

IN MEMORIAM

DANIEL OTIS WOLFENBARGER

D. O. (Wolfie) Wolfenbarger died 23 October 1995, in Homestead, Fl. He was born 22 June 1904, in the Oklahoma Territory. He received his B.S. from Colorado State University in 1928, worked on his M.S. degree at South Dakota State University from 1929-1930 and received his Ph. D. from Cornell University in 1938 in entomology.

During his career as an entomologist, he was a research assistant at New York State College of Agriculture from 1930-1934, with the USDA working on Dutch elm disease and white-fringed beetle projects from 1934-42, as assistant entomologist at the University of Delaware from 1942-1945, and as entomologist at the University of Florida's Subtropical Experiment Station on insects affecting vegetables and subtropical fruits. He earned a reputation for being generous with his time and energies and always quick to respond to request for help. He always warned that scientists must be vigilant in their fight against crop-destroying insects. His research efforts on vegetable insects ranged from aphids to serpentine leafminers. He fought subtropical pests for fruit crops such as avocado mites, the royal palm bug, and wireworm.

In 1951 and 1953 he served on special appointment in Her Majesty's Service for the government of the Bahamas. He was a member of the Tropical Region, American Society of Horticulture Science, the Hawaiian Entomological Society, the Entomological Society of America, Sigma Xi, Gamma Sigma Delta, Florida Academy of Science. He was a research associate of the Florida State Collection of Arthropods. He served as President of the Florida Entomological Society in 1954, and was presented with an award for meritorius service by the Florida State Beekeeper's Association.

Dr. Wolfenbarger was author or co-author of 150 publications. His papers on Avocado Pests and Mango Pests are still published by the Extension Service of the University of Florida. He had a special interest in insect dispersion which culminated in a book, "Dispersal of Small Organisms". Dr. Wolfenbarger is survived by his wife, three children, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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