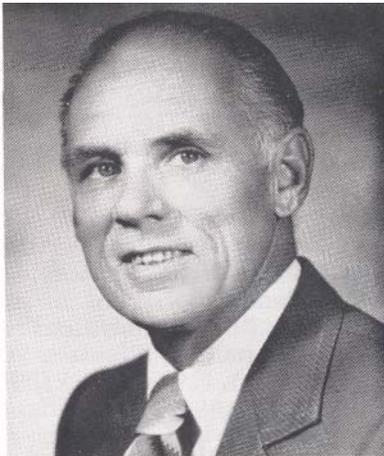


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1973 AWARD OF HONOR

B. W. LEE



B. W. "Bud" Lee, County Director and Farm Advisor, University of California, Ventura County, is recipient of the 1973 Award of Honor by the California Avocado Society. He is a native Californian, born in Los Angeles, and raised on a farm in Pomona. He was graduated from Pomona High School, Pomona Junior College, and from the University of California in 1947 with a degree in plant pathology.

After graduation, he was employed by the California Department of Food and Agriculture for six years. He was avocado and citrus farm advisor in Los Angeles County from 1953 until 1957 when he was transferred to Ventura County, serving as farm advisor until 1966 at which time he was appointed County Director of Agricultural Extension. In this latter position he continued as Farm Advisor for the Avocado Industry.

As farm advisor he has actively pursued research projects for testing new varieties, new chemicals for stump control, girdling to improve fruit set, methods for thinning crowded orchards, harvesting by shaking, aerial application of zinc, hillside planting, nitrogen requirements, and initiated the testing of seed sources for sun-blotch which has since become a part of the State registration program. He has authored many articles on these projects.

He also has developed AVOMATION, a reference handbook for growers, consisting of one-sheet answers on a variety of avocado subjects. He has had an extensive and effective teaching program for Ventura County Avocado growers.

He is a member of the California Avocado Society, the American Society for

Horticultural Science, the American Phytopathology Society, the Lemon Men's Club, the California Avocado Nurserymen's Society, and is vice chairman of the Lemon Administrative Committee. He is active in the Downtown Ventura Lions Club, and three Masonic organizations, including Al Malaikah Shrine.

During World War II, he graduated from the U. S. Maritime Academy and served three years as a Marine Engineer in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

Bud and his wife, Nancy, live in Ventura.