

categories in North and Central America, the West Indies, and Hawaii, giving each its English and scientific names, status, and a brief sketch of its distribution.

Charley Blake had a long and gracious life, full of useful accomplishment. Always gener-

ous in sharing his vast store of knowledge with friends and colleagues, his was truly the spirit of the Renaissance scientist. We who were privileged to know him will always treasure the warmth of his memory.

IN MEMORIAM: EMERSON A. STONER

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Emerson A. Stoner of Benicia, California, Member of the A.O.U. for more than 60 years, died in his 91st year on 9 March 1983. He had retired 25 years earlier as Chief Fiscal Officer of the Benicia Arsenal. He was a Charter Member of the Western Bird Banding Association (1926) and served as its President from 1953 to 1957. He served Point Reyes Bird Observatory as its first Treasurer from 1965 to 1973 and thereafter served on its Advisory Board.

A self-taught natural scientist, Emerson Stoner published more than 225 scholarly pa-

pers and notes in more than 20 regional and national publications. These included no fewer than 11 in *The Auk*, 60 in *The Condor*, 34 in *The Oologist*, and 2 in *Le Gerfaut*. In the late 1970's, Mr. Stoner donated much of his fine collection of bird eggs and skins to the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology.

More detailed accounts of Emerson Stoner's life may be found in the Point Reyes Bird Observatory Newsletter (1983, No. 62) and in the North American Bird Bander (1984, Vol. 9, No. 2).