

OBITUARIES

DONALD ROLAND BEMONT, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union since 1950, died at Ithaca, New York, March 28, 1951. He was born at Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec, Canada, May 9, 1929. After spending two years at Alfred University, he entered Cornell University in the autumn of 1949 as a student in wildlife conservation. Death occurred through a fall while working with a tree-trimming crew during the spring vacation. He had lived in Ithaca since the age of eight and acquired an interest in birds while a mere lad. Before entering the University he was well known to the ornithologists of Ithaca.—A. W. SCHORGER.

MARTIN JOACHIM BURELBACH, elected an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union in 1940, died in Chattanooga, Tennessee, January 26, 1952. He was born in Perham, Minnesota, September 18, 1884. In 1905 he enlisted in the 12th Cavalry and was discharged three years later. In World War I, he graduated from the First Training Camp, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, with the rank of Captain, and was a Major when discharged in 1920. From 1914 to 1917, he was Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America at Chattanooga; and from 1920, until his retirement in 1948, he was connected with the Department of Education of the Chattanooga schools.

Major Burelbach made an important contribution to the public interest in nature and natural areas in the numerous articles which he published in outdoor and nature magazines. These were illustrated with his own photographs. He was unusually successful as an amateur photographer and his pictures were exhibited in many salons both at home and abroad. One print won a prize of \$500. Among the organizations to which he belonged were the Tennessee Ornithological Society, National Wildlife Federation, and National Audubon Society. On July 19, 1911, he was married to May Dunbar, who survives him.—A. W. SCHORGER.

ELAINE MARTIN DREW (MRS. HOWARD A. DREW), elected an Associate of the A.O.U. in 1934, died in Barre, Vermont, after a long illness on December 22, 1952. Born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, on July 8, 1886, she graduated from Castle Heights Academy in Lebanon, Tenn., and later attended Barnard College and Teachers College. She also spent one year in the American School of Osteopathy. She taught school in Moultrie, Georgia, and in Houston, Texas. A member of the Northeastern Bird-Banding Association, Mrs. Drew was also a member and former Vice-President of the Vermont Bird Club, a member of the National and Massachusetts Audubon Societies, the Granite City Garden Club (Barre), and the Green Mountain Club. For fifteen years Mrs. Drew was an active bander for the Fish and Wildlife Service and banded more than 10,000 birds. One winter she banded 1500 Purple Finches. She had the distinction of having banded, with the assistance of Wendell P. Smith, the only Gannet ever recorded in Vermont. Mrs. Drew trapped and identified a Hoary Redpoll (*Acanthus hornemanni exilipes*), in April 1942. The skin, the first record for Vermont, is now in the Museum of Comparative Zoology. She had contributed a few articles and bird photographs to some more popular magazines. Of a quiet, modest, and friendly nature Mrs. Drew was always glad to share her experiences with anyone interested in birds. She was a careful and accurate observer and kept a sustained interest in banding and birdlife even after illness had restricted her activity. She will be greatly missed by her friends, while her death has removed one of the keenest amateur ornithologists from Vermont. Besides her husband she is survived by a sister and two brothers.—THOMAS H. FOSTER.

ELIZABETH WILSON FISHER, an Honorary Life Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, elected in 1896, died at her home in Philadelphia, April 12, 1938, at the age of 74. She was the daughter of Coleman and Mary Wilson Fisher and was born in Philadelphia, December 24, 1864. For some time she was Secretary of the Pennsylvania Audubon Society and was active in bird protection in the State.—T. S. PALMER.

HARRY LEE HARLLEE, elected an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union in 1932, died in the Bruce Hospital, Florence, South Carolina, February 22, 1952. He was born in Claussen, S. C., September 27, 1876, and was a grand nephew of General William Wallace Harlee who founded the city of Florence. In World War I, he served as captain in the artillery for 17 months. At the time of his death he was president of the Harlee-Quattlebaum Construction Company. The Harlee Museum that he established at Florence had an excellent collection of native birds and their eggs. His ornithological publications appear to be limited to two short notes in 'The Auk' (1933: 217; 1949: 206). In July, 1951, while on a trip to Alaska to collect fish and birds for his museum, he was stricken with an illness that ended in death several months later.—A. W. SCHORGER.

DR. GEORGE STANFORD HENSYL of Mahanoy, Pennsylvania, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, elected in 1941, died of coronary thrombosis July 27, 1942. He was born in 1886 and was graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1909. He served on the staffs of the Ashland State Hospital and the Locust Mountain State Hospital of Shenandoah, Pennsylvania. So far as known, he published little or nothing on birds. A brief account of his activities appeared in the Journal of the American Medical Association in 1942.—T. S. PALMER.

MARGARETTA MASON (MRS. WHARTON) HUBER, elected an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union in 1926, died in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, February 1, 1952, aged 74. She was born in Philadelphia on January 25, 1878. On her father's side she was related to Charles Mason who surveyed the Mason and Dixon Line. Her home contained many priceless antiques, many from Colonial times, inherited from her ancestors. Some of the heirlooms belonged to Thomas Voigt, first coiner of the U. S. Mint, who was related to her mother. Her husband, Wharton Huber, at the time of his death in 1942, was Curator of Mammals, Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia (Auk, 1943: 313). Mrs. Huber accompanied him on many of his expeditions and donated his valuable collection of birds to the Reading Museum. During most of her later years, Mrs. Huber was active in the Visiting Nurse Society of Pottstown, and served as its president for two terms.—A. W. SCHORGER.

PHILIP LAURENT, an associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, elected in 1902, died of coronary heart disease at his home in Germantown, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 17, 1940, at the age of 83. He was the son of Frederic C. Laurent and Mary Anne Demme and was born in Germantown March 26, 1857. He was elected an Associate of the Union in 1902. Laurent was primarily an entomologist, and although he maintained his membership in the Union for 38 years, apparently wrote little, if anything, on birds.—T. S. PALMER.

CHARLES ANDREW MCNEIL, of Sedalia, Missouri, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, died of coronary embolism May 17, 1944, at the age of 68. He was born in 1875, graduated from the St. Louis School of Medicine in 1905, and

served on the staff of the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railroad Hospital. He also was President of the Union Savings Bank of Sedalia. He was elected an Associate of the Union in 1919, but apparently published nothing on birds during the period of his membership.—T. S. PALMER.

SAMUEL NICHOLSON RHOADS, a Life Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, died December 27, 1952, at the Lakeland Hospital, Blackwood, New Jersey, aged 90. He was born in Philadelphia on April 30, 1862. He was one of the oldest members of the Union, having been elected in 1885. Following a brief course in journalism at Harvard University, he continued his education at the Academy of Natural Sciences and the Museum of Science and Art, both of Philadelphia, and the Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh. In 1893 he began a long series of trips during which he collected in nearly every state in the Union, Mexico, Cuba, and Central and South America. His writings cover mammals, birds, reptiles, and mollusks, nearly 100 new species and forms of birds and mammals being described. Mammals occupied most of his attention, his best known work being, 'The Mammals of Pennsylvania and New Jersey' (1903). His name appears on approximately 32 ornithological papers between the years 1879–1923. These were published in the Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. of Philadelphia, and, principally, in 'The Auk.' Most of the bird skins that he collected are in the Academy of Natural Sciences. He was a close friend of the late Witmer Stone.

In 1906, following a brief period as a real estate agent, he began the operation of the Benjamin Franklin Book Store, 1920 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, and specialized in the sale of rare old ornithological works. This activity was continued until about 1925. He was an invalid during the last 25 years of his life. Mr. Rhoads was an Honorary Member of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club and the last of the founders of this organization. He was also a member of the American Philosophical Society and a life member of the Academy of Natural Sciences.—A. W. SCHORGER.

JAMES SPEAR, JR., of Wallington, Pennsylvania, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, died in the Friends Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., August 31, 1934, at the age of 55. He was the son of James Spear and Louise Muller. He was born in Philadelphia January 1, 1879, and was elected an Associate of the Union in 1926. During the eight years of his membership he published little or nothing on birds.—T. S. PALMER.

ARTHUR JASON WOODWARD, elected an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union in 1935, was born at Lancaster, New Hampshire, January 8, 1884. He was an electrical engineer by profession. After graduating from the University of New Hampshire in 1907, he was associated with the General Electric Company until 1949. He was a member of the Buffalo Ornithological Society and the Audubon Society at Schenectady, New York. An interest in birds dating from childhood did not lead to any ornithological publications. Death occurred at Clearwater, Florida, March 18, 1952.—A. W. SCHORGER.

CORRIGENDUM

Volume 69 (4): 485, line 38: for "east to west" read "west to east."