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CLARENCE COTTAM, 1894 - 1974

The Wildlife Disease Association recently lost an outstanding educator, researcher, administrator, and friend due to the death of Clarence Cottam. Dr. Cottam was born in Utah in 1894. His formal education was obtained at several schools, culminating with a Ph.D. at George Washington University. In 1929 Dr. Cottam joined the U.S. Biological Service (later the Department of Interior) and served as a researcher, biologist, and administrator. In 1954, he retired as Assistant Director of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to become director of the Rob and Bessie Welder Wildlife Foundation in Sinton, Texas.

During his distinguished career, Dr. Cottam was interested in wildlife populations and the ecological factors which affected them. He was one of the original researchers on lead poisoning in waterfowl and continued this interest as an administrator by promoting research on diseases of wild populations.

Dr. Cottam served as environmental consultant for numerous private and governmental organizations. He was an officer in many professional societies including President of the National Parks Association, President of the Wildlife Society, President of the Conference of the Southwest Foundatons; he was a fellow of the American Ornithological Union, the AAAS; he received the Leopold Medal of the Wildlife Society, the Laval University Medal from Canada, Utah State University's Distinguished Service Award, the National Audobon Society Distinguished Service Medal; and the Conservation Service Award from USDI.

Dr. Cottam published more than 250 scientific articles, has written chapters for numerous books and was the author of several books of his own. He was an outstanding scientist, researcher, humanitarian, and friend, who will be sorely missed by all.

JOHN R. OLIVE, 1916 - 1974

Dr. John R. Olive, 57, Director of the American Institute of Biological Sciences, died April 17, 1974 in Scottsdale, Arizona. He was stricken while visiting Arizona State University to prepare for the Annual Meeting of the Institute and several of its adherent societies.

Dr. Olive joined the Institute as Deputy Director in 1959 and was named Executive Director four years later. Dr. Olive received his Ph.D. from Ohio State University in Zoology and served on the faculty of Colorado State University as Professor of Zoology for several years. His research interests included productivity of mountain lakes and structure and migration of plankton populations. He served as Liaison Officer to the National Academy of Sciences—National Research Council, a member of the Organizing Committee of the First International Symposium on Wildlife Diseases, and as a consultant to the Department of the Interior Committee on big game population control. Dr. Olive was also President of the Board of Trustees of Biological Information Services of Biological Abstracts and a member of the Executive Committee of Natural Resources Council of America.

His many awards for teaching and research included an Honorary D.Sc. from Colorado State University conferred in 1972.

Dr. Olive worked diligently for all of biology and during his tenure, the Institute became a unifying force representing biology on the national scene. Under his leadership the presidents of 44 National and International Societies convened last December in Washington to discuss cooperation within the AIBS structure. Before his death, he was to see AIBS become a respected constructive force in shaping national policy. His leadership and humanity will be greatly missed by all biologists.