

NECROLOGY

FAY KENOYER DAILY, Butler University

JOHN JUNE DAVIS

Centralia, Illinois
October 9, 1885

Bethel Park, Pennsylvania
July 13, 1965

Realizing the increasing importance of the many new pesticides and their uses, John June Davis organized at Purdue University the first Pest Control Operator's Conference and the first four-year course for pest control operators. For his important work in this field, he gained the affectionate title of "Professor of Pest Control" (Indiana Business and Industry, Sept., 1957). In addition to administration and his courses at Purdue, Prof. Davis addressed national and regional pest control associations, wrote many popular and scientific articles on economic entomology and a book in 1928 on **Common Garden Pests**. He traveled widely over Europe and this country following entomological interests.

Born in Centralia, Illinois, in 1885, J. J. Davis received a B.S. degree at Illinois, 1907, was assistant to the State Entomologist in Illinois from 1907 to 1911 and was charter member of the Illinois Academy of Science.

He first came to Indiana to be in charge of the laboratory of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Lafayette, Indiana, 1911, and held this post until 1919. He was on a Japanese beetle control project at Riverton, N. Y., from 1919 to 1920, but came back to Indiana in 1920 to be head of the Entomology Department at Purdue University. There his interests included besides economic entomology, specialization in the study of Aphididae, Phyllophaga, the Japanese beetle and the European corn borer. He retired from the Entomology Department at Purdue in 1956 after a distinguished career as head of the department for 36 years. He was granted a Professor Emeritus status at Purdue and devoted himself to pest control research and counsel.

As our secretary, Dr. Dineen, so aptly stated in a letter, "the Academy is indebted to members of the quality of Dr. Davis." He has an outstanding record of service to the Indiana Academy of Science as Editor from 1922 to 1928, President in 1931, member of standing committees, chairman of the Division of Entomology, and contributor of many papers to his section's programs. He was made a Fellow in the Indiana Academy of Science in 1924 as a recognition of achievement and service to the Academy. His reports on insects of Indiana presented at the Entomology Division meetings spanned many years. In a day when we seem to hear less and less about the very important functions of local scientific organizations, J. J. Davis in a timely article (Proc. I.A.S., 1960) outlined the role of Entomology in the Indiana Academy of Science and reflected on its purposes. The chief purposes of the Academy were given as "to stimulate interest in the scientific problems



JOHN JUNE DAVIS

of the area, together with a stimulation for investigation and research in general."

Other affiliations were Phi Chi Omega, professional fraternity; honorary member of the National Pest Control Association; Alpha Zeta, honorary agricultural fraternity; Treasurer and Editor of the Say Foundation; Fellow, Fruit Fly Board; Fellow, A.A.A.S.; honorary member of the Entomological Society (secretary-treasurer, 1926-1931, president, 1932); Association of Economic Entomology (vice-president, 1935, president, 1938); member of the Central Presbyterian Church and the Masons. He is listed in *American Men of Science* and *Indiana Scientists*.

John June Davis, internationally known entomologist and author, died unexpectedly at 79 years of age, July 13, 1965, in Bethel Park, Pennsylvania, while visiting relatives. He was brought home to Lafayette, Indiana, for funeral services held July 17, 1965.