



DR. ALFRED M. BOYCE

### **IN APPRECIATION**

This Yearbook is gratefully dedicated to Dr. Alfred M. Boyce, a true friend and benefactor of California avocado growers during his distinguished 41-year career with the University of California, Riverside. Southern California's leading administration in agricultural research for many years, he retired on June 30, 1968, and immediately stepped into a job as consultant to the Rockefeller Foundation.

Known as "Al" to his many friends in California agriculture and to agricultural leaders around the world. Dr. Boyce has performed outstanding service in behalf of the avocado industry both as a university research scientist and later as an administrator.

While serving as an entomologist during the 1930's, he developed effective controls against several avocado pests such as greenhouse thrips, the omniverous looper and Latania scale. During his many years as an administrator, he energetically promoted and expanded University of California research on avocado problems and variety improvement.

Dr. Boyce received the California Avocado Society Award of Honor in 1961. At the 1968 Avocado Growers' Institute, the California Avocado Development Organization presented him with an award of appreciation plaque for "outstanding meritorious service

in behalf of the California avocado industry."

A graduate of Cornell University, Dr. Boyce joined the Citrus Experiment Station staff at Riverside in 1927. Advancing to full professor by 1942, he became head of the entomology department in 1943 and director of the station in 1952. In 1960, he was named dean of UCR's new College of Agriculture, retaining his associate directorship in the statewide Agricultural Experiment Station. He served in these two positions until his retirement.