

WILLIAM C. McDUFFIE

His many friends were saddened to learn of the untimely death of William C. McDuffie on Sunday morning, October 8, 1967. Mac or Bill, as he was known to many, was born in Nettleton, Mississippi, on January 25, 1910. He attended Mississippi State University, where he graduated in 1931 with a B.S. in entomology. He also did graduate work at the University of Florida, and at the University of Maryland.

His long and distinguished career with the U. S. Department of Agriculture began in 1931 as a summer field assistant in the Pink Bollworm Investigations, Cotton Insects Division, of the then Bureau of Entomology. That same year he became Junior Entomologist at Salt Lake City, Utah, with the Alfalfa Weevil Investigations of the Cereal and Forage Insect Division, Bureau of Entomology. There he became Assistant Station Leader and in 1939 was transferred to Yuma, Arizona, to the Legume Weevil Investigations where he served as Station Leader. In the spring of 1942, he was transferred to the Insects Affecting Man and Animals Division and began his work on mosquitoes at New Smyrna Beach, Florida. In military service from 1943 to 1946, he served as First Lieutenant and Captain in the Sanitary Corps, U. S. Army. After service in Panama and the South Pacific (New Guinea), he returned in 1945 to the Insects Affecting Man and Animals Division at Orlando, Florida to conduct further research on insects of medical importance to the Armed Forces. From 1946 to 1948, he conducted special studies on mosquitoes in Churchill, Canada, and ticks affecting livestock in Kerrville, Texas. In 1948, he returned to Orlando, Florida, as Assistant Station Leader, for further research on medically important arthropods. From 1951 to 1954, he served as Station Leader of the Orlando laboratory.

From Orlando he moved to Beltsville, Maryland, in 1954, to become Assistant Chief of the Insects Affecting Man and Animals Research Branch. In July of 1962, he was made Chief of that branch, a position he held until his retirement from federal service, December 30, 1966. Following his retirement, he returned to Florida and served as a consultant to Dow Chemical Company.

He is survived by his wife, Helen; son, Richard; daughter, Carol (Mrs. Jack Smalley); four grandchildren; mother, and a sister. His wife resides at Altomonte Springs, Florida (P.O. Box 175).

His professional and community activities were many. He was a member of the Entomological Society of America, American Mosquito Control Association, Sigma Xi, The Insecticide Society of Washington, and the World's Poultry Association. He served his profession in many capacities. He was a member of the Editorial Board of AMCA. He served on committee assignments in professional societies and the Federal government. He participated in many local, state, national and international conferences and meetings to evaluate medical and livestock entomology problems and present research results and plans.

Those who knew him were impressed by his sincere generosity, ready wit, loyalty, and devotion to furthering research on the biology and control of insects and helping others in their work and tasks. He was a kindly man, honest with himself and others. Medical and veterinary entomology made tremendous strides in elucidating the biology of insects and developing methods of control through his contributions and encouragement. Those who worked under him gained from his knowledge and insights so that his leadership will continue to exert its influence through them.