

Warder Clyde Allee
1885-1955

The death of Warder Clyde Allee, on March 18, 1955, terminated the distinguished career of one of our outstanding students of animal ecology and behavior. Born near Bloomingdale, Indiana, on June 5, 1885, Dr. Allee attended Earlham College, which granted him the A.B. degree in 1908. Following this he pursued graduate study in zoology at the University of Chicago under the direction of Dr. Victor E. Shelford and was awarded the Ph.D. degree in 1912.

Allee served on the faculties of the University of Illinois, Williams College, the University of Oklahoma, and Lake Forest College before returning to the University of Chicago in 1921. He was made professor of zoology at Chicago in 1928 and continued in that capacity until his retirement in 1950. At this time he accepted the call to serve as chairman of the department of biology at the University of Florida, a position he held at the time of his death. In the early part of his career he taught for several summers at the Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, Massachusetts, and for the rest of his life spent most of his summers working and writing there. During his

long career he directed the graduate work of a large number of students, many of whom now occupy important positions in the field.

Allee's researches were chiefly concerned with the analysis of the physical factors of the environment and with cooperative behavior in animals and its evolution. He was the author of a large number of research papers on these subjects and was the author or co-author of a number of well known books, including **Animal Aggregations, The Social Life of Animals, Ecological Animal Geography** and **Principles of Animal Ecology**.

For many years he served as editor of **Physiological Zoology**. In 1940, he was awarded an honorary LL.D. from Earlham College where he had served as a member of the board of trustees for a number of years. He was president of the Ecological Society of America in 1929, president of the American Society of Zoologists in 1936, and vice-president (Section F) of the AAAS in 1942.

During the last 25 years of his life, Dr. Allee was confined to a wheelchair with his legs and lower abdomen paralyzed, due to the removal of a benign tumor from his spinal cord. In spite of this, he carried on a regular schedule of teaching, research, lecturing, attendance at meetings and administrative duties. To the students and colleagues who worked with him and to many others who knew him well, W. C. Allee's strong will to live and carry on in spite of great physical handicap has served, and will continue to serve, as a source of great inspiration.

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