

IN MEMORIAM

CLUSTIE McTYEIRE

December 17, 1973

AOS lost one of its most knowledgeable and loyal members with the passing last December of Clustie McTyeire. A past officer of AOS and the Birmingham Audubon Society and having served on numerous committees of both societies, she was also active in assisting with field trips, always gave generously of her time and efforts in support of natural history and conservation programs, and was recognized for her many noteworthy observations of both plants and animals. She was an acknowledged expert on mosses and lichens as well as being very knowledgeable of birds, ferns, trees, wildflowers and other branches of natural history.

A teacher of biology for many years at Hueytown High School in Jefferson County, she instilled in her students an active and lasting interest in natural history and conservation. She participated vigorously in such scientific and educational projects as the State and National Science Fairs and the National Audubon Summer Camp Program and worked tirelessly with her students in those and other projects. Her enthusiasm always enlivened and made more interesting the field trips and meetings she attended and brought graphically to the attention of her students and others the need for preservation of all natural resources.

In addition, Clustie was very active in The First Methodist Church of Bessemer (on whose board she served for over 30 years), the Red Cross (from which she received several awards of recognition), the Bessemer Rescue Mission (which she was instrumental in founding), the Alabama Academy of Sciences and other conservation and charitable organizations. She was a valued friend and teacher of all who had the privilege of knowing her. Through her knowledge and interest, she contributed extensively to our appreciation of the world around us and will be greatly missed by all of us. AOS expresses its deepest sympathy to her sister, Mrs. L. L. Aldridge, the other members of her family and her many friends.

AOS also wishes to express its deepest sympathy on the passing in 1973 of three other loyal members of the Society: Dr. Donald A. McDonald of Birmingham, Alabama, and two of our long-time members from Tennessee (who had done so much for conservation and the study of natural history in that state), Mrs. Amelia R. Laskey and Mr. Albert F. Ganier.