

IN MEMORIAM**Gustav A. Bieberdorf****1898-1961**

With the death of Gustav Adolph Bieberdorf, 2 May 1961, Oklahoma lost one of its better known biologists. For 42 years he served Oklahoma State University and few students who were enrolled in biological sciences during this period failed to be impressed by his thoroughness, interest in students, and wide scope of interests.

Professor Bieberdorf was born west of Stillwater in Indian Territory, 26 January 1898, on a farm which is now flooded by Lake Carl Blackwell. He attended Oklahoma State University and received a degree in agriculture with a major in horticulture in 1922. As a student he was active in student affairs, played in the band and symphony orchestra and had a broad academic training including art, music, humanities and military training as well as the expected courses in science.

In 1918 he became a student assistant in the Horticulture Department and transferred to the Entomology Department as a staff member in 1922. Professor Bieberdorf's earlier interests in general entomology became more restricted in later years to apiculture pollination, and insect problems of fruit and nut trees. He was a widely recognized authority on insects of pecans and bee repellants. In the second field he was responsible for much of the pioneer work.

Professor Bieberdorf became a member of the Oklahoma Academy of Science in 1935 and a Fellow in 1947. He was a faithful attendant at both the Fall and Spring meetings and served helpfully on many committees. Other organizations to which he belonged included the Southwestern Association of Naturalists, Central States Entomological Society, Entomological Society of America, Texas Entomological Society, Isaac Walton League of America and several conservation organizations.

"Gus", as he was affectionately called, will long be remembered by a host of students who were influenced by his friendly counsel, for his willingness to help and his tremendous fund of information. Very few people knew how often he helped students financially or how many students were able to stay in school because of a helping hand often extended anonymously. Associates will remember his willing cooperation, his pleasant companionship on field trips, hunting and fishing trips, and the cheery good-morning that helped to start the day off on a brighter note.

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