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**J. W. KEA**

J. W. Kea, Jr., was born in Ocala, Florida, on March 14, 1911. He moved with his parents to Hawthorne, Florida, at the age of four.

He attended grammar and high school in Hawthorne, graduating from high school in 1928. While attending school he became interested in agriculture. As a project in his agricultural work, he conducted a small model dairy.

In 1928 he attended St. Joseph's Academy in St. Augustine. After one term's work he received a diploma from the business college of that school.

The following year he worked for the State Plant Board as stenographer during the Mediterranean fruit fly eradication campaign.

He began his education at the University of Florida in 1930, entering the College of Agriculture to study entomology. During his four years there he worked as stenographer in the entomologist's office at the Experiment Station.

He was graduated from the University of Florida in the class of 1934 with a B.S. in Science. Immediately after this he received an appointment as assistant entomologist at the Agricultural Experiment Station.

When he had served in that capacity nine months, he moved to Key West, Florida, to again take up duties with the State Plant Board as assistant entomologist and stenographer in the Blackfly eradication campaign there.

After a four months' illness he passed away on October 4, 1936, at the age of 25.

Mr. Kea was a most promising young man whose passing is greatly lamented by all who knew him.