

DEDICATION

Professor Wilbur was on the faculty of the Department of Entomology, Kansas State University, from 1928 to 1970. In his early career at KSU, he studied grassland and field crop insects. During World War II he began his research and teaching in stored-product entomology, for which he became widely known. The laboratory he developed and directed attracted and continues to attract visiting grain, milling, and entomology scientists from over the world. Many undergraduate and graduate students were attracted to him and his laboratory.

For over 20 years he taught two courses not offered in any other university or college: Milling Entomology, and Insects of Stored Products. Professor Wilbur also taught most of the traditional entomology courses at KSU; his Economic Entomology course was very popular and turned many agriculture students toward entomology as their major area of study and to a career in that field. He was major professor for more than 40 Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy students. His students are scattered over the world.

He was a pioneer in the testing of chemical protectants which are still recommended for use on stored grain. He made extensive studies of conditions in farm storage.

In addition to his research and teaching, he made other very important contributions to the field of stored-product entomology. He organized and supervised numerous conferences on stored-product insects, and on fumigation safety. He was a member of the Association of Operative Millers Sanitation Committee for 17 years and was recipient of the first George B. Wagner Memorial Award given by that committee for outstanding contributions to promotion of sanitation in the milling and other food-processing industries. In addition to many journal publications, he contributed chapters in major references, such as in Fundamentals of Applied Entomology, edited by Robert Pfadt and (with R. T. Cotton) in Storage of Cereal Grain and Their Products, a monograph for the American Association of Cereal Chemists.

For years he collected mineral specimens and at one time had an extensive and beautiful collection. He collected many insect fossils near Elmo, Kansas, where some of the best Upper Permian insect fossils have been found. His collection of over 2600 insect fossils is now in the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard University.

Professor Wilbur was a member of several honorary and professional societies including Sigma Xi, Gamma Sigma Delta, Phi Kappa Phi, the Entomological Society of America, Kansas Academy of Science, American Institute of Biological Sciences and the Kansas Entomological Society for which he was its first secretary, serving for 17 years. In 1969, he was awarded the Distinguished Faculty Award by the Kansas State Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta, an honorary agricultural society.

Professor Wilbur was concerned about the welfare and progress of his students. Regardless of how busy he was, he always dropped what he was doing to listen to their concerns and to advise them as needed. He was equally considerate of his professional colleagues.

This international conference is dedicated to Professor Wilbur in appreciation for his many productive years of teaching and research in stored-product entomology, and for his steadfast loyalty and concern for his many students, colleagues, and friends.