

R. Darwin Burroughs (1899 – 1976)

Officers, directors and members of the Foundation were saddened to learn of the death of Foundation Director Raymond Darwin Burroughs on October 31, 1976.

We have enjoyed his presence and friendship at annual meetings in 1972 at Helena, MT, and at Seaside, OR in 1974, where he was the recipient of the Foundation's Award of Meritorious Achievement. He also attended the annual meeting in 1975 at Bismarck, ND and at Great Falls, MT, in August of this year.

Born in Iowa on August 20, 1899, he spent his early years in Nebraska where he attended Nebraska Wesleyan University and graduated with an A.B. degree in 1924. He received his master's degree (M.A.) from Princeton University in 1925. His major interest and graduate training was in the field of biology. A teaching career as assistant and associate professor of biology followed: At Willamette University, Salem, OR (1925-1927); Oklahoma City University (1928-1930); and at Macalaster College, St. Paul, MN (1930-1937). Joining the staff of Michigan Department of Conservation, in 1937, he held a number of administrative positions until 1949. At that time, he transferred to the Education Division of the department to assume responsibility of the teacher training and school education phases of the department's program. He retired in 1965.

He is best known to students and enthusiasts of the Lewis and Clark Expedition as the author of the first book to deal exclusively with the natural history of the exploring enterprise. His 329-page volume, *The Natural History of the Lewis and Clark Expedition*, was published by the Michigan State University Press in 1961. In 1966 he contributed a monograph titled "The Lew's and Clark Expedition's Botanical Discoveries," which appeared in the January issue of *Natural History* magazine. In recent years he has been working on and had completed the manuscript for a volume titled *Game Trails of Lewis and Clark*. Last year he prepared for *WPO* an interesting article published in Vol. 2, No. 1, titled "Lewis and Clark in Buffalo Country."

In recent years he has resided in Fayetteville, N.Y., with his daughter and family, and each summer has seen him traveling throughout the west visiting friends and relatives, and attending, whenever possible, the Foundation's annual meetings. In a letter to the editor since "Dar's" passing, his daughter, Mrs. William B. (Margaret) Norris, wrote:

"I felt very certain that Dad would prefer to have friends, who wished to do something, remember him through the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. I feel that it is a more personal memorial than some other things would be. You must be aware of the enjoyment Dad got from belonging to the Foundation, and from the many friendships he made. Dad needed to know some people who shared his special interest, and he spoke of these associations often."

The Foundation has been the recipient of many letters and contributions to a "Dar" Burroughs Memorial Fund. Contributions may be made to the Foundation and should be forwarded to Mrs. William B. Norris, 307 Center St., Fayetteville, N.Y. 13066.

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