



### DR. ANDREW J. ROGERS RECEIVES AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Dr. Andrew J. Rogers (left) Florida's Man of the Year in Entomology, receives his plaque from Dr. H. V. Weems, Jr., (right) Chairman, Honors and Awards Committee. Photograph taken by F. W. Mead, at the 56th Annual Meeting of the Florida Entomological Society, 12-14 September 1973, Deauville Hotel, Miami Beach.

The man we honor today was born in Perry, Florida, 7 January 1916. An avid hunter and fisherman, his entomological interests began at an early age. He received his BSA degree at the University of Florida in 1941 with a major in entomology, and in 1943 he received his M. S. in entomology from the same institution. His education was interrupted by military service during World War II, during which he became a Lieutenant J.G. in the U. S. Navy and served in the South Pacific Theater. His travels eventually took him to China and later to the Panama Canal Zone. From 1948 to 1953 he worked toward his doctorate at the University of Maryland, receiving his Ph. D. in 1953. His doctoral dissertation was "A study of the ixodid ticks of northern Florida, including the biology and the life history of *Ixodes scapularis* Say (Ixodidae: Acarina)." Meanwhile, in 1946 he joined the staff of the Department of Entomology at the University of Florida and served until 1956, first as an Instructor, then as an Assistant Professor, and then as an Associate Professor.

During this period his principal teaching and research interests were in the fields of medical entomology and arthropod ecology. In 1956 he became a Research Entomologist with the Florida Division of Health, and has served continuously with the Division to date. During 1960-1963, he served as a special consultant to the Louisiana Mosquito Control Association and in 1963 as a special consultant to the Canal Zone Government (Panama).

Our honoree was instrumental in the planning and construction of the West Florida Arthropod Research Laboratory of the Florida Division of Health, located in Panama City, and has won recognition as its Director. Research at this laboratory has been centered especially upon a study of the stable fly, or "dog fly" (*Stomoxys calcitrans* [Linnaeus]) as it is better known along the coastal area of the Gulf of Mexico, and its control. Other research here is concerned with the control of sand flies, eye gnats, and mosquitoes.

In 1971 our honoree reaffiliated officially with the University of Florida as a Courtesy Professor in the Department of Entomology and Nematology, serving on graduate student faculty committees and making a significant contribution to the program of that department. He has served on numerous state and national committees and served in 1971-72 as President of the American Mosquito Control Association, Inc. Over the past 25 years he has probably served on more committees of the Florida Entomological Society than any other person, and in 1960 he served as President of that society. He is author or coauthor of 34 publications in the fields of entomology and public health. He has been recognized in *American Men of Science*, and is a member of a number of honorary and professional societies, including Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Zeta, Phi Sigma, Entomological Society of America, American Mosquito Control Association, Florida Anti-Mosquito Association (President in 1967), and the Florida Entomological Society. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Panama City, Florida, and of the Panama City Kiwanis Club, having served as President of that club in 1969. He married the former Elisabeth Johnson, and they have 3 children: Mrs. Jane Parker, James Byron, and Alan Jackson. Respected for his quiet, unassuming manner and sound judgment, the man we honor today is generally credited with having been responsible in the early years of mosquito control in Florida for the cautious use of pesticides, and particularly with the avoidance of use of phosphatics, with the result that mosquitoes in Florida have been among the last to begin developing resistance to phosphatic insecticides.

It is with pride and pleasure that we recognize today Florida's Man of the Year in Entomology—Dr. Andrew Jackson Rogers. 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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*J. B. Taylor*

*H. V. Weems, Jr., Chairman*

(Secretarial Note: Dr. John A. Mulrennan, Sr., added some impromptu very kind words of praise for Dr. Rogers. Dr. Rogers in receiving his plaque from Dr. H. V. Weems, Jr., was very appreciative to the Society for his award.)

