

pleasures were simple and the work that he undertook possibly was his joy. His mentality and constitution were such that he was able to offset the effects of the worries and problems of his life by being able to sleep soundly when the opportunity occurred, be it in a buggy, a car, a train, an aeroplane, or at home. The life he led was such that his conscience never worried him. He dealt with the larger issues as easily as the minor details. He was respected, honoured, admired, and, by his family in particular, loved to such an extent as is not often the lot of mortal man.

### F. L. McDougall

Mr. Frank Lidgett McDougall, one of the founders of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, died on 15th February in Rome.

Mr. McDougall was born in Blackheath, England, in 1884 and studied at Darmstadt and London Universities. As a young man he came to Australia and took up land at the irrigation settlement of Renmark, where for some years he was occupied in clearing and levelling land, and soon made it into a successful irrigated fruit farm. During the First World War he served with the Australian Imperial Forces as a subaltern, and after the war became interested in marketing problems for Australian agricultural produce. He was in the front-line in the campaign for Imperial Preference, and for his services was awarded in 1926 the C.M.G.

From 1932 to 1945 Mr. McDougall was Economic Adviser to the Australian Government in London. His interest in marketing problems within the Commonwealth widened and the international aspects of the problem became more and more his concern. He was Australian representative on the International Wheat Advisory Committee and also his country's representative to the League of Nations on agricultural questions and to the International Institute of Agriculture.

The decision of the World Monetary and Economic Conference, to which he was a delegate, to restrict agricultural production further in the already poverty-stricken world of the 1930's filled him with dismay. He started to develop his ideas on food distribution, production, nutrition, and public welfare, and through his close friendship with John Boyd Orr came to realise that it was essential to convince world opinion of the close relationship between nutrition, agriculture, and economic development.

In 1941 the Commonwealth Government sent Mr. McDougall to Washington to an economic mission, which included the negotiation of a wheat agreement, and it was there that he again outlined his ideas in a memorandum, which resulted in an invitation to the White House. In September 1942 he met Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt and Mr. Harry Hopkins at luncheon and took the opportunity to outline the idea of an international agency concerned with food and agriculture that was to be F.A.O. Early in 1943 the President issued his invitations to the United Nations to hold their first conference on food and agriculture at Hot Springs, Virginia. The conference was held in May 1943 and Mr. McDougall was a member of the Australian delegation. From then on he worked for the establishment of F.A.O. in the United Nations Interim Commission for Food and Agriculture, and after F.A.O.'s establishment in 1945 at the Quebec Conference, became Counsellor to the Director-General and later Special Assistant, in which capacity he represented F.A.O. for a number of years at the United Nations General Assembly and at the Economic and Social Council. Mr. McDougall's health had been failing for the last two years, but he still spent all his days at his desk at F.A.O. and was a trusted consultant to the Director-General and an appreciated adviser to the secretariat.

Mr. Alan S. Downs, of Boysdale, Koonda, Vic., died on 23rd February at the Wangaratta Base Hospital.

Mr. Hugh Learmonth, only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Learmonth, of Ngeringa, Frances, S.A., died last month following a road accident on the Mount Gambier Road, near Naracoorte. Aged 19 years, he was an old scholar of Scotch College, Melbourne, and since finishing there in 1956 had worked on the family property.

Mr. Gerald F. D. Acraman, southern branch inspector for South Australia of Elder, Smith and Co. Ltd. died last month after 36 years with the company. He was appointed manager of Angaston, S.A., in 1930, Snowtown in 1932 and Naracoorte in 1935. After serving as an original member of the 2/7th Australian Field Regiment he returned to open Elder's branch at Hamilton, Vic., in 1945. Mr. Acraman was appointed to his late position in February last year.

## PERSONAL SECTION

Mr. John M. Baillieu has been appointed as a member of the local board of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co. Ltd.

Mr. H. L. Higgs, managing director of William Cooper and Nephews (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., has left on a business tour of the United States, Britain and Europe.

Mr. K. G. Sutherland, assistant-to-inspector in the Bank of New South Wales, has been appointed sub-manager in Melbourne. He succeeds Mr. A. B. Beckingsale, who has been appointed to the senior relief staff.

Mr. G. W. N. Bassingthwaite, well known for his association with the successful Woodlands Hereford stud, at Greenmount, Q., has been made a director of Mactaggarts Primary Producers' Co-operative Association Ltd.

Mr. N. N. Black, agriculturalist at the Waite Agricultural Research Institute, Adelaide, is the only Australian to be awarded one of the ten Andre Mayer fellowships for 1957 by the Food and Agriculture Organisation.

Mr. Ralph M. Monk, vice-president in charge of Industrial and Employee relations, Caterpillar Tractor Co., U.S.A., is visiting the company's subsidiary, Caterpillar of Australia Pty. Ltd., and will be in this country for two weeks.

Mr. P. E. Figgis has been appointed New South Wales manager for Grazcos Co-operative Ltd. in succession to Mr. A. H. Mullens, who has resigned. Mr. Figgis has been with the company since 1932 and during 1957 was acting manager for Queensland in the absence abroad of Mr. F. C. Wilson.

Mr. B. S. Swann has taken up duties as salesman-in-charge of Goldsbrough, Mort and Co.'s stud stock department in South Australia, following the retirement of Mr. R. S. Stewart, who is now managing the two well-known Merino studs Wyndara and Pulpara at Terowie, S.A.

Mr. A. Bremner, Queensland sales manager for William Cooper and Nephews (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., has recently returned from South Africa, where he had been studying the livestock industry and exchanging information with representatives of the Cooper organisation in that country.

Mr. Fred Smith, well-known supervisor for Goldsbrough, Mort and Co. Ltd. in the northern districts of South Australia, has retired after 40 years with the company. Mr. Jack Box, who was the west coast supervisor in that State, has been appointed to succeed him, while Mr. Box's position is to be taken over by Mr. Kel Crocker.

Sir William G. Ogg, director of the Rothamsted Experiment Station in England since 1943, has announced his retirement for 30th September this year. Mr. F. C. Bawden, F.R.S., deputy director and head of the Plant Pathology Department at Rothamsted and one of the world's leading authorities on diseases in plants, has been appointed to succeed him.

Mr. T. R. Lawler, an experienced agronomist, has been appointed manager of the newly established 204-acre Narrabri Experiment Farm on the Namoi River, near Narrabri, N.S.W. The farm will be used to test a wide variety of crops and pastures under irrigation, as a guide to settlers who would use water from the Keepit Dam when it became available.

Australian, Mercantile, Land and Finance Co. Ltd. announce that Mr. P. A. Jenkins, branch inspector for the Riverina, has been appointed manager of the wool department in the Melbourne office. Mr. N. R. Arnold, who has relinquished the position of manager of the wool department because of indifferent health due to war service, will continue in an active capacity in the department.

Mr. W. A. Angliss has been appointed chairman and managing director of Queensland Stations Pty. Ltd. and Vanrook Pastoral Co., and managing director of Bluff Downs Pty. Ltd. He has also been made managing partner of Miranda Downs Pastoral Co., of Kidman Angliss and of Kidman Angliss and Co. All of these positions were held until recently by his uncle, the late Sir William Angliss.

Sir William C. Currie, of London, who has been chairman and managing director of the P. and O. Steam Navigation Co. and the British India Steam Navigation Co. since 1938, has been appointed a director of Burns, Philp and Co., Sydney, in place of Mr. D. W. Cross, who has resigned. Sir William is also a director of Orient Steam Navigation Co. Ltd. and other London companies engaged in shipping, banking, and insurance.

Mr. J. S. Pearce, general manager of Bennett and Fisher Ltd., has been appointed as a director, and will become managing director on the retirement of Mr. Hugh Davis, who has held this position since the firm's formation as a public company in 1919. Mr. Pearce was with an Adelaide legal office until he joined the staff of Bennett and Fisher Ltd. in 1926. He was subsequently appointed secretary and later manager, before being appointed general manager.

Mr. W. Gordon Blackstock, manager of the Bapton Shorthorn stud, Cairnbrogie, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, was awarded the M.B.E. in the New Year Honours, according to a report received last month from the Scottish Shorthorn Society in Perth. Mr. Blackstock judged Shorthorns at Perth, Scotland, when only 27, and in 1953 became one of the youngest men ever to judge at the famous Palermo Show in the