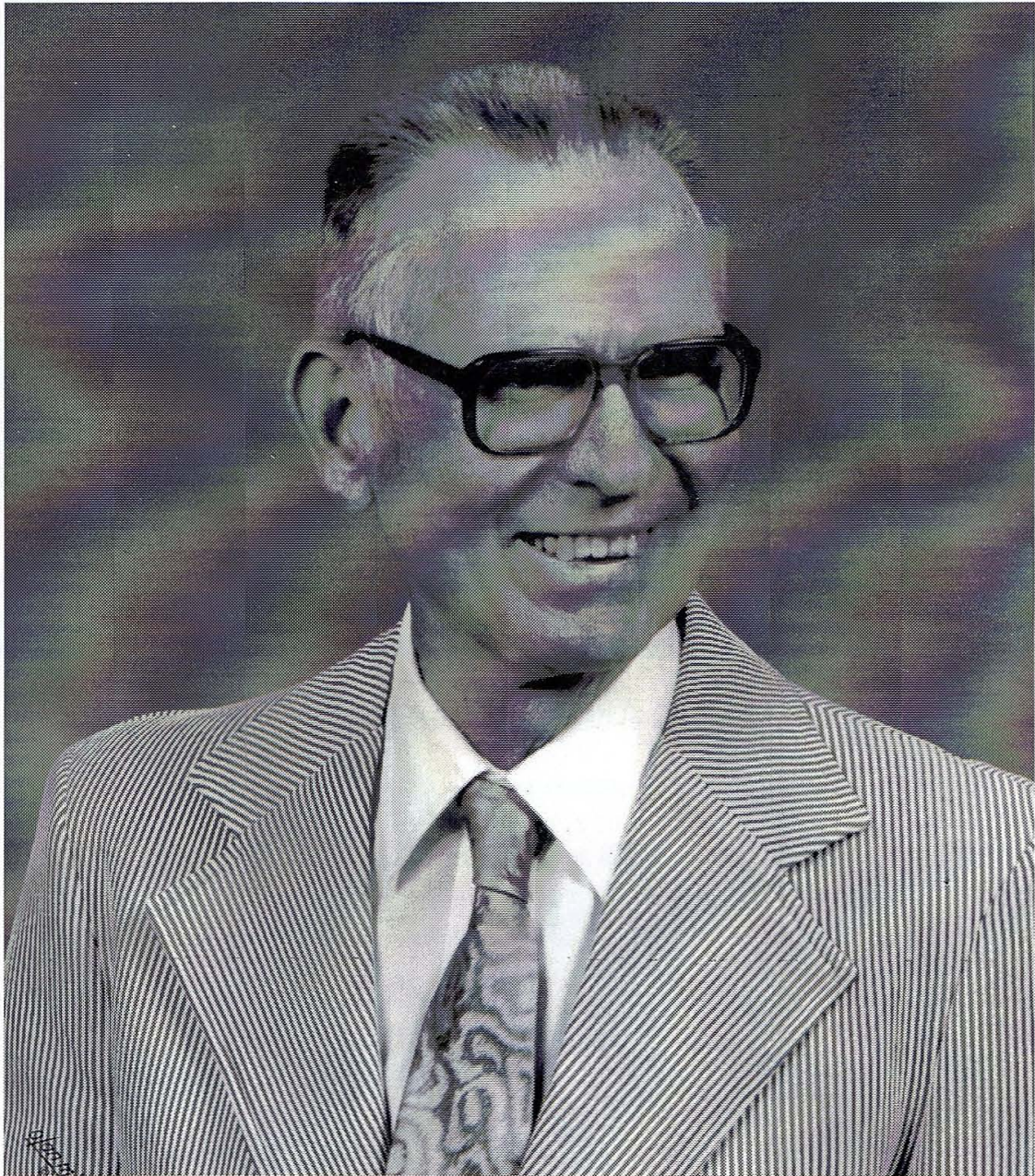


IN MEMORIAM

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On 4 November 1991, Dr. Henry Stevenson of Tallahassee had a severe heart attack at his desk at Tall Timbers Research Station and died. Dr. Stevenson was born in Birmingham, graduated from Birmingham-Southern College, received a Master's degree in science from the University of Alabama, and a Ph.D. in Ornithology under Dr. Arthur Allen at Cornell.

ALABAMA BIRDLIFE

He compiled the first Christmas Bird Count in Birmingham in 1934 and several subsequent years. In 1946 he became professor in Ornithology at Florida State University at Tallahassee, but still helped found the Birmingham Audubon Society and worked with Blanche Dean, Blanche Chapman, Harriet Wright (now Findlay), Mary Hafling, Thomas Imhof, Morton Perry, Millard Prather, Walter Coxe, and others. He also helped in the founding of the Alabama Ornithological Society, the publishing of *Alabama Birds*, many Christmas Bird Counts, and other birding activities around Alabama.

Among Dr. Stevenson's graduate students were Horace Loften of Panama City, John Ogden of Everglades National Park, and Storrs Olson of the Smithsonian Institution. In 1975 he retired from Florida State and began many fruitful years of research mainly toward the publication of *The Birdlife of Florida*, which, with the help of Bruce Anderson for the last five years, will be published as probably the most detailed state bird book ever.

As a personal friend of mine, I remember Henry as a man who took his religion seriously, a good bass soloist, was always helpful, loyal, attentive to detail, a good scientist, modest. He is survived by his wife, RosaBelle, formerly an Ard from Foley; his brother Thomas, a retired minister at Pinson, formerly pastor at Cahaba Heights Methodist Church; another brother Leon, a retired high school principal of Memphis; a sister, Alma Ledyard of Nashville; daughter, Nell, teaching in Atlanta; son Earnest, director of Fellowship of Christian Athletes in N. Florida; Henry Jr., electronics technician and strong Christian laymen in Houston; and James, Tallahassee high school biology teacher, the best birder and a herpetologist. His influence was wide!

May he rest in peace and May God Bless him!

For help in preparation, I wish to thank Henry's wife, RosaBelle, and Dr. Frances C. James, his successor on the FSU faculty. — **Thomas A. Imhof**, 1036 Pike Road, Birmingham, AL 35218.

