

## OBITUARIES

CHARLES EDGAR CONKLIN, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, elected in 1915, died in Roslyn, New York, September 8, 1916, at the age of 41. He was born in Roslyn August 14, 1875, and was educated in the public schools and in a business college. During the last 20 years of his life he was secretary of the Roslyn Savings Bank. He was much interested in botany and nature study and was a member of the Audubon Society.

Mr. Conklin did not publish his observations on birds, but a heronry near Roslyn, in which he was much interested, and which he visited with Dr. Frank M. Chapman, was photographed and described in Chapman's 'Bird Studies with a Camera.'—T. S. PALMER.

CHARLES HENRY DAVIS, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, elected in 1906, died in Saginaw, Michigan, October 5, 1918, at the age of 70. He was born in North Andover, Massachusetts, August 25, 1848, and was the son of Edmund and Sarah Folsom Davis. His boyhood was spent on a farm about two miles from Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He attended the District School, at 10 years of age he entered the grammar school, and at 14, the Portsmouth High School from which he graduated at 18. In the winter of 1864, he entered the full course at Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York, and after graduation returned to the farm, and for four years engaged in market gardening with his brother.

In the fall of 1869, he went to Saginaw, Michigan, and began his career in the lumber business by piling lumber with Wright and Pearson, by whom he was employed. Three months later he was made bookkeeper in the firm and soon after was placed in charge of the affairs of Seymour Coleman, who operated the Pearson mills.

In his later years he was associated with several companies engaged in cutting pine timber, in Minnesota, Louisiana, and on the Pacific Coast. To escape from the long winters in the North, he maintained a winter home in Pasadena, California.—T. S. PALMER.

WALLACE SHERWIN DRAPER, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, died in Wayland, Massachusetts, April 13, 1925, at the age of 74. He was born in Wayland, September 7, 1851, and was elected an Associate of the Union in 1920. Apparently he published nothing on birds.—T. S. PALMER.

MARY DRUMMOND, of Lake Forest, Illinois, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, elected in 1904, died April 22, 1926. She was a sister of Ellen Sheldon Drummond Farwell whose book, "Observations near Chicago" was published posthumously. She prepared the introduction, explaining the conditions under which these observations were made.—T. S. PALMER.

CHARLES DUPOND, of Bruxelles, Belgium, elected a Corresponding Fellow of the American Ornithologists' Union in 1932, died at Laken on November 20, 1952, after a long and painful illness. This well-known and popular figure among European ornithologists was born at Slype (Flandre Occidentale) April 8, 1872. His thin silhouette, long beard, and cronestadt hat had long been a welcome and familiar sight at all ornithological meetings, conventions and congresses held in the Old World. He was liked by all for his great kindness, reserve and courtesy. He had rendered eminent service to the cause of Belgian ornithology. For thirty years he edited 'Le Gerfaut' and kept it up through difficult times. He had charge since 1927 of the bird section at the 'Institute Royal des Sciences naturelles de Belgique,' where he built up

a good collection of native birds, also organizing bird banding in his country. He was for many years the principal support of Belgian ornithology.

Charles Dupond will be greatly missed, but he leaves after him a group of bird students who will carry on his good work. They owe him a great deal.—JEAN DELACOUR.

ELLEN SHELDON DRUMMOND FARWELL (MRS. JOHN VILLERS FARWELL), an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, died at Lake Forest, Illinois, August 6, 1912, in her fifty-third year. She was born in Chicago, December 29, 1859, and was elected an Associate of the Union in 1896. In the following year she became one of the chief organizers of the Illinois Audubon Society and was a director or vice-president during the rest of her life.

She was much interested in birds and kept notes on the various species that she observed from time to time. Eight years after her death these notes were published under the title 'Bird Observations near Chicago,' with an introduction by her sister, Mary Drummond. The illustrations consisted of her portrait as a frontispiece, photographs of birds, and a photograph of her home 'Ardleigh' at Lake Forest, near Chicago.

In the summer of 1907, she made a trip to Europe, visiting England, Switzerland, and Italy; and in February and March 1907 she went south to Savannah, Georgia. Notes on the various species encountered on these trips are included in her book.—T. S. PALMER.

ALVA HOWARD FELGER, an Honorary Life Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, was elected in 1898. He was born at Geneseo, Illinois, April 16, 1868. His academic training was received at the University of Michigan (Ph. B., 1895) and Denver University (M.A., 1925). After leaving the University of Michigan, he spent one year teaching in a private boys' school at Racine, Wisconsin, and another year teaching at Lake Charles College, Lake Charles, Louisiana. Beginning in 1897, he taught biology at the North High School, Denver, Colorado, until his retirement in 1941.

Mr. Felger was always interested in agriculture and horticulture, and in 1916 purchased a farm at Broomfield, Colorado, with a view to a pleasant retirement. He was an ardent student of birds and left a collection of approximately 2,000 bird skins. Twenty articles under his name appeared in the 'Auk' between 1901 and 1919. While returning from church on Easter Sunday, he was struck by a car. Hospitalized for the succeeding five months, he died in Denver on September 15, 1952.—A. W. SCHORGER.

HOMER LENOIR FERGUSON, a Life Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, elected in 1926, died at his home in Warwick, Virginia, on March 14, 1953. He was born in Waynesville, North Carolina, on March 6, 1873. Following graduation from the U. S. Naval Academy (1892), and Glasgow University (1895), he entered upon a long and highly successful career in marine construction. He was connected with the Newport News Shipping and Dry Dock Company from 1905. He resigned as president of this organization in 1946, but remained chairman of the board up to the time of his death.

He was president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States (1919-20), member of the National Industrial Conference Board, trustee of the Carnegie Institution, Washington, and president and chairman of the board of trustees of the Mariners' Museum, Newport News. Honorary degrees were given him by Washington and Lee University, University of Richmond, Worcester Polytechnic Institute,

Duke University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and William and Mary College. He was very much interested in birds, especially game birds, and watched with great pleasure the song birds at the feeding stations maintained at his home.—A. W. SCHORGER.

WILLIAM LOVELL FINLEY, a life member of the American Ornithologists' Union, died at Portland, Oregon, on June 29, 1953, at the age of 76. He was born at Santa Clara, California, August 9, 1876 and moved to Portland, Oregon, with his parents May 11, 1887. He attended the public schools of Portland, graduated from the Portland High School in 1896, and then took a year of post graduate work at the Portland Academy. He entered the University of California in 1899, graduated with the degree of A.B. in 1903, and took a year of post graduate work there in 1903-1904. A position with the Reviews of Reviews Company of New York was held during 1905-1906. In 1906, he married Nellie Irene Barnhart, A.B., University of California, 1903, who with his two children, Mrs. Arthur Newton Pack of Tucson, Arizona, and William Lovell Finley Jr., of Portland, Oregon, survive him.

During his early boyhood he developed a keen interest in birds, and with his life-long friend, Herman T. Bohlman, started a collection of birds' eggs and skins. Later he became interested in bird photography, in which field he soon became nationally known. His series of pictures of the California Condor, waterfowl of the eastern Oregon lakes, and sea bird colonies off the Pacific Coast, were outstanding among wildlife photographs of that period. He became an expert in making moving pictures, not only of birds, but of mammals, ranging from the big brown bears of Alaska and nearly all the big game of western North America, to studies of smaller species. His early movies of antelope (1915) and the courting display of the Sage Grouse (1917) were classics of the time.

For many years he was a leader among the conservationists of America. His reports and photographs of the wildlife at Malheur Lake, Lower Klamath Lake, and Three Arch Rocks won him the support of President Theodore Roosevelt, who, by proclamation, made these areas National Wildlife Refuges. Finley was the first State Game Warden (1911) for Oregon, under the present form of game management. Later he was State Biologist. His were the first bird reports sent from Oregon to the National Audubon Society.

With his wife as co-author he published three books, "American Birds" (1907), "Little Bird Blue" (1915), and "Wild Animal Pets" (1928). His notes in "The Auk" and other scientific journals were not numerous but were important, while his writings on conservation and wildlife were numbered in hundreds, nearly a complete file of which is housed in the conservation library at the University of California. He collaborated with the National Audubon Society, Biological Survey, National Park Service, U. S. Forest Service, Isaac Walton League, National Wildlife Federation, American Nature Association, and many other local and national organizations interested in nature and conservation. Among his intimate friends were John Burroughs, Dallas Lore Sharp, Jay N. Darling, William Dutcher, Thorton Burgess, and T. Gilbert Pearson. He was a member of the American Society of Mammalogists, Pacific Northwest Bird and Mammal Society, Wildlife Society, Cooper Club, Isaac Walton League, National Audubon Society, and National Wildlife Society. In 1931 Oregon State College honored him with the degree of Doctor of Science. In addition to his many activities in local and national organizations, he spent much of the past thirty years lecturing on birds and conservation over much of the nation.

William Lovell Finley devoted his life to the study of birds, and to better protection for all nature's creatures. He was loyal to his many friends and tireless in his

chosen work. The passing of "Bill" Finley is a great loss to his co-workers in the field of conservation.—STANLEY G. JEWETT.

JOSEPH LARKE FLOYD, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, died in Canton, Ohio, February 5, 1950, at the age of 75. He was born in Noble County, Ohio, in 1876, and attended Mount Union College. He received his law degree from Ohio Northern University in 1902. Judge Floyd was appointed to the bench by Governor Myers Cooper in 1929 and retained that post until his death. He was elected an Associate of the Union in 1938.—T. S. PALMER.

MASAUJI, 18TH MARQUESS HACHISUKA, Ph.D., Sc.D., a Corresponding Fellow of the American Ornithologists' Union since 1930, died of a heart ailment on May 14, 1953, at his home at Atami, Japan, at the age of 50.

He was born at Atami, Tokyo, on February 15, 1903. Following his education at Peers' School, Japan, he went to Europe at the age of nineteen to complete his training. Under the guidance of Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Ambassador in London and a friend of his father, then the Vice-President of the Japanese House of Peers, he pursued zoological studies at Cambridge University during the next five years. After graduating in 1927, he returned to Japan through America in company with the writer. The colorful welcome given to him by the aristocracy and officials of Japan, headed by his father and his uncle, Prince Tokugawa, the last Shogun, still remains vivid in my memory. We later traveled together to Korea and China. He conducted an expedition to the Philippines in 1928-29, and he soon returned to Europe where he stayed until 1934. He had previously traveled a good deal in Europe and North Africa. After a trip to the Belgian Congo with the late Jean-Marie Derscheid, he paid a lengthy visit to the King and Queen of Bulgaria.

During all these years, Hachisuka was one of our inner circle of European bird-friends. He attended meetings and conventions regularly in England, in France, and elsewhere. As he was traveling back to Japan through the United States, he fell seriously ill at Los Angeles and remained there four years, during which time he recovered completely. The writer spent several months with him in 1936-37 at Pasadena and never saw him again. In the course of these years in California, he made many close friends. He returned to Japan in October, 1937, and on March 7, 1939, married Chiye Negamine of Los Angeles.

The war period was difficult for him because of his western ways and friendships. After peace was restored, his wealth having greatly diminished, he lived quietly at Atami, where he had built a house of Moorish style to his own liking. He surrounded himself with birds, resumed his studies, and carried on an assiduous correspondence with his old friends in America and Europe. To them his unexpectedly early death was a great shock.

Hachisuka was a true lover of birds, live birds in freedom and captivity, as well as museum specimens. As an aviculturist, he kept and raised many species in Japan, particularly pheasants. He collected bird skins extensively in the Philippines and elsewhere, also acquiring private collections. Most of his early bird work was done at the museums at Tring and in London.

His publications are numerous. Besides many articles and notes in *Avicultural Magazine*, *L'Oiseau*, *Ibis*, *Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club*, *Tori* and other periodicals, he wrote books on the birds of Egypt, Iceland, the Philippines, Hainan, and Formosa, and a treatise on bird variation. His splendid book on "The Dodo and Kindred Birds," just published, he did not live to see. He had been working recently on a book on the birds of China.

Marquess Hachisuka was unwillingly separated from his western friends during the last fifteen years of his life, but his colleagues retained him in vivid and affectionate remembrance.—JEAN DELACOUR.

FANNY CURTIS BARRI KIRKHAM (MRS. JAMES WILSON KIRKHAM), an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, died in Springfield, Massachusetts, November 1, 1928, at the age of 70. She was born in Cambridge, August 26, 1857, and was a gifted pianist. Her husband was a banker. In 1904 she was elected an Associate of the Union, but despite her interest in birds apparently published none of her observations.—T. S. PALMER.

HARRY LEON KUTZ, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union since 1938, died in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 25, 1952. He was born in Harrisburg, Pa., January 1, 1901. His preliminary biological training was received at Syracuse University, this institution granting him an M.A. in 1931. He obtained his Ph.D. at Cornell University in 1940, his thesis being, 'The inhibiting influence of captivity upon reproduction in wild ducks. Effect of light and various gonadotropic hormones.' The following positions were held by him: Assistant Professor of Biology, Norwich University, 1931-36; Instructor in Game Management, Cornell University, 1938-40; Game Research Investigator, New York State Conservation Department, 1941-46; and Assistant Professor of Game Management, University of Maine, 1947-50. In 1950 he was made head of the Department of Biology, Norwich University, a position retained at the time of his death.

Mr. Kutz taught ornithology at the University of Maine and added a course on this subject to the curriculum of Norwich University. His name appears on nine ornithological papers printed between 1940 and 1949 in the *Auk*, *Wilson Bulletin*, *Journal of Wildlife Management*, and *Journal of Parasitology*. He is survived by his wife, Gertrude Anne, a son, and a daughter.—A. W. SCHORGER.

CLARENCE SACKETT of Rye, New York, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, died May 15, 1923, at the age of 67. He was born in 1856 and served as vestryman and church warden of Christ's Episcopal Church in Rye, New York. He was elected an Associate of the Union in 1910, but apparently published nothing on birds.—T. S. PALMER.

JOHN WILLIS SCHELL, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, died in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 5, 1931, in his 69th year. He was born in Halifax, Pennsylvania, April 3, 1863, and was elected an Associate of the Union in 1923. During the period of his membership, apparently he published little if anything on birds.—T. S. PALMER.

CHARLES VETTER of Nyack, New York, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, elected in 1898, died August 28, 1941. He was graduated from the New York College of Dentistry in 1896. For five years Doctor Vetter served as Professor of Dental Surgery at New York University and was also associated with the Guggenheim Clinic of New York. He was a member of research expeditions along the northern coast of Labrador and to the mountains of Guatemala.—T. S. PALMER.