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OBITUARIES

GAYLE BENJAMIN PICKWELL, Member of the American Ornithologists' Union since 1938, died on May 29, 1949.

Born on March 25, 1899, in Murdock (Cass County), Nebraska, Pickwell received his early schooling in the public schools of Murdock and Elmwood, Nebraska. His A.B. and M.A. degrees were obtained from the University of Nebraska in 1921 and 1922. Work toward the Ph.D. degree, carried on at Northwestern University and in special summer study at Woods Hole, Massachusetts, was brought to completion at Cornell University in 1927. His thesis for the doctorate was a field study of the Prairie Horned Lark, published by the St. Louis Academy of Science in 1931.

From 1922 to 1926, Pickwell was an instructor in zoology at Northwestern University. In the fall of 1927 he joined the staff of the San Jose State College and rose to full professorship in 1930, a position which he held until his retirement in 1946.

In the winter of 1930 he became the victim of multiple sclerosis, the disease which

took his life some 19 years later. The greater part of his scientific career, therefore, was shadowed by illness. In spite of this, however, Dr. Pickwell distinguished himself as a teacher and a naturalist. His best known books include a series published by McGraw-Hill—*Weather, Deserts, Animals in Action, and Birds*. His latest work on *Amphibians and Reptiles of the Pacific States*, published by the Stanford University Press, has become a standard reference. He was also the author of numerous articles for scientific journals.

Well known for his work in nature photography, Dr. Pickwell prepared illustrations for 50 or more filmstrips dealing with ecology, weather, trees, flowers, insects, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. Each filmstrip he accompanied by an explanatory leaflet.

Although his work in natural history covered a broad field, Dr. Pickwell's chief interest was in birds. In addition to his membership in the American Ornithologists' Union, he had been President of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club. He was also a leader in the local Audubon Society of the Santa Clara Valley.

Following Dr. Pickwell's death, a number of his friends presented a substantial financial contribution to the Multiple Sclerosis Research Society of New York. This was given as a memorial to Dr. Pickwell who, throughout his own years of illness, had many times offered himself for experimentation with the hope of providing information of value in helping other sufferers from this disease.—HILDEGARDE HOWARD.

FRANCIS (FRANK) LA GRANGE FARLEY died in Camrose, Alberta, Canada, on October 22, 1949, in his 79th year. He was born at St. Thomas, Ontario, on February 24, 1870, a son of the late John Farley. Long identified with natural history interests, he became an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union in 1946 and received the rank of full Member approximately two weeks before his death.

Early in his career Frank Farley became passionately devoted to birds. For many years his studies were conducted in Ontario. At the age of 22, in March, 1892, he arrived in Red Deer, then the end of steel between Calgary and Edmonton. Farley homesteaded in the district, retained his enthusiasm for ornithology, and rapidly developed into an outstanding field naturalist.

In 1907 he sold the farm and located in the new town of Camrose; there he continued to live for the remainder of his life. As the years went by he seized every opportunity to cover various parts of the province to gather data for a work on Albertan birds which, unfortunately, was not completed before his death. Frank published numerous notes and longer papers on birds of the province. The majority of these appeared in the 'Canadian Field-Naturalist.'

In due time Farley won wide recognition on the continent as a lover and student of birds and an ardent conservationist. In the best sense of the term he was a true pioneer in Alberta ornithology. His circle of friends was very extensive and his beneficial influence marked in relation to aspiring young students of wildlife. His vigorous and cheerful personality will remain a cherished memory. With Frank Farley's passing, another link with the pioneer days of Western Canada is irrevocably lost.—J. DEWEY SOPER.

VICTOR EMMONS JONES, professor of zoology at Idaho State College, Pocatello, Idaho, and an Associate of the A. O. U. since 1940, died at Salt Lake City, Utah, August 24, 1949.

He was born June 13, 1892, at LaPlata, Missouri. After graduating from the

University of Idaho in 1916, he filled various positions in zoology before joining Idaho State College 22 years ago.

A problem of particular interest to him was the nesting of the House Finch. He published the first record of the Starling for the state (Jones, Condor, 48: 142-143, 1946). The Victor E. Jones memorial has been created at the college to honor his memory.—JAMES H. PHELPS.

WILLIAM LLOYD BAILY, who was elected an Associate in 1886 and who became a Member in 1901, died at Haverford, Pennsylvania, April 6, 1947. He was born in Philadelphia on December 26, 1861. After graduation from Haverford in 1883, he followed the profession of architecture.

Interest in birds was constant since his college days. Beginning in 1900, he served for 45 years as Inspector of Birds and Mammals, Port of Philadelphia. He began photographing birds as early as 1895 and was particularly skillful in sketching them. A collection of approximately 800 bird skins made by him was given to the Philadelphia Academy of Sciences. His chief monument is the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club which he was instrumental in founding in 1890. Valuable papers were published in 'The Auk,' 'Cassinia,' and 'Bird-Lore'. His last important contribution was a list of 207 species of birds known to have occurred on the grounds of Haverford College (Haverford Review, 4: 31-4, 1945). He was buried in the Friends Southwestern Burial Grounds, Cardington, Pennsylvania. (For further information see article by W. J. Serrill, Cassinia, No. 37: 17-8, 1949).—A. W. SCHORGER.

GEORGE WARE BARBER, American naturalist, educator and writer, and A. O. U. Associate since 1932, died in his 59th year in New York City, December 5, 1948. Descendant of an early New England family, he was born at Hyde Park, Massachusetts, August 3, 1890. He early manifested an interest in natural history, particularly in entomology and ornithology. He received the Bachelor of Science degree from Massachusetts Agriculture College in 1913, and the M.S. and Sc.D. degrees from Harvard in 1925 and 1927, respectively. He entered service of the United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Entomology on January 1, 1914, and retired at age 55 on November 15, 1945. After retirement from government service he became connected with Rutgers University in special work on toxicity of new insecticides, notably DDT, until his death. On July 28, 1919, Dr. Barber married Miss Estelle Hulse of Chattanooga, Tennessee, who, with their only child, George Winston survive him. In addition to the A. O. U., Dr. Barber's memberships or fellowships also included American Academy of Arts and Sciences, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Entomological Society of America, American Association of Economic Entomology, New York Entomological Society, Agriculture History Society, and others. Although deeply interested in ornithology, it was not always possible for Dr. Barber to find time from other duties for more than non-continuous field observations as opportunity offered, so his notes are of necessity somewhat fragmentary. His library, however, was rich in the more important contributions to ornithological literature.—J. S. WADE.

MORTON EVERETT CUMMINGS, an Associate since 1940, died at Reading, Massachusetts, April 20, 1949. He was born at Malone, New York, September 14, 1876. Graduation from Harvard University and its Medical School took place in 1898 and 1901, respectively. He was a member of the Nuttall Ornithological Club, National Audubon Society, and the Audubon societies of Massachusetts and Florida, and served as president of the Brookline Bird Club. In 1940, he travelled extensively in the United States and with the aid of local ornithologists compiled an impressive

list of 752 species of birds seen (Bull. Mass. Aud. Soc., 26: 5-9, 1942). His ashes were scattered on Concord River.—A. W. SCHORGER.

HAROLD TROWBRIDGE PULSIFER, an Associate since 1947, died at Sarasota, Florida, April 8, 1948. He was born at Manchester, Conn., November 18, 1886. In 1911, he graduated from Harvard University and was odist for his class. He became a member of the editorial staff of 'Outlook' in 1913, and served as editor from 1923 to 1928. His poems were a distinct contribution to literature. He was an ardent trout fisherman and served for many years as president of the Megantic (Maine) Fish and Game Club.—A. W. SCHORGER.

ROBERT FRANCIS CHENEY, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union from 1922, died June 3, 1949, at the hospital in Framingham, Massachusetts, where he had gone from his home in Southborough. He was born in Lee, Massachusetts, December 18, 1875, and was graduated in 1897 from Williams College, where he took the degree of M.A. in 1898. In 1901, he was graduated from the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge. From 1910 to 1946 he was, first Vicar, then Rector, at Southborough, Massachusetts. There he was intimately associated with Saint Mark's School and the Fay School for younger boys, and he did much to foster an interest in birds and conservation among the boys. He was a Director of the Massachusetts Audubon Society, 1920-1948, and a member of the Nuttall Ornithological Club from 1933. As a stamp-collector he built up a valuable collection of postage stamps having pictures of birds, and his collection of stamps of the island of Lundy, with units of puffins instead of pence, was said to have been the largest in the world.—FRANCIS H. ALLEN.

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