

HAROLD L. O'BYRNE

1898 - 1951

Harold O'Byrne passed away on January 22, 1951, in Iberia, Illinois. Born in St. Louis on April 21, 1898, O'Byrne developed, at an early age, a serious interest in natural history that continued throughout his life of study, teaching, and administration. Always a leader in conservation work, he was especially active in the Webster Groves Nature Study Society during the period 1927-1936, having served as its Museum Director and President.

In 1939, he received the A.B. degree from the University of Illinois and, in 1950, the M.A. degree in Entomology from the University of Michigan.

From 1942 to 1948, O'Byrne served as Naturalist with the Missouri Conservation Department and then became Head of the Biological Science Department and later Dean of Conservation College, Iberia, Missouri.

Harold O'Byrne's collection of butterflies and moths is one of the finest in central United States. He wrote freely of his observations in the field of natural history and also made a significant contribution to the teaching of conservation.

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