

### OBITUARY

Charles E. W. Bryant, Corresponding Fellow of the A.O.U., died on 27 October 1960, after a prolonged illness. A native of Victoria (born at North Fitzroy on 12 June 1902), he was for many years the leading ornithologist of that state. In Whittell's bibliography of Australian ornithology 102 papers, mostly short notes, of his are listed for the period 1928-1950. His best papers deal with the life history and ecology of marsh birds; he was also a very successful bird photographer. In private life he was a busy attorney.

Bryant's greatest contribution to ornithology consisted in his devoted service as editor of the *Emu* for 31 years, during which he always maintained the highest editorial standards. American ornithologists who visited Victoria enjoyed his hospitality and benefited from his eagerness to show them the Victorian birds he knew so well. He became a Corresponding Fellow of A.O.U. in 1949 and a Corresponding Member of the B.O.U. in 1950. He was the recipient of an Australian Natural History Medallion in 1957 and served as president of the R.A.O.U. in 1955-1957. A detailed memorial will be published in the *Emu*.—  
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