

## OBITUARY

WILBUR STUART LONG, a former Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union (1935-1940), died of a heart attack at Moab, Utah, October 19, 1944. He was born July 11, 1903, at McArthur, Ohio.

In 1935 he received the degree of M.A. at the University of Kansas and entered the United States National Park Service as Wildlife Technician at Zion National Park, Utah. In August, 1936, he transferred to the United States Soil Conservation Service as Junior Biologist and in January, 1939, was promoted to Assistant Biologist. At the time of his death he was District Conservationist for Grand and San Juan counties, Utah. While with the Soil Conservation Service he worked in Colorado and Utah.

He was also a member of the American Society of Mammalogists, the Wildlife Society, the Cooper Club, and the Wilson Ornithological Club, but his chief interest was ornithology. He was a born collector and fieldman, and collected birds in several western states and published several articles on ornithology.—A. E. BORELL, *Soil Conservation Service, U. S. Dept. Agriculture, Albuquerque, N. M.*

## NOTES AND NEWS

Dr. Frank Michler Chapman, Fellow and Past-President of the A. O. U., died in New York City on November 15, last.

Word continues to come in concerning European ornithologists and ornithological collections.

From Belgium comes the information that Jean Derscheid was taken prisoner by the Germans on October 18, 1941, and after a long imprisonment, first in Belgium and then in Germany, was shot on March 13, 1944, and his body burned on the 18th. His ashes have been recovered.

The British Museum of Natural History received considerable injury from bombs by which the exhibition collections of birds and nests were extensively damaged or destroyed. In one of the explosions, David Bannerman and Claude H. B. Grant, who were in the bird room at the time, narrowly escaped injury. The study collection of birds is safe, having been taken elsewhere for safekeeping.

The Liverpool Museum was burned out, but the skin collection had been removed to Wales and presumably is intact.

One of the wings of the Royal Museum of Natural History at Leiden, Holland, was struck, but the main building escaped damage. Dr. G. C. A. Junge is still at work in this institution.

Various European journals are again reaching this country. Among them may be mentioned the Dansk Ornithologisk Forenings Tidsskrift, Revista Italiana di Ornitologia, Journal für Ornithologie, Ornithologische Monatsberichte, Der Vogelzug, Ardea, and numerous general zoological series.

L'Oiseau et Revue Française d'Ornithologie was published throughout the war and four volumes (1941-1944) are available. The volume for 1945 is in press. The five volumes can be ordered from Mr. Jean Delacour, New York Zoological Society, Bronx Park, New York 60, N. Y., at \$18.00 for the full set which can be remitted to Mr. Delacour.