

Curtis Williams Sabrosky

"Printer's devil" turned scientist.

Earning his way through high school as an apprentice for his hometown paper, *The Sturgis Journal*, he fully intended to become a professional newspaperman. Consistently acclaimed through the years for his mastery of exposition, this compiler of who's who among flies developed instead into one of this country's leading entomologists.

Entering Kalamazoo College in the fall of 1927 and inspired during his freshman year by the stimulating teaching of William E. Praeger, Professor of Biology, he has become recognized internationally as an authoritative systematic zoologist.

Making his mark while working toward the Master's Degree at Kansas State, he was elected to full membership in that University's chapter of Sigma Xi while still a student and was the first recipient of their research award. Although called back after 32 years to the campus at Manhattan to be Guest Lecturer in the Graduate School and receive the Distinguished Service Award, his alma mater in 1951 already had selected him for a citation as one of 24 of her preeminent graduates.

Assisted by research grants from the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, he has attended International Congresses of Entomology and studied in the natural history museums of London, Amsterdam, Hamburg, Berlin, Dresden, Budapest, and Vienna.

Serving on the faculty of Michigan State University as medical entomologist from 1936 to 1944 and as an officer of the U. S. Public Health Service conducting endemic malaria research, he then, in 1946, accepted an appointment with the U. S. Department of Agriculture where he has continued his professional activities as Research Entomologist.

Because as a scientist he has won a world-wide reputation solidly based on numerous scholarly monographs in the area of insect life and classification, and attested by many awards and honors—American and foreign, and because as a native son of Michigan who is a distinctive taxonomist and distinguished leader in research and education, Kalamazoo College does take maternal pride in his many accomplishments.

Therefore, Mr. President, on behalf of the Faculty of Kalamazoo College, I present to you, on the thirty-fifth anniversary of his graduation from this College, CURTIS WILLIAMS SABROSKY, for receiving the honorary degree, Doctor of Science.