

In addition to the soil fertility research indicated above, a number of new practices, or old practices being used under new conditions, need to be addressed. A significant portion of Georgia cotton is currently being grown using conservation-tillage and that will likely increase. This production practice creates unique challenges for soil sampling and fertilization that need to be investigated. Due to recent increases in landfill costs, more and more by-products are becoming available for land application. These materials may be from agricultural, municipal or industrial sectors and may have value as fertilizer, lime or soil amendments for cotton. The soil fer-

tility aspect of precision agriculture is certainly an important and popular topic that will continue to require attention, especially after the development of a cotton yield monitor. Finally, profitable cotton production in Georgia has resulted in the development of a great number of non-traditional growth regulator and nutritional in-furrow and foliar treatment products. These products need to be tested under randomized, replicated, and unbiased conditions to verify their effectiveness. **BC**

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In Memory of Eugene D. Dixon, 1917-1998

Mr. Eugene D. Dixon, a retired longtime employee of PPI, passed away January 18, 1998. Mr. Dixon, who was 81 years of age at the time of his death, began his career with the Institute in 1937.

A native of Brunswick, Maryland, he graduated from Strayer College in Washington, D.C., with a degree in accounting. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1945 to 1946.

Mr. Dixon officially retired from PPI as Assistant Treasurer in 1986, but continued on a part-time basis through 1988.

In his more than 50 years of dedicated service, he held a variety of responsibilities, spanning the terms of the first four presidents of the Institute.



Eugene D. Dixon

“Gene Dixon was always interested in the well-being of the Institute and its programs of research and education,” said Dr. David W. Dibb, PPI President. “He thoroughly enjoyed the association with his colleagues as well as those he met through other activities. Gene will be dearly missed by his family and by all who were fortunate to know him.” **BC**