

CARLOS CLYDE GOFF

1905-1939

IN the death of Carlos Clyde Goff, assistant entomologist, on January 13, 1939, the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station lost an unusually fine young man; one whose broad interests and enthusiasm have contributed much to the work of the station and promised more for the future. His quiet friendliness, his kindly wit and his unfailing good humor endeared him to all who knew him.

Mr. Goff's contributions have been in entomology, animal ecology, herpetology and mammalogy. His work for the Experiment Station was the study of the vertebrate pests of Florida crops, and at the time of his death work was under way on the pocket gopher; the land turtle, or Florida gopher; and the Florida field mouse.

Mr. Goff was born on October 2, 1905, at Charleston, Ill. He received his B.S. degree from the University of Illinois in 1928. He continued at the university until 1930, serving between 1927 and 1930 as an assistant entomologist with the State Natural History Survey. He went to Florida in 1930, and his M.S. degree from Illinois was awarded *in absentia* in 1931. In 1934 Mr. Goff took further work at the University of Michigan in mammalogy and herpetology. During his stay at Michigan he completed the course work and preliminary examination for a Ph.D. degree and his research work on field mice was to have been reported as a thesis.

Mr. Goff was a member of the American Society of Mammalogists, the Ecological Society of America, the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists, the Wild Life Society, the Florida Entomological Society, and the Florida Academy of Sciences.

Mr. Goff's wife died in January, 1937. Besides his daughter, Eva Harriet, Goff is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Goff, of Charleston, Ill.; a brother, Joseph, also of Charleston; and a sister, Mrs. Reece Bell, of Oakland, Ill.

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FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT
STATION, LEESBURG**RECENT DEATHS**

DR. HERMAN SCHNEIDER, professor of civil engineering, dean of the College of Engineering and Commerce and director of the School of Applied Arts and of the Institute of Scientific Research of the University of Cincinnati, died on March 28 at the age of sixty-seven years.

BARON JOJI SAKURAI, president of the Imperial Academy and of the National Research Council of Japan, from 1882 to 1919 professor of chemistry at the University of Tokyo, died on January 28 at the age of eighty years.

Nature announces the death of Dr. H. M. Dawson, professor of physical chemistry in the University of Leeds, on March 11, aged sixty-three years; of Dr. C. M. Jessop, emeritus professor of mathematics in the University of Durham, on March 9, aged seventy-six years; of Dr. Giuseppe Cesàro, formerly professor of mineralogy in the University of Liège, a past-president of the Belgian Academy of Sciences; of Marcel Godechot, professor of chemistry and dean of the faculty of sciences of the University of Montpellier, aged fifty-nine years, and of Dr. A. M. Hocart, professor of social anthropology in the University of Cairo, on March 9, aged fifty-five years.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS**THE INSTITUTE OF GEOLOGY OF
VENEZUELA**

THE Instituto de Geología in Caracas, Venezuela, was formally opened on September 15, in the presence of President López Contreras, of Venezuela. Classes began that day with a registration of twenty-four selected students.

The institute is fully equipped for the training of students in the fields of general geology, petroleum geology and mining geology. It is housed in its own building, which contains a large lecture hall, several recitation rooms, separate laboratories for chemistry, mineralogy, petrography, paleontology and economic geology, a drafting room, a research laboratory for the staff, a preparation room for the cutting, grinding and polishing of specimens and thin sections and a workshop. Also included in the institute are a

paleontologic museum and a large library. All the laboratories are equipped with the latest apparatus for the investigation of geologic problems.

In addition to courses in mineralogy, economic geology, petroleum geology, paleontology, stratigraphy, sedimentation, field geology, etc., basic courses in chemistry, physics, botany and zoology, mathematics, drafting, hygiene, mining and petroleum laws and language are given. The institute also has its own physician, who, in addition to his medical duties, will teach hygiene.

The institute as at present constituted will give a bachelor's degree in geology at the end of four years study, half of the fourth year being spent in the field. It is planned, later on, to extend the scope of the institute so as to be able to grant higher degrees.

While the institute is a part of the Ministry of