

**ALDEN H. MILLER: 1906-1965**

The sudden death of Alden Miller on October 9 brought to an end a long career of distinguished accomplishment as a scientist, editor, teacher, and administrator. Dr. Miller assumed the editorship of *The Condor* in June, 1939, following the death of Joseph Grinnell, and for twenty-six years he performed this service with excellence, derived from his devotion to the highest editorial standards and from his superb capabilities as a scientist. The continued growth of the Cooper Society in the past two decades was reflected in the continued growth of *The Condor*. Despite the nearly twofold increase in content, with the consequent increased demands on the editor, editorial standards were kept at the highest level and publication schedules were met so rigidly that the arrival of *The Condor* gave the recipient a reasonably accurate idea of the day and month. Alden Miller's unrivaled performance as editor of a scientific journal was, of course, but a reflection of his wider capabilities. His contributions to ornithology are far too well known to require cataloguing here. Surely no scientist of our time has contributed more to this field, and through his work he contributed in most significant fashion to the wider field of zoology. But perhaps of even greater importance than his acknowledged leadership in scientific and editorial fields was his incredible devotion to his responsibilities. In a changing academic and scientific world, when the individual is being subordinated to the group and when the scientist must too often serve as an administrator and drift further and further from his own work, he set an inspiring example. He spurned the "big grant" and the "empire" which it would build, but his own accomplishments would fill several lifetimes. In spite of the extreme demands made on his time and energy, he assumed completely his responsibilities to his field, to his institution, to his colleagues, to his students, and to his friends. His untimely passing leaves a gap that we may safely assume will never be filled.—J. D.