

Alan A. Beetle Grass and Ecosystem Science and Management Herbarium – WYAC
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Alan Ackerman “Doc” Beetle June 8, 1913 - March 27, 2003. Born in Hanover, N.H. to Dr. Ralph Denniston and Helen (Ackerman) Beetle, he received his bachelor’s degree in botany from Dartmouth College (1936) and a master’s degree from the University of Wyoming (1938). He received a Ph.D. in 1941 from the University of California, Berkeley, and taught there for five years. He returned to UW in 1946, where he developed the Department of Range Management and taught until his retirement in 1979. For six years after his retirement, the country of Mexico hired him to collect grass in Mexico, which resulted in a seven-volume book, “Las Gramineas de Mexico.”