

II. OBITUARIES AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES*(continued from page 1997)*

**A n d e r s o n, Robert Henry (1885-1969)**  
Botanist for 43 years in the service of the Royal Botanic Gardens and National Herbarium, Sydney, eventually as Director, till 1964. Author of Trees of New South Wales; founder of Contributions from the New South Wales National Herbarium in 1939, and of the Flora of New South Wales. Obituary by J.W.Vickery, Contr. N.S.W. Herb. 4 (1972) 245-249 + portr.

**B l a k e, Dr. Stan**  
died suddenly at his home, Febr. 24, 1973. This is a heavy blow to the Queensland Herbarium and equally so to Australian botany. Dr. Blake was an outstanding systematist with a huge experience and knowledge, whose meticulous work on various difficult families and genera (grasses, sedges, Plectranthus, Eucalyptus, etc. etc.) was deeply admired by his colleagues. Dr. Blake had a singularly critical vision on systematic work which in many cases induced him to shelve problems instead of publishing, which led to a huge backlog of work; but he refrained from publication until he felt completely satisfied for himself that he had mastered situations. Several of us felt, that his measuring of this point, with which each systematist is faced and which each has to decide on for himself, led in his case to hyperperfectionism. Be it as it is, his work was of the highest standard thinkable. And we had hoped that he would be able to round off his many MSS. during his retirement. Unfortunately Fate decided otherwise. I remember vividly a most agreeable botanical excursion which I attended to Mt. Glorious in 1950 in which he introduced me to the Queensland flora and from which I derived great profit. — Van Steenis.

**B o r, Norman Loftus (4.V.1893-22.XII.1972)**  
The well-known forester turned agrostologist, who during his retirement worked at the Kew Herbarium on grasses of tropical Asia. Obituary by K.C.S. in the Indian Forester 99 (1973) 185-186 + phot.

**D e s c h a m p s, Louis Auguste**  
On his work in New Caledonia: A.Guillaumin in Bull. Mus. Hist. Paris iii, 47 (1972) Bor. 85-87.

**D o n k, Marinus Anton (14.VIII.1908-2.IX.1972)**  
Mycologist and nomenclature expert of worldwide repute, who was Keeper of the Herbarium Bogoriense between 1947 and 1955, when he also worked on ferns, and founded Reinwardtia with its excellent editorial design. From 1956 until his sudden death of a kidney ailment, he was head of the mycol-

ogy department of the Rijksherbarium. He founded Persoonia, which he shaped into a mycological journal of top standing. In 1962 he became a member of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Sciences. A sensitive personality, always ready to share his vast knowledge with those who were interested, he is still deeply missed. He brought about considerable innovations in the science, and left a rich legacy of material, books and pamphlets to the institutes where he worked. Obituaries were written by R.A.Maas Geesteranus in Persoonia 7 (1973) 119-126 + portr., with mycological bibliography; by R.Singer in Mycologia 65 (1973) 503-506 + portr.; by A.J.P. Oort in Jaarb. Kon. Ned. Akad. Wet. 1972 (1973) 111-113 + portr. (in Dutch).

E r d t m a n, O. G. E.

K.Faegri, In memoriam O. Gunnar E. Erdtman 1897-1973. Pollen et Spores 15 (1973) 5-12, portr.

H e u r n, W. C. v a n

Since his death was announced on page 1995, L.B.Holthuis & A.M.Husson, both zoologists, wrote a biographical account, Jonkheer Drs. Willem Cornelis van Heurn (1887-1972), Zool. Bijdr. Rijksmus. Nat. Hist. Leiden no. 16, 67 pp. + phot. In Dutch; English summary on page 50. Bibliography. A worthy tribute to a versatile biologist, who also did very much for the conservation of nature.

H u t c h i n s o n, J.

J.P.M.Brenan, Dr. John Hutchinson (1884-1972), Taxon 22 (1973) 705-706. A more extensive paper to be published in Kew Bulletin.

M.D.Gunn, John Hutchinson, O.B.E., F.R.S., LL.D., V.M.H., F.L.S. Bothalia 11 (1973) 1-3, phot. Mainly about H.'s work on South Africa.

K a n j i l a l, Praphulla Chandra (1886-1972)

T.N.S(rivastava) in Indian Forester 98 (1972) 455, portr. Obituary note on the main author of the Flora of Assam, who passed away March 20, 1972, at the age of 86.

L a n e - P o o l e, C. E. (1885-1970)

An excellent obituary with vivid memory of this most versatile and active Australian forest officer, and his leading role in developing forestry and forestry education in Australia and New Guinea, appeared, anonymously, in Commonw. For. Rev. 50 (i) no. 143 (1971) 1-3, portr.

M e r r i l l, Elmer Drew

C.G.G.J.van Steenis, Dedication. Fl. Mal. I, 6 (1972) (6)-(16), portr.

A biographical essay evaluating Merrill's person, his im-

mense abilities and his works viewed in the time in which he lived, especially with regard to the development of Malesian botany. An outstanding figure, a man of boundless energy and vision, a great organiser and a great botanist.

M i z u s h i m a, Masami

The Japanese botanist of the Makino Herbarium, Metropolitan University, Tokyo, passed away on 9 September 1972 at Tokyo.

M o r t o n, Conrad Vernon (1905-1972)

The well-known fern specialist, curator since 1948 of this group at the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., who also published on Gesneriaceae and Solanaceae of the New World, died of a heart ailment on 29 July 1972 at the age of 67. Obituary by D.B.Lellinger in Amer. Fern J. 63 (1973) 49-60, bibliogr., portr.

N a t h N a i r, Dewan Mohinder

According to the AETFAT-Bulletin, died in Zambia; no other data given. Mr. Nath was for a long time in Burma, where he made collections and published a checklist of the forest flora.

R a y m o n d, Marcel (2.XII.1915-23.VIII.1972)

Canadian cyperologist, who worked especially on SE. continental Asia. Obituaries by B.Boivin in Taxon 22 (1973) 275-278, portr., and by L.Cinq-Mars in Natur. Canad. 99 (1972) 557-560, portr.

S o w b i n T a n d a n g

The collector in North Borneo for 42 years, died on 25 January 1971.

S t a u f f e r, H. U. (1929-1965)

A brief note on the career and publications of this bright young specialist in Santalaceae, in connection with description of 'Kunkeliella, a new genus of Santalaceae in the Canary Islands', by W.T.Stearn, Cuad. Bot. Canar. 14 (1972) 11-26.

S t e e n i s, C. G. G. J. v a n

On the occasion of his retirement on 22 September 1972, volume 20 of Blumea was dedicated to him. It contains two biographical papers. The first is by Mrs. M.J.van Steenis-Kruseman, The life of a botanist, pp. 1-6, plus a portrait of him and F. W. W e n t botanizing, taken about 1918. A personal and loving, but not uncritical account, full of interesting facts, concisely told. The second paper is by M. Jacobs, Lines in the published work of C.G.G.J.van Steenis, tropical botanist, pp. 7-24, 6 fig. Here are expounded the main subjects and leading ideas, under citation of his most

important publications. Considered are plant areas; fact finding; discontinuity among plant forms; vegetation and ecology; man, nature, education; discontinuities in plant distribution; taxonomy in the strict sense. Much authentic biohistorical material can be found in a 37-page booklet in English edited by M.M.J.van Balgooy, Steenisiana. Twenty authors contributed 36 anecdotes. A short paper by P.W.Leenhouts, Professor C.G.G.J. van Steenis, was published in Tropical Ecology 13 (1) (1972) 1-4 + portr.

S t r e s e m a n n, Erwin (22.XI.1889-20.XI.1972)  
Famous ornithologist, who also collected plants in Malaya, Bali, Ceram, and Buru in 1910-1912. Obituaries by D.A.Banerman in Ibis 115 (1973) 283-284, by E.Mayr, *ibid.* 282-283, and anon. in Zool. Jahrb. 99 (1972) 505-506, portr.

T a y l o r, G.  
On the occasion of the retirement of the Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, on 31 May 1971, a brief note of appreciation was written by R.D.Meikle, Sir George Taylor, Kew Bull. 27 (1972) 1-2.

W a k e f i e l d, Norman Arthur (1918-23.IX.1972)  
Versatile naturalist, who during his wartime service collected plants in New Guinea and the Solomons. Obituary by J.H.Willis in the periodical to which he contributed so much, The Victorian Naturalist 90 (1973) 103-105.

W a l s h - H e l d, Mrs. M. E. (1881-1973)  
As Dr. R.Weibel kindly informed me, Mrs. Walsh died on 7 August 1973 in a home for aged persons at Vessy, Geneva, where she lived since her return from Indonesia. She was born in Geneva, too. She collected many interesting plants in Timor in 1928-29. Her photograph appeared in Fl. Mal. I, 1 (1950) 606.