

In Memoriam

PAUL LIVINGSTONE HOLLISTER (1893-1974)

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On 9 October 1974, Dr. Paul Livingstone Hollister, Associate Professor, Emeritus, Tennessee Technological University and long-time member and Fellow of the Tennessee Academy of Science, died at his home in Cookeville, Tennessee at the age of 81.

Dr. Hollister was born in Irish Grove, Illinois, on 20 September 1893, the son of a Presbyterian minister, and lived in four states before the fifth grade. He attended secondary school at Chattanooga Central High School and the Preparatory School of Cumberland University (Lebanon, Tennessee). He held degrees from Cumberland University (A.B. and A.M.), Y.M.C.A. College of Chicago (B.S.), University of Chicago (M.S.) and George Peabody College for Teachers (Ph.D.).

His professional affiliations included Sigma Xi, Kappa Delta Pi, Phi Delta Kappa, American Association for the Advancement of Science (Fellow), Tennessee Academy of Science (since 1935 and Fellow), Tennessee Ornithological Society, National Audubon Society, National Science Teachers Association, National Association of Biology Teachers, Ecological Society of America, and others.

He was listed in *American Men of Science* (11th ed.), *Who's Who in the South and Southwest* (1963-64), and the *Dictionary of International Biography* (1974).

Dr. Hollister held various positions over the years. He was an Instructor of Latin and Biology (Cumberland University Prep School); Serologist (U. S. Army); Instructor of Biology (Y.M.C.A. College, Chicago); Chairman, Biology Department (Blackburn College, Carlinville, Ill.); Teaching Fellow and Instructor (George Peabody College); Head, Biology Department (Cumberland University); Instructor of Physics (Middle

Georgia College, Cochran, Ga.); Chairman, Biology Department (Pembroke State College, Pembroke, N.C.); Entomologist (U.S.D.A.); and Associate Professor of Biology (Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville). After retirement from TTU at age 71, he returned to Cumberland College where he taught for two years.

Dr. Hollister was a familiar figure at the annual meetings of the TAS, which he attended faithfully from 1945 until recently, when failing health restricted such activity. Academy members will perhaps remember best his long-time interest and research dealing with the golden aster (*Chrysopsis*) and his involvement with the Smoky Mountain Wildflower Pilgrimages.

The compilation of one's accomplishments in life is relatively simple, but for Paul Hollister, such a tabulation reveals only a glimpse of a multifaceted individual. He shall be measured by his devotion to truth and learning, genuine interest in students and colleagues, and dedication to duty. A man of great enthusiasm and a scholar with unusual powers of observation and diverse interests, Paul Hollister was regarded warmly by his students and colleagues. As a demanding teacher with an astounding grasp of the entire field of natural history, he gave unselfishly of his time and energy. The willingness to share his wealth of knowledge and experience with those who asked, whether layman, student or co-worker, was his trademark. He was a naturalist with few equals who practiced the admonition of Louis Agassiz to "study nature, not books". Dr. Hollister's zest for life, quick wit and amiable personality will linger long in the minds of his acquaintances. His enthusiasm and appreciation for the natural world and its inhabitants will not soon be forgotten by those privileged to know him.