

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

of 1917 it boasted nearly one hundred active members and twenty associate members.

The ideals of the new Society were very simply stated as follows: "The aim of the Society is to stimulate an active interest in entomology on the part of Floridians". It is evident that they early achieved their purpose for in 1917 a group of twelve men in Fort Myers formed the Lee County Entomological Society, which on January 28, 1918, became affiliated with the Florida Entomological Society as a branch society.

Though the Society did not always maintain the large membership attained in its early years, it never-the-less has had a continuous existence since its beginning. In December 1938 the Society petitioned the American Association of Economic Entomologists for affiliate membership in that organization. The petition was granted by action of the Executive Committee at the Richmond meeting.

At the April 1917 meeting of the Florida Entomological Society, Dr. E. W. Berger made a proposal that the Society publish a periodical to be known as "The Florida Buggist". This proposal was at once acted upon and the first issue containing twelve pages appeared June 21, 1917. This first issue is of particular interest at this time because it contains this note: "March 29, 30 and 31, the Association of Cotton States Entomologists held their meetings at the University of Florida." Other interesting items of this issue are accounts of the early meetings of the Society and a roll of its members.

Three volumes of *The Florida Buggist* were published, the last issue under this name appearing in April 1920. At the meeting of February 23, 1920, the Society voted to change the name of its publication to its present name "THE FLORIDA ENTOMOLOGIST". Since its beginning as *The Florida Buggist*, the periodical has been published as a quarterly journal and is now in its twenty-second volume. In addition to publishing accounts of the doings of the Society and notes on insects that are of interest at the time, the FLORIDA ENTOMOLOGIST devotes a great deal of space to original contributions on entomological subjects. These cover many different phases of entomological endeavor including economic, systematic, biological, and morphological studies.

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