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OBITUARY

Paul M. Eide (1906-1980)

Mr. Eide, well known economic entomologist, formerly with the old Bureau of Entomology, USDA, and later with Washington State University died unexpectedly April 22nd at his home in Mt. Vernon, Washington from a heart attack. He is survived by his wife, Grace; a daughter, Judith Widen of Seattle; a brother, Dr. Carl Eide of St. Paul; a sister, Eleanor Henderson of El Paso; and several nieces and nephews.

Eide received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in entomology at WSU. While with the USDA he assisted in the development of the first use of DDT in the United States during the war years at Orlando, Florida, in cooperation with the Armed Services, researching insects attacking man and animals. Later, he was stationed at the Washington State University campus, Pullman, where he initiated research on the Cherry Fruitfly, a new pest of cherries found in the Yakima Valley. Paul was then Assistant and Associate Entomologist respectively at the Northwestern Washington Research and Extension Unit, Mt. Vernon. He retired from WSU in 1971 but maintained an office at the Research Unit and continued to serve the farmers in the area on a voluntary basis until his death.

Paul was a keen observer of insect life and had sound judgment. He was well respected by his peers and by a large following of farmers and fieldmen, especially in the Skagit Valley of Washington. He had a keen sense of humor and got along well with his colleagues. He had the amusing habit of belittling his true knowledge. When asked about an entomological problem he would first answer, "I really don't know," but when urged for a specific answer, he would then carefully and in considerable detail tell all you wanted to know.

His expertise was largely in developing controls for insect pests attacking vegetables and small fruits in northwestern Washington. Recently, at an annual Pacific Northwestern Vegetable Insect Conference at Portland, Paul received an award for the longest continued attendance — 32 years.

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