

A PERSPECTIVE ON PEST MANAGEMENT^{1/}

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INTRODUCTION

When Bob Mills called this summer and asked if I could come to this conference and present a talk in honor of Professor Donald Wilbur I answered "You bet". I did not realize when I agreed to come how difficult it would be to prepare for the event. I wanted to do it because of my love and respect for Professor and Mrs. Wilbur but I soon realized that it has been nearly 30 years since I have done any work in stored products entomology. It would be a mistake on my part to talk to you, a group of international experts on stored products, about stored products entomology since you have written all the publications I have access to. Bob said I should talk on integrated pest management, and this is what I will attempt to do.

But first let me say a few words about Professor Wilbur. He was and remains one of the giants in the field of stored products. Many of his publications on stored products are just as relevant today as they were when they were written. Few scientists have had as great an impact on this field as Professor Wilbur. He offered me the privilege of studying in his laboratory and I am honored to be one of his former students.

All of you know of Professor Wilbur's scientific greatness but let me say a few words about the man. When I came to Kansas State University in September 1954, I had a good idea of what I wanted to do professionally and I had only one goal here and that was to complete the Ph.D. in as short a time as possible. I set a timetable for myself and I worked hard to accomplish it, including many nights and most weekends. Professor and Mrs. Wilbur made me a member of their family. On many Saturdays and Sundays Professor Wilbur would come to the laboratory. When he left, he would insist that I go home with him where Mrs. Wilbur would feed me a good home cooked meal. There was never a holiday that they did not include me in the events they had with their family. They didn't do this only for me but for all the single students who worked in his laboratory. I really appreciated the concern and generosity they showed me.

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