



Mr Victor E. de Kock who passed away on the 14th of September, 1978 at the age of 78, having served the Department of Agriculture for more than 55 years. Mr de Kock was first appointed to the staff of the Onderstepoort Veterinary Research Institute on July 25, 1923, and in 1928 he became the technical editor of the *Onderstepoort Journal of Veterinary Research*. At the time of his death the editing of this journal had thus been his responsibility for 50 years. In 1957 he was transferred to the Department of Agricultural Information and became the first editor of the *South African Journal of Agricultural Science*, which was afterwards superseded by *Agroplanta*, *Agroanimalia*, *Phytophy-lactica* and *Agrochemophysica*.