

Neal M. Randolph



Neal M. Randolph, emeritus professor of entomology at Texas A&M University, died at his home in College Station, Texas, 28 September 1990.

Professor Randolph was born 8 April 1910 in Cherokee,

Texas. He completed the bachelor of science and master of science degrees in entomology at Texas A&M University (then Texas A&M College) in 1934 and 1938, respectively. Randolph joined the faculty of Texas A&M University in 1954 and was promoted to professor. After his retirement in 1975 he was named Professor Emeritus. Earlier in his professional career he taught at Tarleton State College (1935–43). He then served as entomologist for the Texas State Health Department (1943–46), instructor at the University of Texas in Austin (1946–47), and extension entomologist at College Station (1953–54).

Professor Randolph was a longtime member of the Entomological Society of America (ESA) and actively served the Southwestern Branch in many capacities, including the position of chairman in 1968. He was also a member of the American Registry of Professional Entomologists, the Society of Sigma Xi, and the American Men of Science.

Professor Randolph was a respected teacher and a mentor to hundreds of students. For many years he served as the department's student adviser. His knowledge and experience of practical entomology in the South and Southwest was extensive and served him well in teaching. He methodically prepared for each class period, constantly improved his teaching materials, and kept abreast of recent developments in entomology. Professor Randolph also helped place many students in both temporary and permanent positions.

In addition to Professor Randolph's diverse teaching responsibilities, he maintained an outstanding research program on insect and mite problems of grain and forage crops. He led a statewide program of research on insect pests of grain sorghum and sunflowers. He published extensively in refereed journals and experiment station bulletins. He was a leader in promoting cooperation among scientists to achieve what would otherwise be impossible if expertise was not shared.

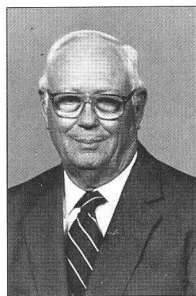
Texas A&M University honored him with its highest award, the Texas A&M University Association of Former Students Faculty Achievement Award in Teaching for 1973. Undergraduate students in the Department of Entomology honored him by dedicating the 1973 edition of the *Texas Aggie Entomologist* to him. He also was recognized by the Outstanding Educators of America. Professor Randolph was elected to honorary membership of ESA in September 1990.

Survivors include his wife, two sons, five grandchildren, a brother, and a sister.

Memorial fund gifts in the name of Professor Neal M. Randolph may be made to the Department of Entomology, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843.

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Manning A. Price



Manning A. Price, emeritus professor of entomology at Texas A&M University, died 16 October 1989 in Bryan, Texas. Professor Price was born 10 November 1913 in Nineveh, Leon County, Texas. He lived in

College Station during his long tenure at Texas A&M.

Professor Price attended Pasadena Junior College in Pasadena, California, and John Tarleton Junior College in Stephenville, Texas, before enrolling at Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College (now Texas A&M University), where he received the bachelor of science and master of science degrees in entomology in 1939 and 1941, respectively. He was employed as an instructor at Texas A&M for a brief period after his graduation in 1941. In 1942, he volunteered for duty in the U.S. Army and served as a malaria control officer in the Persian Gulf Command. He was discharged from military duty in 1946 and immediately returned to teaching and research at Texas A&M. He undertook additional graduate study at the University of California at Berkeley from 1947 to 1949.

Professor Price specialized in medical and veterinary entomology, but because of his broad knowledge of insects, he was involved

in teaching courses outside of his speciality. He introduced many students to the fields of medical and veterinary entomology. Entomologists and Texas veterinarians learned about ectoparasites under his tutelage.

Professor Price officially retired from Texas A&M in 1979, but he continued to work actively on a monograph on ectoparasites of domestic animals until his death.

Professor Price grew up on a farm in a rural area of East Texas near the Trinity River. His teaching and research drew upon this background in nature and agriculture. He emphasized the practical benefits to be gained from the study and practice of science. His pioneering studies in acarology resulted in basic work in the systematics and morphology of ticks and mites and work of a practical nature, such as improved control of the turkey chigger and knowledge of the mechanism for transmission of bovine theileriosis by ticks. Research that he conducted on cattle fever ticks in Texas and Mexico greatly enhanced knowledge of their genetics and demonstrated the use of sterile hybrids of *Boophilus* for control.

In addition to being a dedicated instructor and researcher, Professor Price was a valuable leader within his profession. He regularly attended meetings of the Texas Entomological Society and in 1952 helped merge this organization with the newly formed Southwestern Branch of the Entomological Society of America (ESA). He became deeply involved in support of the Southwestern Branch, its goals, and its members. Professor Price served as chairperson of this organization in 1963, was a long-standing member of the Executive Committee, and through the years was a member of practically every committee of the branch. He promoted fairness and fraternal equity in the Southwestern Branch and encouraged member involvement in the business of the organization. He also introduced many young members of ESA into branch activities.

His outstanding service to the entomological profession was recognized in 1978 when he was presented the "Ta-que-ne-whap" Award by the Southwestern Branch, one of only three such awards ever given by the branch. He also was elected a Fellow of ESA in 1988 in recognition of his contributions to the profession. Professor Price was among the first to speak out on the need for professionalism in entomology and worked diligently to achieve this in ESA and the American Registry of Professional Entomologists

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