

versed in plant pathology, weed control and many associated disciplines. His interest in nature and growing things transcended his practical work, and he was an avid student and observer of nature. He was, in fact, one of the vanishing race of old-school naturalists who loved, appreciated, and understood nature as an entity and not as a series of compartmented specialties. His hobby was ornamental horticulture and his country home was a veritable park of well kept shrubs, trees, and beautiful flowers. His authoritative knowledge in horticulture was attested by his honorary membership in the National Association of Gardeners. He was especially interested in iris, peonies and in recent years in lilies and azaleas.

Dr. Dietz was a member of the Entomological Society of America (A.A.E.E.) for nearly 40 years and was Chairman of the Eastern Branch in 1946. Other scientific societies of which he was a member included the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Indiana Academy of Science, the Ohio Academy of Science, and Sigma Xi.

Dr. Dietz was married in 1914 to Dorothy Hills Dietz, who survives him. Mrs. Dietz, herself a skilled gardener, complemented his interest in flowers. He is also survived by 4 sons and 13 grandchildren.

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### Sherman Weaver Bilsing 1885-1954

Sherman Weaver Bilsing was born December 8, 1885, and reared on a farm near Crestline, Ohio. He taught in the public schools of Ohio at the age of 17 before he finished high school. His high school training was completed at Martin Bolhm Academy in 1908. In 1912 he received the Bachelor of Science Degree from Otterbein College and the Bachelor of Arts Degree from Ohio State University. Dr. Bilsing was a Fellow at Ohio State University in 1912-13, receiving the Master of Arts Degree in 1913. He spent the summer of 1915 studying entomology at the University of California. Dr. Bilsing came to the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College as Instructor of Entomology in 1913 and was appointed Acting Head of the Department in 1915 and was made Head of the Department in 1918, in which capacity he served until 1947. He continued to serve as Professor of Entomology at Texas A. & M. College from 1947 until his retirement in October, 1952, after more than 39 years of devoted service to the State of Texas and to professional Entomology. He returned to Ohio State University in 1923-24 on a University Fellowship and received his Doctor of Philosophy Degree in 1924. Although Dr. Bilsing had been in failing health for several years, his death on July 23, 1954, came as a shock to his co-workers and many other friends.

Dr. Bilsing was married to Miss Alma Merwin of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, on August 22, 1922. Mrs. Bilsing and a son, William Albert, a practicing physician, survive. Another son, Dean, preceded him in death, December, 1932.

For many years he furnished the inspiration for his students to pursue advanced training in the field of entomology. He gave liberally of his time to those in need of council and his guidances were accepted and cherished by many who followed them. Graduate and former students have marvelled at his ability to remember names and faces and his keen mind



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was always filled with many incidents that occurred throughout his teaching career. He was responsible for making financial arrangements for many undergraduate and graduate students in pursuit of college education. Many personal loans were made to students, and in most instances, with absolutely no security. When asked why he did not require a signed note, he responded, "I would not loan the money if I thought your word was not better than a note." An outstanding characteristic was his ability to obtain the respect and devotion of those fortunate enough to have studied under his guidance. He trained several of the outstanding entomologists in the nation. Above all things, he was a man; true, dependable, lover of the truth and a real scientist.

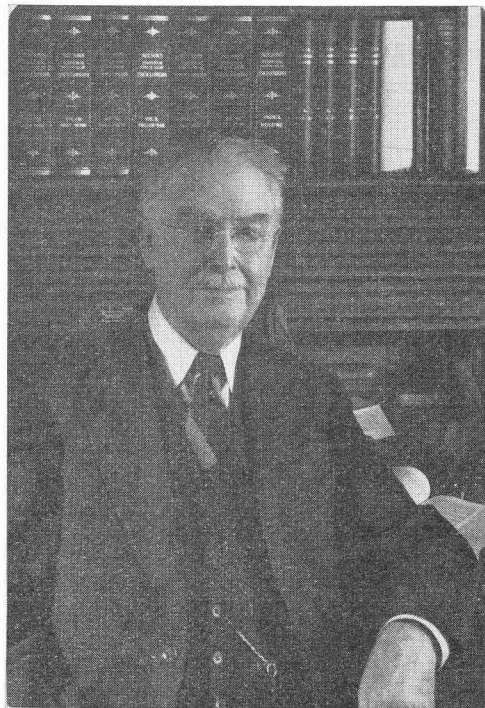
Dr. Bilsing was a believer in, and supporter of, the various professional societies of Entomology. He was a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and of the Entomological Society of America. He was an Honorary Life Member of the Texas Academy of Science. Dr. Bilsing was given the Distinguished Service Medal and made an Honorary Life Member of the Texas Pecan Growers' Association in 1928 for his contribution to the pecan industry through insect control. He helped organize and served as the first President of the Texas Entomological Society which is now the Southwestern Branch of the Entomological Society of America.

Dr. Bilsing held various offices in professional societies, among them the Secretary of the Academy Conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Science from 1928 to 1941, Vice-Chair-

man of this conference from 1941 to 1944 and Chairman in 1945-1946. He was a member of the Executive Council of the AAAS from 1928 to 1944. In the American Association of Economic Entomologists he was Chairman of the Membership Committee in 1931, Vice-President of the Section on Beekeeping in 1936, First Vice-President of the Association in 1937, Chairman of the Cotton States Branch of the AAEE in 1935, Secretary of the Section of Teaching of AAEE in 1941 and Vice-President of this section from 1941 to 1945. He was a representative of the Texas Academy of Science to the American Association for Advancement of Science from 1928 to 1944. He was a member of Sigma Xi and Pi Kappa Delta. Dr. Bilsing was librarian for the Texas Academy of Science and in which capacity he served for many years.

"Doc," as he was referred to by his students, was more than just a classroom professor. He was the first entomologist to do extension work in Texas under the Smith-Lever Act. He was consulting entomologist during 1927 for insurance companies whose clients were exporters of flour. He maintained a continuous research program and did outstanding work on the biology and control of several insects. He was the author of many scientific bulletins and papers. His most well known publications were those pertaining to the life history and control of the pecan nut casebearer. His research on this insect is one of the most thorough studies ever made on any insect, including biological studies of such insects as the cotton boll weevil and codling moth.

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