

BILL AND JANE FISCHER VEGETATION MANAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

In 1954, the late Bill Fischer began his career with the University of California Cooperative Extension as an assistant in Stockton, where he conducted his first weed control trial in Tokay grapes near Lodi.

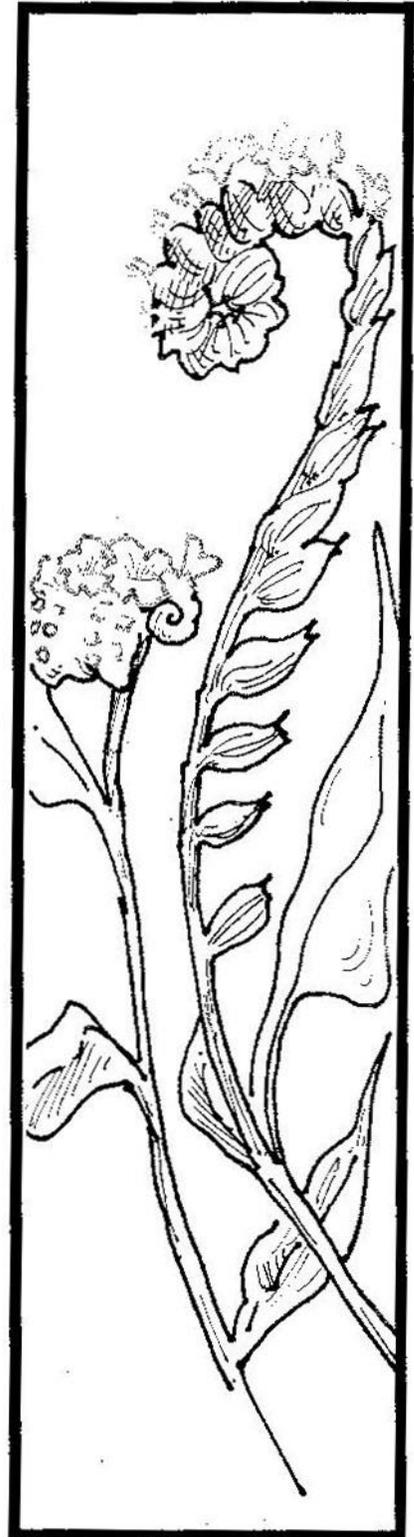
Three years later, he was appointed Farm Advisor in Fresno County with responsibilities for agronomic crops (corn, sorghum, wheat, barley, oats, and rice) and weed control in cropped and non-cropped areas. Gradually, Bill relinquished his responsibilities in cereal crops and concentrated on weed control, or, as he preferred to call it, vegetation management.

Bill used applied research trials to develop new information and as teaching tools to demonstrate the effectiveness of selective herbicides as vegetation management tools. Bill's Extension education philosophy is best expressed by the following quotation: "My information is no information until you are informed of my information." His yearly vegetation management tours were popular and well attended. Publications summarizing his applied research studies were widely distributed. Bill published 50 volumes of *Runcina* containing summaries of his vegetation management studies in many crops grown in Fresno County. He contributed to several text books, IPM Manuals, and wrote many articles that appeared in scientific and popular journals. His use of visuals will be long remembered by his contemporaries.

Bill and his wife, Jane, traveled widely during four sabbatical leaves. Jane assisted in photographing the weeds contained in the *Growers Weed Identification Handbook*, a publication of the University of California.

Bill retired in 1991, as Farm Advisor Emeritus. Family, friends, and colleagues established a Vegetation Management Scholarship to honor Bill and Jane, and to promote the study of vegetation management as an important aspect of agriculture/plant science.

The Bill and Jane Fischer Vegetation Management Scholarship provides an award of approximately \$1,000 each year for individuals enrolled in graduate studies in vegetation management/weed science. One or more awards may be made annually. The amount of the award(s) may vary with available funds. Graduate students are encouraged to apply for the scholarship.



Selection Criteria

Students from any accredited California university are eligible. Preference will be given to graduate students. Successful candidates will have demonstrated an interest in vegetation management (weed control) careers and will have a major or concentration in one of the following areas (listed in order of preference):

- a. Vegetation management in agricultural crop production.
- b. Plant Science with emphasis on vegetation management in horticultural crops, agronomic, or vegetable crops.
- c. Soils and Plant Nutrition with emphasis on field, vegetable crop relationships.
- d. Agricultural Engineering with emphasis on developing tools for vegetation management.
- e. Agricultural Botany with emphasis on weed biology and weed ecology.
- f. Plant Pathology with emphasis on integrated vegetation management.
- g. Plant Protection and Pest Management with emphasis on field, vegetable, or horticultural, crop relationships.
- h. Agricultural Economics with emphasis on vegetation management in field, vegetable, or horticultural crops.

Procedures for Application

Application forms are available from the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources Office of Development Services, 1111 Franklin Street, 10th Floor, Oakland, CA 94607, or online at http://ucanr.org/fischer_application. Announcements of availability of the award will be made annually by the Vice President – Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Completed 2016-17 scholarship application and supporting documents must be postmarked no later than May 6, 2016. Send application and supporting documents to the Office of Development Services, University of California - Agriculture and Natural Resources, 1111 Franklin Street, 10th Floor, Oakland, CA 94607. An official transcript and two reference letters completed by a professor, academic advisor, or an individual knowledgeable of the applicant's abilities and potential, must accompany the application. The monetary award will be mailed directly to the successful candidate in the fall, upon proof of registration at an accredited California university.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: List activities in which you have participated and organizations to which you belong. Indicate offices held, honors received, publications, etc.

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that all the information provided is true and correct. If selected for this award, I authorize release of the above biographical information for use in publicity related to this award.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Completed application, two letters of recommendation and official transcripts must be postmarked no later than May 6, 2016. Documents may be sent under separate cover. Send to:

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