

## RAY ROMINE

On August 24, 1954, RAY ROMINE of Caledonia, Ohio, passed away at the age of 44 after an illness of slightly more than 4 months. Born February 15, 1910, in Hartford City, Indiana, RAY had been an avid collector since 1931, when he became interested in butterflies and moths as the result of some work on a Boy Scout Merit Badge.

Anyone who knew him personally could only wonder what most people do with their time, for here was a man of many and varied interests who squeezed every drop of doing from every living minute. For a livelihood he was a mail carrier, but the remainder of the time he was a devotee of many hobbies, with only a portion of the time he would have liked to devote to them. In addition to the Lepidoptera, there were poetry, raising and hybridizing of fancy iris, greenhouse gardening, stamp collecting, painting and cartooning, plus an inherent love of all nature. Since 1942 he has written more than 3000 verses, of which nearly 300 have already been published in some of the leading magazines. Two have appeared in the *Saturday Evening Post* since his demise. His keen sense of observation and wit appears to best advantage in his verses. His iris gardens are well-known and a mecca for visitors during flowering season.

Although he probably crammed as much living into his 44 years as most people do in 60, his biggest disappointment undoubtedly would be the fact that he didn't live long enough to realize the pleasure he would have had from the fulfillment of one of his wishes, that of a dream home in 18 acres of wooded land on the very banks of the Olentangy River. He is survived by his wife TRELLE and one daughter, SANDRA. For the present his collection will remain in the custody of Mrs. ROMINE.

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CECIL JOSLYN BROOKS died at Hampstead, England, on 17 March 1953, at the age of nearly 78 years. He was a noted resident collector of Bornean and Sumatran Lepidoptera and in later years became an authority on Amathusiidæ. His collections are in the British Museum, and the Castle Museum, Norwich. (For fuller obituary, see Gabriel, *Entomologist* 88: p. 23; 1955.)

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Any reader of the *News* who would find useful one or more copies of Mr. S. A. HESSEL's "Guide to collecting the plant-boring larvæ of the genus *Papaipema* (Noctuidæ)" (*Lepid. News* 8: pp. 57-63) should write him at: Nettleton Hollow, Washington, Conn., U.S.A. Loose copies can be used in the field and for making hand-notes on these superb moths. The collecting season for larvæ begins in July. A self-addressed, stamped envelope will be appreciated, from U.S.A. members.

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Additional records for the checklist of the Lepidoptera of Florida should be sent to C. P. KIMBALL, Route 4, Box 942, Sarasota, Fla., before the end of the summer; the deadline has been extended. Questionnaire forms are available from Mr. KIMBALL. Every Florida record, especially of moths, should be contributed for this important work.

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