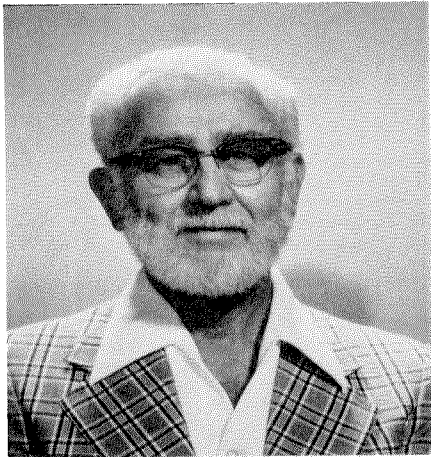


THE AMCA MEMORIAL LECTURE

THE MAN WE HONOR

MAURICE W. PROVOST

1914-1977



Dr. Maurice W. Provost, Director of the Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory, Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, Vero Beach, Florida, was an eminent scientist and naturalist, and was one of AMCA's most distinguished and respected members.

A native of New Hampshire, Dr. Provost received his B.S. degree from St. Anselm College in 1935. His M.S. degree in vertebrate zoology was received from the University of New Hampshire in 1940, and his Ph.D. degree in Economic Zoology from Iowa State University in 1947.

His work experience began with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department in 1935. He came to Florida in 1942 at the request of the Florida State Board of Health and was assigned to the U. S. Public Health Service, Malaria Control in War Areas Program, where he served as State Entomologist.

In 1947, Dr. Provost accepted a full time position with the Florida State Board of Health as Director of Research on mosquito biology and control. He planned and organized the construction and staffing of the Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory at Vero Beach, and the development of Florida's medial entomol-

ogy research program. He served as its only director since its founding in 1954. Under his guidance and efficient administration, the Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory matured into a facility unique in the United States and recognized worldwide as a center for basic mosquito biology.

Dr. Provost was respected nationally and internationally as a scientist. He was a noted authority on mosquito ecology, ecology of wetlands, wildlife conservation and insect control strategies. He accepted and carried out a heavy load of national and international assignments.

During his long and productive career, he authored and co-authored 53 publications in the field of mosquito biology and control and other biological and conservation endeavors. He was responsible for encouraging and directing research that resulted in hundreds of other contributions to scientific knowledge.

He held active memberships in as many as 16 professional and conservation organizations. He was in constant demand as a speaker and consultant. Each talk he presented was a model of clarity, each article concise and to the point, making complicated concepts easily understood.

He was awarded many honors and consultancies during his career. He was a past president of the Florida Anti-Mosquito Association (1955); Entomological Society of America delegate to the International Congress of Entomology in Moscow 1968; was presented the Governor's Conservation Award (1970); member of the Florida Parks Advisory Council (1969 and 1970); was awarded the Annual Certificate of Appreciation (1971) and Entomologist of the Year Award (1975) by the Florida Entomological Society; received the Florida Audubon Society's Special Award (1974) and his name was awarded a place of honor in the Hall of Memory by the Florida Public Health Association in 1978.

He was a distinguished and devoted member of the American Mosquito Control Association and effectively served on and chaired many committees, and made many valuable contributions over the years. At the time of his passing he was Chairman of the Editorial Board.

His many services to mankind and his

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