



RAYMOND ANSON DOBBINS
1895-1950

Raymond Anson Dobbins was born in Kokomo, Indiana, on December 31, 1895 and, in 1902, moved to Ada, Ohio, where a large part of his life was spent. He received the B.S. degree from Ohio Northern University in 1917. Service in World War I was followed by study in the biological sciences at Ohio State University where he received the B.A. (1919), M.Sc. (1922) and Ph.D. (1937) degrees.

Dr. Dobbins held the position of instructor in Botany and Plant Pathology at Ohio State University during the period 1923-1926. He then returned to Ohio Northern University as Assistant Professor of Biology. In 1945, he was made Professor of Biology, a post which he held until 1948 when he accepted the appointment of Professor and Head of the Department of Biology in the Albany College of Pharmacy of Union University. He died at Albany, New York, on November 3, 1950.

Dobbins' scientific work was principally in the fields of plant ecology and plant pathology and, in the pursuit of these interests, he spent several summers with the U. S. Department of Agriculture. In 1950, he qualified as Senior Botanist of the New York State Museum, indicative of his plans for entering field study in his newly adopted state.

Dr. Dobbins maintained active membership in numerous scientific organizations that include the A. A. A. S., Ohio Academy of Science (fellow, chairman of the botanical section in 1938), American Phytopathological Society (Life Member), Botanical Society of America, American Forestry Association and the Ecological Society of America.

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