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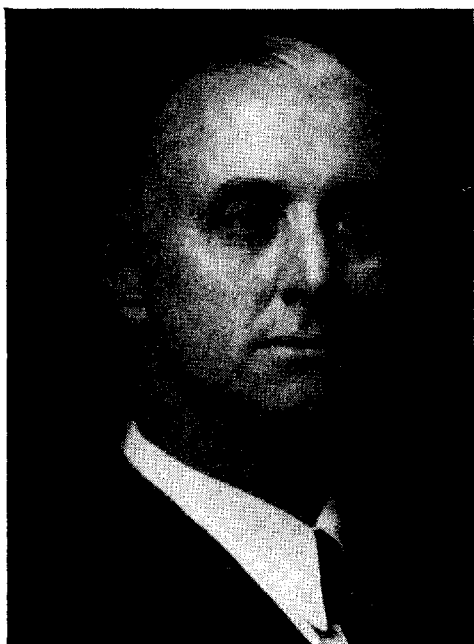
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DOCTOR WILMON NEWELL

The Florida Entomological Society has, since our last issue, suffered the great loss of its most prominent member — Dr. Wilmon Newell, provost of Agriculture, who died at his home in Gainesville, Florida, on October 25th, after about a year's



illness. Doctor Newell was always a strong supporter of the Society and a charter member. Indeed, without his hearty endorsement, the Entomological Society would not have been formed, at least, at that time. From 1919 to 1931, he was associate editor of the Florida Entomologist.

Doctor Newell was born at Hull, Iowa, March 4, 1878. He spent the early years of his life in Iowa. In 1907, he married Helen, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. O. P. Mabree, of Galesburg, Illinois.

He received his B.S. from Iowa State College in 1897, his M.S. in 1898, and an honorary Sc.D. in 1920. Clemson College also conferred the Sc.D. on Doctor Newell.

Doctor Newell was Assistant in Entomology at the Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station from 1897 to 1899. He held the same position at the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station from 1899 to 1902. From 1902-1903, he was Associate Entomologist and Apiarist at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. From 1903-1904, he was State Entomologist of Georgia. From 1904-1910, he was Entomologist of the State Crop Pest Com-

mittee of Louisiana. In 1910, he returned to Texas as Entomologist of the Experiment Station and State Entomologist, a position which he held until 1915, when he came to Florida as Plant Commissioner of the State Plant Board. In 1921, he became Dean of the Agriculture College and Director of the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station and of the Agricultural Extension Division.

He was a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a member of the Entomological Society of America, and American Association of the Economic Entomologists (President in 1920). He was also a member of various other professional and civic organizations. The Newell Entomological Society was named after him, as also, was, posthumously, the reconstructed old Experiment Station Building on the Campus of the University of Florida.

Doctor Newell did pioneer research work on the control of the boll weevil in Louisiana and he was very much interested in apiary work in Texas and other states, but he is best known for his activities in pest control and eradication. On first coming to Florida, he became very active in the campaign for the eradication of the citrus canker, a very serious disease which had been introduced, presumably from Japan, a few years earlier. This he carried through to a completely successful conclusion. Later, upon the discovery of the Mediterranean fruit fly in Florida, he organized the fight against this pest, which ultimately resulted in its eradication. — Ed.

THE ARMADILLO IN FLORIDA

By H. B. SHERMAN

Within the past 25 years the Texas armadillo, *Dasypus novemcinctus texanus* (Bailey), has been added to the fauna of Florida and, judging from recent reports, is thriving in certain localities east of the St. Johns River. Its bizarre appearance invariably arouses the curiosity of those seeing this animal for the first time, while its habits render it of peculiar interest to students of the biota of the state. The following discussion has to do with a brief description of the extension of the geographical range and habits of this mammal.

The armadillo may be readily recognized by the abundance of scales, of which there are 9 transverse bands of larger ones

