

IN MEMORIAM: CYRUS MARK,
1900-1983

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Cyrus Mark, an Elective Life Member and patron of the A.O.U., died 8 February 1983 at the age of 82 years. His business life had been with a firm founded by his father, Clayton Mark Company, from which he retired as president in 1963. Cyrus had always had an interest in birds and conservation. He joined the A.O.U. in 1952, was elected patron in 1958, and was

made an Elective Member in 1970. Although never one to publish, he attended A.O.U. meetings regularly and gave quiet and effective support as an investing trustee from 1960 to 1977; he acted as chairman of the committee during most of that time. He was also chairman of the Illinois Nature Conservancy and a director of the national Nature Conservancy.

IN MEMORIAM: WILLIAM WALKER HAMILTON GUNN,
1913-1984

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William Gunn, a Life and Elected Member of the American Ornithologists' Union and past president (1969-1971) of the Wilson Ornithological Society, died on 15 October 1984 at age 71. Bill Gunn was a naturalist, environmentalist, scientist, sound recordist, and gentleman.

Bill Gunn was born in Toronto and lived in Ontario for much of his life. His early training (B.Comm., University of Toronto, 1934) and work were in business and then the Canadian army, but he always was interested in birds. While in the army Bill visited the Arctic, an area that fascinated him thereafter. In 1946 Bill became a professional biologist. In 1951 he received a Ph.D. from the University of Toronto for a study of reverse migration of birds at Point Pelee. In the early 1950's he directed Ontario's Wildlife Research Station in Algonquin Park, and then the Federation of Ontario Naturalists (FON). He encouraged the formation and conservation activities of local naturalists' organizations, and began to publish recordings of birds and other natural sounds.

In 1955 Bill took the then-unusual step of becoming a self-employed consulting biologist. With the FON, Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, and various collaborators, he published several more recordings of natural sounds. From 1963 onward he was a sound recordist, scriptwriter, and consultant for many of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's natural-history programs, visiting such areas as the Galápagos, East Africa, Madagascar, Sri Lanka, Costa Rica, and the Arctic. In 1963-1972 Bill also studied bird migration and bird hazards to aircraft for the National Research Council of Canada; he initiated radar studies of bird migration across much of southern Canada.

Bill cofounded LGL Ltd. in 1970. He concentrated on LGL's studies of birds relative to industrial development in the western Arctic. His philosophy that biologists should provide industry with scientifically sound and constructive advice regarding environmental protection guided the entire company.

In his last few years, Bill Gunn published