

WILLARD WILSON YATES

1888-1960

On April 16, 1960, Willard Wilson Yates passed away suddenly at his home in Corvallis, Oregon. Mr. Yates' entire career was spent in chemical and entomological research. He leaves a host of friends and fellow workers in all parts of the country who know of his devotion and dedication to research along these lines.

Mr. Yates was born on June 16, 1888, at Juneau, Wisconsin, the son of John and Esther Yates. He attended the University of Wisconsin for two years before serving in the U. S. Army during World War I. An old diary discloses that he fought for 21 days in the Argonne Forest. After returning from war duty, he continued with his education and graduated from Oregon State College in 1921. From 1921 until 1926 Mr. Yates served as Assistant Chemist at Oregon State College, after which he worked for private industry for several years, returning in 1932 to receive his M.S. degree.

From 1931 to 1946 Mr. Yates was employed at Portland, Oregon, by the U. S. Department of Agriculture under the old Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine. Most of his time was devoted to the study of mosquito problems in and around that area. He was also concerned with the encephalitis outbreak which occurred in Yakima Valley, Washington. In 1942 he was called to Orlando, Florida, for five months to work with other top research men of the country on the vital problem of pest control for the Army.

In 1946 his group moved from Portland to Corvallis, Oregon, which became his permanent home. He continued work on mosquito and house fly attractants, mosquito larvae sprays, and the use

of radioactive isotopes in tagging insects for flight-range studies. Alone, and with other workers, he published manuscripts on these and related projects. In 1952 Mr. Yates retired from active work but always maintained a keen interest in his chosen profession.

Mr. Yates had great personal integrity; he was courteous and modest and never spoke unfavorably of anyone. His intimates recognized and appreciated his great loyalty to them and to his organization. He could be depended on to carry out research assignments no matter how much work was involved. He was an excellent team worker and took great pride in the accomplishments of the group with whom he was associated.

He was married to Phoebe Chamberlain on December 28, 1921, who survives. He is also survived by one daughter, Mrs. Melvin Shaw of Salem, Oregon; two sons, Dr. Morris Yates, a member of the faculty at Iowa State University, and Dr. Ross Yates, a member of the faculty at Lehigh University at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; one sister, Mrs. Laura Greenfield of Portland, Oregon; and four grandchildren.

He was a member of the American Mosquito Control Association, the American Legion, the Methodist Church of Corvallis, the National Association for Retired Civil Service Employees, the Entomological Society of America, and past president of the Oregon State Entomological Society. His engrossing hobby was stamps; over a period of years he acquired an outstanding collection. He was also an active member of the Corvallis Stamp Club.—C. M. GJULLIN and A. W. LINDQUIST.