IN MEMORIAM

Arthur Norris Bragg

1897-1968

Arthur N. Bragg was born 18 December 1897 in Pittsfield, Maine. He died 27 August 1968.

He received the Bachelor of Science degree from Bates College in 1924, with prior experience as a rural school teacher in New Hampshire and as a grade school principal in Danforth, Maine. After a year of graduate work at Johns Hopkins, he went to Marquette University as Assistant Professor of Zoology, where he taught from 1925 until 1933. In 1934 he earned the Master of Arts degree at Boston University. In that year he also joined the zoology faculty of the University of Oklahoma. After receiving the Ph. D. there in 1937, he continued in his position at the university, being promoted to full professorship in 1958. In the summer of 1968 he became Professor Emeritus of Zoology. Dr. Bragg also served as Visiting Zoologist at New Mexico Highlands University in 1940, as Field Zoologist for the Oklahoma Biological Survey 1948-50 and as Herpetologist 1951-68, and was Curator of Amphibians for the Stovall Museum of Science and History 1951-68.

Professional societies to which he belonged included the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Animal Behavior Society, American Institute of Biological Sciences, American Society of Herpetologists and Ichthyologists, American Society of Zoologists, Ecological Society of America, Herpetologists League, Society of Systematic Zoology, Southwestern Association of Naturalists, Phi Sigma, Gamma Alpha, Sigma Xi, American Association of University Professors, and the Oklahoma Academy of Science, of which he was a fellow.

Dr. Bragg maintained an active research career, publishing over 300 papers and a popular book concerning spadefoot toads ("Gnomes of the Night," Univ. Pa. Press, 1965). His work was internationally recognized in protozoology as well as in the field of herpetology.

His survivors include his wife, Mary, a son, William N. Bragg of Santa Monica, California, and two daughters, Mrs. Betty Lee Annealey of Oklahoma City, and Mrs. Marita Jean Lowell of Chester, New Hampshire. --H. P. Brown.