



DR. STRATTON H. KERR RECEIVES AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Professor (Dr.) Stratton H. Kerr (left) Florida's Man Of The Year in Entomology, receives his plaque from Dr. H. V. Weems, Jr., Chairman, Honors and Awards Committee, while President W. B. Gresham, Jr., (right) looks on approvingly. Photograph by F. W. Mead, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Plant Industry.

The man we honor today was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, 17 May 1924. During the 19 years which he has served as an entomologist at the University of Florida he has distinguished himself by the accuracy and precision of his work.

He received his B.S. in entomology from the University of Massachusetts in 1949, and in 1953 he received his Ph.D. in entomology at Cornell University. Following graduation from Cornell he joined the staff of the University of Florida as an Assistant Entomologist. In 1963 he was promoted to Associate Entomologist, and in 1968 he became a full Professor in entomology. During most of this period his primary work was pioneering research on the biology and control of arthropod pests of turfgrass and sod in Florida and in ornamental horticulture. In recent years he has assumed additional duties and responsibilities in teaching and as a graduate student advisor. He has taught or is teaching courses which include toxicology, pest management, insecticides, and effective scientific communication. He is the author or coauthor of more than 90 publications in the field of entomology. In addition to his teaching and research duties he has served on numerous faculty committees through which he has consistently striven to upgrade the standards and

quality of the University of Florida's Department of Entomology and Nematology.

In 1964 he became Associate Editor of *The Florida Entomologist*, and in 1967 he became Editor of this well regarded journal, a position he continues to hold. As Editor of *The Florida Entomologist*, Dr. Stratton H. Kerr has consistently worked to maintain the high standards of this journal. No one in entomology is more conscientious. "Strat," as he is called by his many friends, says that he enjoys "playing with words" as a mathematician enjoys "playing with numbers."

Always responsive to any legitimate request, Dr. Kerr is dependable. If he commits himself to do a thing, one may be certain that it will be done and done well. Not one to seek recognition for the work which he does, he may, at times, be candid and stubborn in defense of what he believes to be in the best interests of this Society, his students, or of entomology in general. It can be said that if Strat is associated with something he is in it all the way as a working participant.

Among his academic and professional activities, Dr. Kerr is a member of the Society of Sigma Xi, Council of Biological Editors, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Florida State Horticultural Society, Entomological Society of America, and the Florida Entomological Society, and has been Secretary, Chairman of the Program Committee, and Chairman of the Constitutional Revision Committee of the latter. He is an Advisory Member of the Florida Turf-Grass Association. He is an Honorary Member of the Horticultural Sprayman's Association of Florida and in 1963 was awarded a certificate by that society for Outstanding Service.

Dr. Kerr served in the United States Air Force during 1943-45 ending his military career as a Second Lieutenant (pilot). He is a member of the United Church of Gainesville and has served his church as Financial Secretary, Board of Business Chairman, Clerk, and Moderator. He has served as Chairman of both Cub Scout and Boy Scout committees. It is with pride and pleasure that we recognize Florida's Man Of The Year in Entomology—Dr. Stratton H. Kerr. On behalf of the Florida Entomological Society we present this plaque which reads, "For his Unselfish Devotion and Contributions in the Field of Entomology to the Nation, the State, and the Florida Society."

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