

THE NEWELL ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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The founding of the Newell Entomological Society grew out of a sincere desire upon the part of the students and faculty of the Department of Entomology of the University of Florida to contribute in a large measure of their services to that phase of the Natural Sciences to which they had dedicated their lives; while materially facilitating the advancement and stabilization of human society.

The first meetings were held during the fall of 1935 and the organizers were wholehearted in favor of naming the society in honor of Doctor Wilmon Newell who is now the Provost of Agriculture of the University of Florida.

In forming the Newell Entomological Society the founders gave careful consideration to the constitution and by-laws. The constitution lists the following objectives: (1) to promote the study of entomology; (2) to encourage research and teaching relative to insects and related Arthropods in the State of Florida; (3) to assimilate and disseminate widely knowledge of pure science, economic, and popular entomology, to the end that the layman shall develop a broader sense of appreciation of the necessity for and the importance of the many phases of the science; (4) to bring about a closer cooperation between all entomological organizations and phases of the science; (5) to publish a semi-annual journal to be known as RETAQ; (6) to sponsor the annual Florida Entomological Conference.

The installation ceremony for the Newell Entomological Society was held in February 1936, during the first annual Florida Entomological Conference. Doctor Herbert Osborn of Ohio State University was the featured speaker for this occasion. The second annual conference was held in March 1937 at which time the Herbert Osborn birthday banquet was held. Featured speakers were Doctor Lee A. Strong, Doctor Z. P. Metcalf, Doctor W. S. Blatchley, Doctor E. W. Berger, and Doctor Wilmon Newell. The third conference was held in March 1938 at which time Doctor Henry T. Fernald was honored. Featured speakers were Doctor Dwight M. DeLong, Doctor John J. Tigert, Mr. A. S. Madden, and Doctor H. Harold Hume. The fourth annual Florida Entomological Conference will be

held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Cotton States Branch of the American Association of Economic Entomologists at Tampa, February 20-24, 1939. Past presidents of the Society were Mr. W. P. Hunter (1935-1936), Mr. P. S. Arey (1936-1937), Mrs. Juliet Carrington (1937-1938). The president for the current scholastic year is Mr. James P. Toffaleti.

There are four kinds of membership in the Society, as follows: (1) Undergraduate and Graduate students. (2) Graduates. (3) Associate members. (4) Honorary members. The graduate membership is designed to maintain a warm relationship between the graduates and the department of the college where they obtained their professional training.

Meetings are held semi-monthly, and local or out of town speakers are invited to address the Society. Talks are not necessarily limited to entomological subjects, but topics of a general agricultural interest are encouraged. Attendance of students is mandatory and unexcused absences constitute sufficient grounds for recommendations by the executive committee that offenders be dropped.

In December, 1938, the Society voted to petition the American Association of Economic Entomologists for affiliate society privileges. This petition was presented by the writer to the American Association during the annual meetings at Richmond, Virginia, in December, and was favorably acted upon by the National Association. This act marks the first time in the history of the National Association that a student society has been granted affiliation privileges. This grant immediately focused national attention upon the Junior Society. Thirteen graduate members of the Newell Entomological Society were voted into active membership in the National Association.

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