He was married in 1904 and moved to Canada in 1907, residing in the Kootenay district until 1909 when he came to Vernon. For four years he worked on fruit ranches to gain practical experience. Then in August, 1912, he was appointed to the Provincial agricultural staff as Assistant Plant Pathologist and Entomologist, which position he held until the separation of the pathological and entomological work in 1918. He then became Assistant Entomologist. In 1935 he was appointed Provincial Entomologist and held this office until his retirement due to ill health in December, 1942.

It is as an extension entomologist that Mr. Ruhmann will be particularly missed by the farmers and fruit growers in all parts of the Province. The many well arranged exhibits of injurious insects and plant diseases which he prepared for agricultural exhibitions were of great interest and value, and it was this phase of his work which caused him to be so widely known and so constantly referred to on all matters in which the correct identification and control of insect pests was concerned. Max was a skilled photographer; we are still using illustrations and lantern slides prepared by him when the Provincial and Dominion Entomologists shared the same rooms between 1919 and 1930.

The large and well arranged insect collection housed in the Department office at Vernon was almost entirely the result of his efforts, and bears witness to his painstaking skill. Mr. Ruhmann's personal library included a most complete collection of books and pamphlets, dealing with all phases of entomology, the bulk of which he bequeathed to the University of British Columbia at Vancouver. His attainments as a linguist enabled him to keep abreast of entomological research in various countries and here again, his help in translating and abstracting foreign literature was freely given to all. The most generous of men, one who in the goodness of his heart was always ready to give practical help and advice in matters which often covered a range quite outside of the entomological field, and whose personal interest were always held subordinate to those of his friends in all matters, professional or otherwise, he will be sadly missed.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Ruhmann of Vernon, B.C., a son William of Portland, Oregon, and a daughter, Mrs. G. E. Clark of Vernon.

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THE BEETLE MELANDRYA STRIATA IN BRITISH COLUMBIA (Coleoptera: Melandryidae). Melandrya striata Say, a shiny black beetle with striated elytra, is common in the eastern United States, but Carr's Alberta record (1929. An annotated list of the Coleoptera of northern Alberta; Alta. Nat. Hist. Soc. [Red Deer] 8 p.) seems to be the only one from the north-west. I took a male striata at Courtenay, Vancouver Island, B.C., on July 14, 1931; it was identified by Hugh B. Leech, who questioned the locality. However, another male was found at Courtenay on June 30, 1932. Both beetles are now in the collection of the Department of Zoology, University of British Columbia, Vancouver. Unfortunately, I did not keep any record of habitat but according to the literature, the species occurs under bark. There is an illustration of M. striata in Blatchley's Coleoptera of Indiana, page 1296, fig. 572. Another species, Melandrya (Corythucha) robusta LeConte, has been recorded from three localities in the State of Washington, two of them at elevations a little above 5,000 feet (Ent. News 46 (10): 276-278). Two specimens in the Hopping collection carry the following labels: "Middle Val., Merritt, B.C., 3. VII. 1924, K. F. Auden" [det. F. E. Blaisdell, Sr.] and "Grass Mt., 4,000 ft., Vancouver, B.C., 7. VI. 1931 H. B. Leech" [test. H. C. Fall].—Hugh B. Leech, Vernon, B.C.

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