

In Memoriam



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IN MEMORIAM: FRED J. PIERCE, 1902–1992

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Fred John Pierce was born on the family farm near Winthrop, Iowa on 6 July 1902, and passed away at Cedar Rapids, Iowa on 6 May 1992. After reading Ernest Thompson Seton's *Two Little Savages* at age 13, Fred became a bird and book enthusiast for the rest of his life.

He was a charter member of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union when it was organized in 1923. In 1931 he began a 30-year tenure as editor of the new journal of the Union, *Iowa Bird Life*. During his lifetime Fred built *Iowa Bird Life* into a respected state journal, balancing the interests of both scientist and amateur. He also contributed more than 500 long and short articles and book reviews under his own name. Fred joined

the AOU in 1948 and became an Elective Member in 1950.

He and his wife Reva founded the Pierce Book Company in 1944. They quickly developed the largest North American catalog business in new and second-hand natural-history books, with two catalogs each year, and a peak circulation of 14,000. Fred's success was due to his vast knowledge of early natural-history books and their value. In 1980 he sold the business to me, and I have carried on to the present.

A detailed description of the book business appeared in *Iowa Bird Life* (57:106–111, 1987), and a more detailed memorial appeared in the same journal (62:65–67, 1992).

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IN MEMORIAM: JOHN FARRAND, JR., 1937–1994

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The death of John Farrand, Jr., on 24 June 1994, at age 56, came as a shock, even though his friends knew his health had been poor for years. John joined the AOU in 1973 and became an Elective Member in 1984. John Farrand was brilliant. He had an encyclopedic memory, a deep knowledge of the literature, excellent skills as a writer and editor, acute powers of observation, profound expertise in taxonomic matters. . . . I could go on. Storrs L. Olson (Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash. 89:260, 1976) named a Pliocene lily-trotter *Jacana farrandi* for his "friend and sage counsellor in all matters ornithological."

One of John's close friends was James C.

Greenway, Jr. (Auk 109:377–380, 1992). During workdays at the American Museum, they had lunch almost daily at the "Dominican Place," a nearby Latin American eatery, now gone, like its two regular patrons. When some of us joined them, we (the joiners) studied the menu, but Jim and John murmured to the waitress the words she expected: *lo mismo* (the same), meaning *huevos rancheros*. When John came to my house in Tenafly, New Jersey, we visited "The Shrine" (the house where Ernst Mayr had lived). My son Alex loved to slide down the stairs on his bottom. Without being asked, John, a grin across his face, went bop-bop-bop down the