

## OBITUARIES

On 2 December 1959 EDITH K. FREY, a life member of the A.O.U., passed away at the age of 83 years after a short illness. She was a constant source of inspiration to people interested in the out of doors, and was instrumental in starting several excellent ornithologists in their respective fields. She was one of the key figures in the establishment of the Kate Palmer bird sanctuary. She recently presented Michigan State University with a collection of South American bird skins, including uncommon tropical Tanagers and Hummingbirds.

Born in Jackson, Michigan, 12 October 1876, she was the oldest of six Krieger girls. She was married in 1905 to Frederick G. Frey, who died in 1919. Her enthusiasm for birds took her to Alaska in 1920, and to Nova Scotia in 1923. She joined the A.O.U. in 1923, and since that time she has missed only three annual meetings. Of interest to many long-time members of A.O.U. would be her scrap-book of programs and snapshots of many prominent living and recently deceased ornithologists.

In 1927 Dr. Alfred Gross invited her to join him at Barro Colorado in the Canal Zone. From there they continued on to Quayaquil and Quito, Ecuador, where they collected the birds that formed the basis of her collection, later donated to Michigan State University. She was much in demand by local clubs as a speaker on conservation.

In her later years her wild flowers and bird feeding stations brought her a constant dividend of interest and happiness. Before her fireplace she spent long evenings reading from her extensive natural history library. One of the real pleasures for many of us was to drop in to share Edith's fire, good food, sharp wit, and deep conviction of the need of an alert conservation-minded public.—  
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EVELYN VIDA BAXTER, L.L.D. (Glas.), M.B.E., F.R.S.E., and a Corresponding Fellow of the A.O.U., died at her home in Upper Largo, Fife, Scotland, on 1 October 1959. Miss Baxter and her life-long friend and companion, Miss L. J. Rintoul, contributed very extensively to Scottish ornithological literature and were active advisers and close personal friends of many students of Scottish birds. Among their contributions were: the editing of "Report on Scottish Ornithology" 1910-1928; "A Vertebrate Fauna of Firth" 1935; "The Birds of Scotland" 1953. Miss Baxter was a joint founder President of the Scottish Ornithological Club and was the first woman Vice-President of the British Ornithologists' Union, having been awarded the Union's Gold Medal at the Centenary Celebrations in 1959. (Condensed from British Birds, March 1960, pp. 125-127.)