

OBITUARIES

Dr. ARNOLD B. ERICKSON (September 15, 1909—April 4, 1962) was a native Minnesotan who was much interested in birds and who did much for the wildlife of Minnesota. He was engaged in wildlife research for nearly 30 years. He received his academic training at the University of Minnesota, where he received a B.S. degree in 1935, and M.A. degree in 1937, and a Ph.D. degree in 1942. He began work with the Minnesota Department of Conservation as a Game Biologist in 1939 and has continued in several research capacities until his death, except for a year in 1945–1946 when he worked with the U. S. Public Health Service in Georgia studying the effects of insecticides on wildlife. He was appointed Game Research Supervisor with the Minnesota department in 1952 and in this capacity directed a research staff of as many as 20 game biologists. Many of these, after a period of service in Minnesota, moved on to more responsible positions in other states and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Although Dr. Erickson worked in most fields of wildlife research and published papers in them, his most personal interest was game parasitology; a field in which he was a recognized authority. He was the author of more than 40 papers including papers on the Common Snipe and diseases of the Ruffed Grouse. For several years he was editor of *The Flicker*, the publication of the Minnesota Ornithologists' Union.—JOHN B. MOYLE.

HILDA WOOD GRINNELL, a member of the A.O.U. since 1931, died in Berkeley, California, June 7, 1963, at the age of 80. Mrs. Grinnell, daughter of Selwyn Willard Wood, was born in Tombstone, Arizona, May 29, 1883. Her interest in natural history was fostered early in life when her family lived on an orange ranch in Glendora, California; as a teen-ager she collected and studied birds with enthusiasm. Continuing this interest, she became a student of Joseph Grinnell's at Throop Polytechnic Institute in Pasadena and served as his teaching assistant in zoology before receiving her B.S. degree in 1906. She and Dr. Grinnell were married in June of that same year, and in 1908 moved to Berkeley where Dr. Grinnell assumed his duties as Director of the University of California's Museum of Vertebrate Zoology. Their three sons and one daughter were born in Berkeley.

Although family came first with Mrs. Grinnell, she earned her M.S. degree from the University of California in 1912–1913, and maintained a vigorous interest throughout her life in nature and its conservation. She was particularly active in the Cooper Ornithological Society, serving as secretary of the Northern Division from 1924–1936, and later on the Board of Directors of the corporate society. Her occasional contributions to scientific literature appeared in *The Condor*, *The Gull*, and the *Journal of Mammalogy*. In addition to the A.O.U. and the Cooper Ornithological Society, she was a member of the American Society of Mammalogists, Audubon Society of the Pacific, Sierra Club, California Botanical Society, and the California Academy of Sciences.—H. HOWARD.