughter, who unveiled the portrait; Dean Blair, and Professor W. L. Burlison, head of the agronomy department, who presided.

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Walter Young Retires Sept. 1

Walter Young, 706 W. Clark St., Urbana, gardener in the horticulture department of the University of Illinois College of Agriculture, will retire Sept. 1 after 37 years of service with the department.

Young became acquainted with Dr. Joseph C. Blair, dean emeritus of the College of Agriculture, in 1910 at Salem, while Dr. Blair was holding office as dean. In 1915, Dean Blair persuaded Young to join the U. of I. staff.

Dean Blair, on occasion of his 68th birthday, wrote a letter of appreciation to his fellow staff member which said, in part:

"Those 37 years of work on your part were years of great help and satisfaction not only to you, but to the department which you have so loyally served each day during this long period of time. And all the department staff and workers in the gardens and plantations of our department have admired your ability to work and the fine friendship and Christian character you have exhibited through these splendid years of service."



UI Gardener Walter Young Will Retire

1952-1952

Walter Young, 706 West Clark street, Urbana, will retire September 1 after 37 years as gardener on the University of Illinois farms.

Young was brought to this community by Dean Emeritus J. C. Blair who first met him at Salem. Young worked in Dean Blair's stables and then was persuaded by the dean to work for the University horticulture department.

For many years Young was the department's ablest handler of teams of work horses. After use of the work animals became obsolete, Young stayed on as a gardener.

In a recent letter to Young recognizing his 68th birthday, Dean Blair said, "These 37 years of work, on your part, were years of great help and satisfaction not only to you but to the department which you have so loyally served each day during this long period of time. And all the department staff and workers in the gardens and the plantations of our department have admired your ability to work and the fine friendship and Christian character you have exhibited throughout these splendid years of service to our institution and the state."

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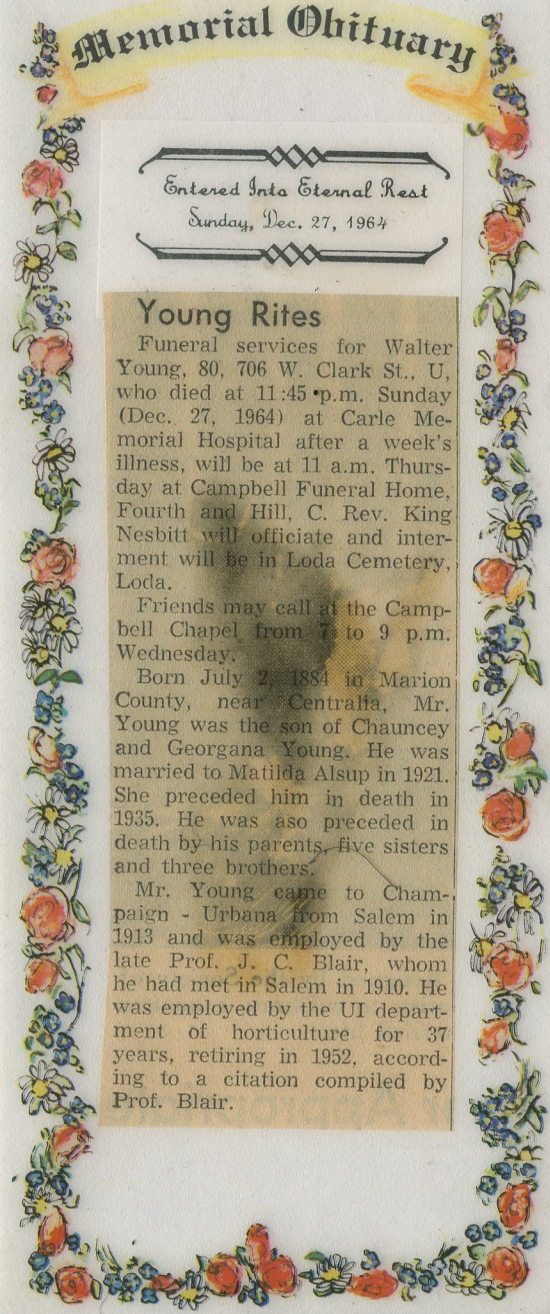
Young Rites

Funeral services for Walter Young, 80, 706 W. Clark St., U, who died at 11:45 p.m. Sunday (Dec. 27, 1964) at Carle Memorial Hospital after a week's illness, will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Campbell Funeral Home, Fourth and Hill. C. Rev. King Nesbitt will officiate and interment will be in Loda Cemetery, Loda.

Friends may call at the Campbell Chapel from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday.

Born July 2, 1884 in Marion County, near Centralia, Mr. Young was the son of Chauncey and Georgana Young. He was married to Matilda Alsop in 1921. She preceded him in death in 1935. He was also preceded in death by his parents, five sisters and three brothers.

Mr. Young came to Champaign - Urbana from Salem in 1913 and was employed by the late Prof. J. C. Blair, whom he had met in Salem in 1910. He was employed by the UI department of horticulture for 37 years, retiring in 1952, according to a citation compiled by Prof. Blair.



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Rest In Peace



The Lord is my shepherd:
I shall not want. He maketh
me to lie down in green pas-
tures: he leadeth me beside the
still waters. He restoreth my
soul: he leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for his
name's sake. Yea, though I
walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will
fear no evil: for thou art
with me; thy rod and thy
staff they comfort me. Thou
preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine
enemies: Thou anointest my
head with oil; my cup runneth
over. Surely goodness and
mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life: and I
shall dwell in the house
of the Lord for ever.

Twenty-Third Psalm



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Obituary and Funeral Details













Feb 23 PARK BOARD HONORS DEAN J. C. BLAIR 1949



Dr. Joseph Cullen Blair, dean emeritus of the University of Illinois College of Agriculture, who has announced that he will not seek re-election to the Urbana park board at the end of present seventh six-year

term. Wednesday night was feted by fellow members of the board and guests. Seated left to right are Mrs. Blair, Dean Blair and Mrs. Chancy L. Finfrock, standing, Edwin J. Moses, supervisor of parks and re-

creation; Mrs. Moses, Lester L. Corrie, vice president who presented the Blairs with a framed letter of appreciation and a gift, and Mr. Finfrock, park district attorney and toastmaster for the evening.











