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WELCOME, ENTOMOLOGISTS

The FLORIDA ENTOMOLOGIST, speaking for the entomologists of Florida, extends a most cordial and sincere welcome to the members of the entomological profession of the South upon the occasion of the meeting of the Cotton States Branch of the American Association of Economic Entomologists at Tampa next February 21, 22 and 23. This meeting, which is being held under the joint sponsorship of the Florida Entomological Society and the Newell Entomological Society, promises to be one of the most interesting, profitable and pleasurable of the Branch Association in recent years. The local committee have exerted themselves to that end. The preliminary program, in so far as scientific papers are concerned, is well rounded. The general plans have been outlined on the basis of "all work and no play, etc.", and entertainment features will be of such a character as to afford adequate relief from the paper reading sessions. Especial attention is directed to the trip on the 22nd to the Lake Alfred Citrus Experiment Station, where state and federal entomological workers will put on a large-scale demonstration of spraying and dusting methods for pest control. The most highly developed methods and equipment will be shown. This field trip will also afford opportunity to visit the famed Bok Tower and surrounding gardens near Lake Wales, where a carillon concert will be given. On this same trip a large slice of Florida's citrus plantings will be seen. On

the paper program featured speakers will present discussions on important and timely subjects. Dr. Lee A. Strong will discuss certain phases of the plant quarantine situation and Professor S. C. Bruner, Entomologist attached to the Cuban Agricultural Experiment Station at Santiago de las Vegas, has been invited to present a paper on entomology in Cuba. E. R. Sasscer, President of the American Association of Economic Entomologists, will bring greetings from the parent organization.

The annual banquet will be an informal dinner-dance held at one of Tampa's famous Spanish restaurants. The atmosphere, the setting, the food, and even the floor show will be typically Spanish. Ample provision is also being made for the entertainment of visiting ladies. Among other features will be a bridge party for ladies on Monday evening, the 20th, at the Hillsboro, headquarters hotel.

This publication is advised that the Cuban Secretary of Agriculture has invited the Southern Entomologists to make a post convention visit to Cuba and observe the agricultural, especially entomological, work being done there. Numerous courtesies will be extended the visitors. Doctor J. T. Creighton, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, has been in touch with officials of the P. & O. Steamship Company operating to Havana out of Tampa and Miami, and has been assured of especially attractive rates, including an all expense tour, for the benefit of those attending the convention.

Again we say "Welcome", and you may be assured that the entomologists of Florida will do all in their power to make your visit pleasant, profitable, and one long to be remembered.

The following account is taken from the preliminary notice of the meeting put out by the association:

"The Hillsboro Hotel in Tampa is convention headquarters where all sessions will be held and exhibits installed. Special rates at The Hillsboro for the convention are \$2.50 and \$3.00 per day for single rooms with private bath and \$3.50 to \$7.00 per day for double rooms with private bath. A suite of two rooms with connecting bath for party of four can be obtained for \$1.75 per person per day. Other hotels near the Hillsboro are as follows: DeSoto and Knox (same rate as Hillsboro);

Bayview, Lafayette, Thomas Jefferson and Park (rates lower than Hillsboro); Floridian and Tampa Terrace (rates higher than Hillsboro). On account of the tourist season in Florida at the time of our meeting, reservations for hotel accommodations should be made immediately.

“Ample exhibit space has been provided in the lobby and in large rooms at the Hillsboro Hotel. The exhibits will be a special feature of the Tampa meetings, and those planning to have exhibits at Tampa should contact the Hillsboro Hotel for space.

“The meeting this year will feature citrus insects, the white-fringed beetle, pink boll worm, sweetpotato weevil, blackfly and plant quarantines. Special entertainment has been planned for the ladies and delegates are urged to bring their wives and families. This will include a special Carillon recital, visit to Cypress Gardens, parties, tour of night clubs, etc. Low rate steamer service from New Orleans to Tampa is available for those coming from the western part of the Branch territory. There is a sailing from New Orleans every Saturday afternoon between 12 and 1 o'clock, the steamer arriving in Tampa Monday morning between 7 and 8 o'clock. The rate is \$20 one way and \$36 for the round trip.”

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE FLORIDA ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Florida Entomological Society came into existence January 5, 1916, when eleven men interested in entomology met at the University of Florida in Gainesville. The *Entomological News* of March 1916, in noting the formation of this Society, stated that this was the first Entomological Society organized in the Southern States. The first officers were: President, J. R. Watson, Experiment Station; Vice-President, Wilmon Newell, Plant Commissioner; Secretary-Treasurer, R. N. Wilson, U. S. Bureau of Entomology; Member of the Executive Committee, H. S. Davis, Department of Zoology, University of Florida. The founders must have been a very enthusiastic group of men for the Society had a remarkably rapid growth. During the first year it more than quadrupled its membership and by the end