

OBITUARIES

ARTHUR HUNT COOKE 1906-1993

Arthur Hunt-Cooke was born in India on 9th February 1906, and was educated at University College School, London, and St John's College, Cambridge, where he read Modern and Mediaeval Languages. He joined H.M. Overseas Civil Service in 1926, and served in the Department of Education in various parts of Southern Nigeria, including Southern Cameroons. In 1936, he was seconded with the late Kenneth Murray to investigate industries in Yoruba Provinces with a view to introducing technical training. He married in 1939 and had two children. From 1942-47 he was Principal of the Teacher Training College in Mauritius. After returning to Nigeria he served at Warri, and then at Ibadan as Deputy Director of Education and Inspector of Teacher Training for the Western Region. In 1954, he became Chief Inspector of Education in Lagos, and later joined the Federal Advisory Service, retiring in 1957. He was appointed an OBE in 1958.

His wide activities included development of rural education (with the late Norman Herington), membership of many committees including the Man o' War Bay Training Centre, visits to countries throughout the world, organisation of athletics, writing and editing textbooks, and advising publishers. He was able to speak French, Spanish and Yoruba.

After retirement, he continued to write textbooks for overseas schools, mainly for West Africa, but also for the West Indies. In 1965 he was a UNESCO adviser on primary school education in Nyasaland (Malawi) and retired for a second time in 1969 to a small-holding in Kent. He was a Life Member of the Nigerian Field Society, having joined in 1936 only six years after the Society was founded. Between 1977 and 1982, he wrote some reminiscences for the "Field" (see below). He died on the 18th December 1993, but his death has only recently come to our attention. We send our belated sympathy to his wife and family.

– Joyce Lowe, with acknowledgements to David Hunt-Cooke (son)

Arthur Hunt-Cooke's articles in *The Nigerian Field*:

1977. (with E.F.G.Haig) Up the river. 42: 36-38.

1978. The coming of Waya. 43: 132-134.

1979. More about palm wine. 44: 131.

1980. Ogun Tanwiji. 45: 33-36. 1982. Good news for exiled palmwine drinkerds. 47: 17.

STEPHEN MARCHANT 1912-2003

Stephen Marchant was born at Weston-under-Lizard, Staffordshire on 11th August 1912, and was educated at Shrewsbury School and Cambridge University. Between school and university, he began work with the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company, later absorbed by Shell. After graduating, he worked in a number of countries: Egypt, Nigeria, South Africa, Borneo and Australia; then back to Nigeria. He married and was in the UK for a time, where his son and daughter were born. The family lived in Ecuador and Iraq, before moving to Australia in 1963, where Stephen worked at the Bureau of Mineral Resources in Canberra, and then for Woodside Petroleum in Melbourne.

Stephen was only in Nigeria for a few years (1940-41 and 1946-48) but was a Life Member of the Nigerian Field Society. Between 1941 and 1963, he wrote 15 articles in *The Nigerian Field* on the wildlife of Eastern Nigeria, particularly Owerri Province. These mainly concern birds, but also butterflies and mammals (two with the late Barry Cozens). Travels in the course of his work gave him opportunities to extend his observations. Even a 4-day visit to Kaduna (Northern Nigeria) to see a dentist gave rise to an article on birds!

In the mid 1970s, Stephen and his wife retired and built a house near Moruya, New South Wales, where they lived until 1999. Stephen was in his element, studying the birds in some detail on their 25-acre property (later increased to 50 acres). His last four years were spent in Western Australia, with his daughter and her husband, where Stephen died on 30th August 2003. Sarah and Michael plan to move to Moruya next year, when Michael retires.

– Joyce Lowe, with acknowledgements to Sarah Guppy (daughter)

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PAUL TULEY 26 April 1929–20 March 2004

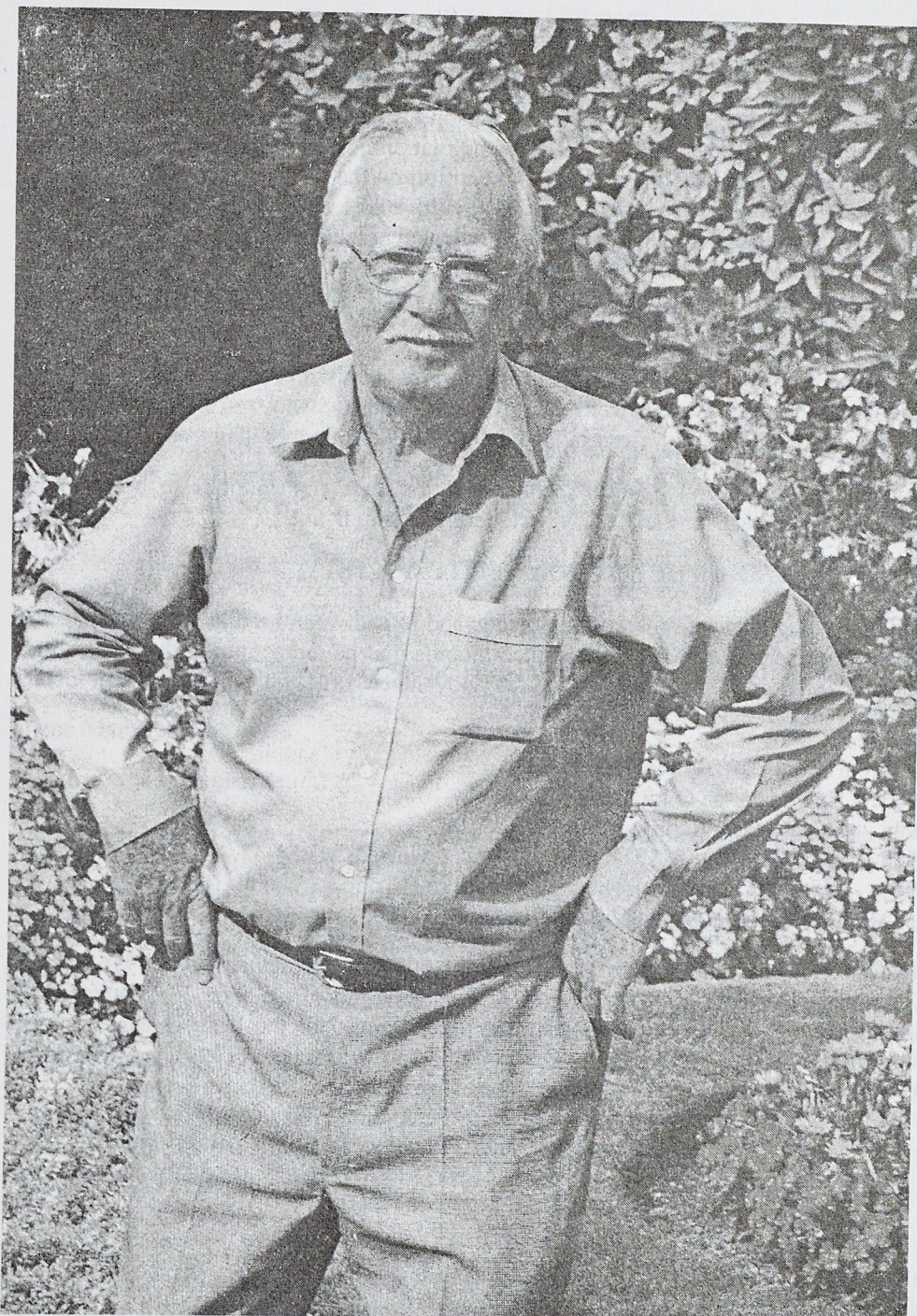
Paul was educated at Harrow Grammar School, and Bristol University where he studied botany and played a prominent part in student affairs. He graduated in 1952 and then went up to Cambridge University on a Colonial Office probationership, and the following year to the then Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture (ICTA) in Trinidad. At both he was an active member of his group, always the centre of some lively activity and always a welcoming figure. In Trinidad he enjoyed a range of sports with characteristic enthusiasm and played in the College teams, encouraging the participation even of those with only a passing knowledge of the sports. In Trinidad also, with some like minded colleagues, he started the Natural History Society, organising collecting expeditions and mixing science with pleasure by collecting marine specimens at some of the country's lovely beaches.

Following his studies at ICTA, Paul was posted to Eastern Nigeria and it was there that I first met him in 1959 when he was the Principal Research Officer in charge of the agricultural research station at Umudike. He was an impressive person, tall with a somewhat ruddy complexion and a handsome RAF handle-bar moustache. The visit was memorable, in that Paul believed that work should not interrupt his urbane habits, as evidenced by the presence of his cook, who followed him around the research station bearing a tray with a tea pot, milk and cups and saucers. One was able to discuss this or that experiment while enjoying a "cuppa".

Our paths next crossed when Paul joined the Land Resources Division (LRD) of the Ministry of Overseas Development. LRD was directed by Philip Chambers CBE and he welcomed Paul for his experience in experimental agriculture and his knowledge of Nigeria for which he had been awarded an MBE. This was put to good use when Paul and Michael Bawden were assigned the task of undertaking a massive land resource survey of the eastern part of Northern Nigeria, working in collaboration with the Institute of Agricultural Research, Samaru. Field work was arranged during the [British] winter while report writing at LRD took place in the summer. A stream of reports resulted which, together with LRD work in other parts of Nigeria, provided essential information on Nigerian land resources and remains valid to this day.

Paul worked on Nigeria until 1972 when he successfully applied for a post as Agricultural Adviser in the Overseas Development Administration. He worked in ODA headquarters dealing with agricultural issues in West Africa and Latin America before being posted to the Development Divisions in Bangkok and Barbados. In Barbados he renewed his working relationship with Michael Bawden who was the Head of the Division.

Paul retired from the public service in 1990 but did not retire from work. In 1994 he became secretary of the Tropical Agricultural Association (TAA), an activity to which he gave a great deal of advice and time. At that time he worked at Kew and produced a



substantial monograph, *The Palms of Africa* - (Trendrine Press, 1995). He was a Vice-President of the Nigerian Field Society and Chairman of the UK Branch.

Paul Tuley was a warm-hearted, generous person for whom life was for living but with a serious intent. Whatever he did, it was with great enthusiasm and his colleagues recall with glee his winning the fancy dress competition on the ship returning from Trinidad, as the baby with a large rum and soda!. He cultivated a country gent persona, but this exterior concealed a sharp analytical mind, reflected in penetrating questions to speakers at TAA meetings. He also had a great sense of fun and would mystify junior colleagues on first postings by asking if they had their "tsetse-belt" and adequate supplies of Collis Brown's patent medicine.

Paul died suddenly from a heart attack, and will be greatly missed not only as Secretary of the TAA but also as a warm friend. His wife, Lindsay, who was a constant support, pre-deceased him. He is survived by two daughters and four grandchildren.

I am grateful to several of Paul's colleagues for their contributions to his memory. Based on an obituary for the TAA Newsletter by Martin Brunt.

PAUL TULEY AND THE NIGERIAN FIELD SOCIETY.

Paul had a long association with the Society, and joined when he first went to Nigeria in 1959. The report of the Umuahia Branch records that he led a tour of the Agricultural Research Station in June 1959, and by November 1961 he was Chairman of the Umuahia Branch.

He wrote articles in *The Nigerian Field*:

1965. How to tap an Oil Palm. **30**: 28-37.

1965. How to tap a Raphia Palm. **30**: 120-132.

1966. (with T.A.Russell) The Raphia Palms reviewed. **31**: 54-65.

1971. (with J.K.Jackson) The vegetation of Chappal Waddi (Gangirwal) of the Cameroon Republic/Nigeria Border. **36**: 4-20.

He was Treasurer of the U.K. Branch from 1989-96, Secretary from 1996-98, and Chairman from 1998 until his death. He was also one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society from 1998. He arranged a number of meetings for the Branch, especially the two Wildlife Symposiums held at Kew (1993) and Whippsnade (1999); he also edited their proceedings as Occasional Publications Nos. 1 and 2 of the U.K. Branch.

— Joyce Lowe