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Former ISC Statistical Laboratory Head Takes New Position

Ames, Iowa, Nov. 21--George W. Snedecor, who brought the Statistical Laboratory at Iowa State College to international prominence, is leaving the college faculty to accept another position.

At the age of 77, the widely known statistician will end his 45-year career with Iowa State Nov. 30, and will move to San Diego, Calif., where he will be employed by the Navy Electronics Laboratory in a professional position.

Snedecor joined the ISC faculty in 1913 as a member of the mathematics department. He was founder and first director of the Statistical Laboratory, and was a pioneer in the movement to apply statistics to agricultural experiments. Cooperative statistical projects with the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Bureau of Census and Weather Bureau were developed. The national master sample of agriculture, a million dollar project, was constructed under this cooperation, and curricula in climatology instituted in cooperation with the Weather Bureau.

With Henry A. Wallace, editor of Wallaces Farmer, in 1925 he developed a bulletin, "Correlation and Machine Calculation," which created world-wide interest and is still widely used. Snedecor is author of a classic text on statistical methods, which recently was published in its fifth edition, many scientific papers and several other books. He is past president of the American

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Statistical Association, and holds the honorary Doctor of Science degree from North Carolina State College and Iowa State College, the latter degree awarded at Iowa State's Centennial commencement.

Since his retirement from administrative duties in 1947, his college duties have not required a full 12 months of duty each year. In his free periods he has served as visiting professor or consultant at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Florida University, North Carolina State College, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, University of North Carolina, Women's College of North Carolina, the U. S. Navy Electronics Laboratory and the State of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

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