

BIRELY J. LANDIS, 1904-1974

Word has been received of the death of B. J. Landis on December 28, 1974.

Mr. Landis retired from the USDA in December 1973 after 45 years of service to that organization.

Mr. Landis graduated from Miami of Ohio in 1927 and completed a master's degree in Entomology at Ohio State University in 1929. He joined the USDA as a research entomologist that same year. His early work was with the Mexican bean beetle. Later in Washington State he worked on blackberry and raspberry insects. He spent 20 years at Union Gap, Washington, in charge of that station. The last 12 years of his service were spent at Yakima where work on potatoes, peas and sugar beets was carried on.

Mr. Landis published 108 papers, often in association with co-workers; sometimes with a wider group of individuals with similar interests.

Mr. Landis was active in the Pacific Branch of the Entomological Society of America. He was a fellow of the AAAS and of the Entomological Society of America. He held courtesy appointments on the staffs of the Entomology Departments of both Washington and Idaho.

The potato industry in the Northwest looked to Mr. Landis for advice in a number of problems including wireworms, green peach aphid, iris whitefly, seedcorn maggot and the Colorado Potato Beetle.

He is survived by his wife, Clare.

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