

## OBITUARY

### HERBERT F. SCHOOF 1914-1993



Herbert F. Schoof (1973)

Herbert F. Schoof, retired research entomologist and administrator, died October 15, 1993, in Savannah, Georgia. He was born on April 18, 1914, in New York City. He earned his B.S. degree in Biology (1936) and M.S. degree in Biology (1938) from North Carolina State College. He was awarded his Ph.D. in entomology from the University of Illinois in 1940.

In 1941 he was employed as an entomologist by the North Carolina Board of Health. By 1942 he had begun his long and productive career as a commissioned officer in the United States Public Health Service (USPHS). His first assignment was in Malaria Control in the Southeastern United States. In 1948 he was assigned to the Fly-Borne Disease Section, Communicable Disease Center (CDC), in Atlanta, Georgia. His work included fly-poliomyelitis investigations. In 1953 he was transferred to the Technical Development Laboratories (TDL), CDC, USPHS, on Oatland Island near Savannah, Georgia. While at this assignment he served in a number of positions. He was Chief of the Biology Section (1953-1964); Chief Biologist, Assistant Chief Biology/Chemistry Section (1964-1967); Chief, Biology Section *Aedes aegypti* Eradication Program (1967-1968); Chief, Biology Section, Laboratory Divisions (1968-1971); Chief, TDL (1971-1972); and Chief, TDL, Malaria Program (1972-1973). Upon his retirement in 1973 he held the rank of

Captain (Navy) in the USPHS. He authored or coauthored 169 papers on various aspects of vector control and entomology. In 1967, he was awarded a Commendation Medal by a grateful USPHS for his leadership in research programs germane to the biology and control of arthropods of public health importance.

Special foreign assignments as consultant or advisor included the World Health Organization from 1956 to 1973, which covered 14 assignments, including the Expert Committee on Insecticides in Geneva, Switzerland. Other assignments took him to Africa, India, Thailand, and Venezuela.

He assisted the Pan American Health Organization on assignments to Mexico (1959) and Brazil (1964, 1966), and the U.S. Agency for International Development to Nicaragua (1960). From February through March 1968, he served as both assistant and team leader of a CDC team to combat a plague outbreak in Java. For this work he was awarded a citation by the government of Java.

During the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's formative years he served on committees for the Categorization of Pesticides and Hazardous Materials. He also prepared an annual report entitled "Public Health Pesticides" for *Pest Control* magazine for many years.

He was a member of the American Mosquito Control Association, served on a number of committees, and was awarded a Meritorious Service Award in 1975 for his many contributions to mosquito biology and control.

His membership in other organizations included the Entomological Society of America, American Association for the Advancement of Science, National Malaria Society, American Registry of Professional Entomologists, Georgia Entomological Society, and American Public Health Association (Southern Branch), and he served as secretary and chairman of the Biology Section, American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. He was a member of Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Sigma, and Research Society of America. He was listed in *American Men of Science*, *Leaders in American Science*, *Who's Who in Science*, and *Who's Who in the South and Southwest*.

Dr. Schoof was a primary promoter of the creation and organization of the first mosquito control program in Georgia to control salt marsh mosquitoes. The Chatham County Mosquito Control Commission was organized in 1957. He was appointed as a technical advisor to this commission and served in this position until his death.

He was an avid sportsman until his later years. He was a skilled bird hunter and an expert salt-water fisherman. He made fishing a science and you were always sure to catch fish when you went with him. He was married to the former Beulah Christine Weathers and is survived by a son and grandson, Charles and Steven, respectively, both of whom reside in Fairview, North Carolina.

Personally, I will miss his sage advice as a professional and as a friend and neighbor.

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