

Randall Rich Kincaid, 1903-1971

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Randall Rich Kincaid, international authority on plant diseases of cigar-wrapper tobacco, died suddenly on November 16, 1971, at his home in Quincy, Florida, at the age of 68.

Dr. Kincaid was born in Lakeman, Missouri, on April 24, 1903. After graduating from Southeast Missouri State Teachers College in 1925 with the B.S. degree in education, he taught high school science for 2 years before entering the University of Missouri, where he received the M.A. degree in botany in 1929. He joined the staff of the University of Florida, Agricultural Experiment Stations in 1929 as Assistant Plant Pathologist, and was stationed at the North Florida Experiment Station in Quincy. He returned to the University of Missouri in 1931, and received his Ph.D. in botany in 1934. Continuing his work with the University of Florida, he was promoted to Associate Plant Pathologist in 1935 and Plant Pathologist in 1943.

His studies of the diseases of cigar-wrapper tobacco took him to many of the tobacco-growing areas of the United States, Canada, and Cuba. He

developed two varieties of cigar-wrapper tobacco that were resistant to *Phytophthora parasitica* var. *nicotianae*, and developed many cultural and chemical control practices that remain in use today in the production of cigar-wrapper tobacco in the southern cigar-tobacco district.

Dr. Kincaid was the author or coauthor of over 50 scientific papers. He served as Associate Editor of *PHYTOPATHOLOGY* from 1951 to 1953. He received the Charles Henry DuPont Foundation Award for service to agriculture in 1970. He was a member of The American Phytopathological Society, Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Helminthological Society of Washington, Soil and Crop Science Society of Florida, Tobacco Workers' Conference, and Florida Tobacco Workers. He was a member of the Centenary United Methodist Church of Quincy, serving many years as choir director and for 2 years as chairman of the church trustees. He was a member of Washington Lodge No. 2 F. and A. M., and was a member of the Quincy Rotary Club, in which he served two terms as president.

He is survived by a son, Randall R. Kincaid, Jr.; two daughters, Sarah K. McGinley and Rosemary K. Padrick; and eight grandchildren.