

Four Score and Five Years of Good Works

E. Domingo Hardison

The well-spent life of E. Domingo Hardison came to its close Christmas day, 1981, after a brief time of illness.

Mr. Hardison was born in Peru on December 4, 1896, and was named for his father's gold mine in Santo Domingo. The family moved to Ventura County three years later; and there, Domingo was reared and schooled until his matriculation in the University of California and, thereafter, service in World War I.

Domingo Hardison was, for 41 years, a prominent and successful grower of avocados and citrus on property of the Hardison Ranch Company, of which he was president and manager. He served, also, as president of Limoneira Company, a major producer of lemons and avocados. For sixteen years, Mr. Hardison served the State of California faithfully and well on its Forestry Board. He served, also with distinction, on numerous other boards and councils.

Mr. Hardison was strongly attached to the avocado industry and supported constructive efforts of many kinds—often as a leader—to enhance its development. He served as a director of this Society from 1939 through 1945, and as its president in 1943. In 1949, Domingo Hardison became the twenty-eighth recipient of the Society's prestigious Emblem of Honor for outstanding contributions to the industry.

Domingo Hardison was among the ranks of the giant personalities who have given so much to this industry. He is irreplaceable. We are fortunate, however, that the uniqueness of the man and of the wife who preceded him in death remains with us in their daughter, Virginia Bock, and their son, Allen C. Hardison, who is actively identified with California agriculture.

Vaya con Dios, amigo Domingo.