



WILTON T. (TERRY) WHITE

1891-1956

Society members were deeply shocked to learn of the death of their esteemed Executive Secretary, Terry White, in mid-December. Although in poor health for many months, Terry had continuously carried on the duties of his office. On November 30 he suffered a cerebral hemorrhage which paralyzed his throat and made it impossible for him to speak. Despite this handicap, with the aid of his devoted wife, Ruth, he continued to prepare letters and instructions relating to Society affairs. Terry grew gradually weaker; the end came on December 10.

As a stockman, farmer, and scientist, Terry had a varied and distinguished career. Graduating from Kansas State

College in agronomy in 1917, he returned to his Alma Mater in 1933 to receive a Master's Degree in genetics, between times taking work in journalism at the University of Oregon. He managed livestock farms for several years in Kansas and a commercial creamery in Oregon. Fifteen years were spent in Alaska where he was successively plant breeder, agronomist, and animal husbandman with the Office of Experiment Stations. For the last six of these years he was in charge of all livestock work at the Fairbanks, Kodiak, and Matanuska stations, carrying out important breeding experiments in hybridizing domestic beef breeds with Yak cattle.

Joining the Soil Erosion Service in 1935, Terry was with that agency and its successor, the Soil Conservation Service, for eighteen years. Rising rapidly as a range technician, Terry became the first Chief of the Range Division for the Pacific Northwest Region and later, for the Pacific Region. At one time he was also in charge of all agronomic work for the Western States. In 1948 he traveled to Italy to advise officials of that government on improved methods of managing mountainous grazing lands. Returning to the Soil Conservation Service in 1949, he was placed in charge of the land utilization projects of the western States as Chief of the Land Management Division. With the assignment of these lands to the Forest Service in 1953, he transferred to that agency where he served with the Division of Range and Wildlife Management until his retirement from the Department in 1954.

Among its thousands of members, no man has continuously given so much of his interest, enthusiasm, devotion and hard work to the American Society of Range Management as Terry White. As a member of the original committee of range men who met in Moscow, Idaho in 1946, Terry was a leader in promoting the idea of a professional range organization. The following year he strove mightily to interest others of his wide acquaintance, using his own resources to help finance the hundreds of letters that went to range men all over the country. With the formal organization meeting at Salt Lake in 1948, Terry was elected as the first Vice President of the Society and since 1952 when he became the first Executive Secretary, all of his boundless energy has been devoted to the affairs of the organization he helped create. All members of the American Society of Range Management as well as his other countless friends mourn his passing.

Terry is survived by his wife, Ruth Marie; his two sons, Wilton T. White of Kodiak, Alaska, and H. R. Woodward of Portland; a daughter, Anita Ann Mann, Okinawa; a brother, Harry O. White of Anchorage, Alaska; two sisters, Myrtle Weltmer and Dorothea White, Mankato, Kansas, and three grandchildren.—*Fred Renner.*