



## Cliff S. Hamilton

November 23, 1889 - April 7, 1975

Cliff S. Hamilton, Editor-in-Chief of Volume 29 of *Organic Syntheses*, who joined the Board of Editors in 1942 and was a long-time member of the Advisory Board, passed away on April 7, 1975 in Denver, Colorado at the age of 85.

Born in Blair, Nebraska on November 23, 1889, he received his B.S. degree from Monmouth College in Illinois in 1912. He was a student at the University of Illinois during 1914-1915 and served in the Chemical Warfare Service in 1917 during World War I. Then he served as an instructor in chemistry at Ohio Wesleyan University from 1917 to 1919. He began graduate work at the University of Minnesota during 1919-1920. When Lauder Jones, with whom he worked, moved to Princeton, Hamilton went to Northwestern University to work with W. Lee Lewis, and received his Ph.D. degree there in 1922. After a year as a research instructor in pharmacology at the University of Wisconsin in 1922-1923, he returned to his native state and joined the faculty of the University of Nebraska where he served as an assistant and associate professor from 1923 to 1927. From 1927 to 1929 he served as an associate professor at his *graduate alma mater*, Northwestern University. In 1929 he returned to Nebraska as a full professor of chemistry and served as chairman of his department from 1939 to 1956, and also as dean of the graduate college during 1938-30 and 1940-41, retiring in 1957. He was a long-time consultant to Parke, Davis and Company in Detroit from 1927 until 1963. He was Chairman of the Nebraska Section in 1924-26, Chairman of the Organic Division in 1940, and Chairman of the Divisional Officers Group of the American Chemical Society in 1940-41. He served as Associate Editor of *Organic Reactions*, Volume 2, in 1944, and as an Associate Editor of *Chemical Reviews* from 1946 to 1948. His honors included an honorary Doctor of Science degree from his undergraduate *alma mater*, Monmouth College, in 1954, the Midwest Award of the St. Louis Section of the American Chemical Society in 1956, and the dedication of the new chemistry building at the University of Nebraska in his honor on October 25, 1970. His research interests included the synthesis of organic compounds containing arsenic, antimony, or phosphorus, and the study of heterocyclic compounds utilizable as drugs. He helped develop Maphamen,

an arsenical formerly widely used against syphilis, and Camoquin, an antimalarial. He is survived by his wife, Frances Howe Hamilton, three children, Robert W. (a research chemist with G. D. Searle and Co., who resides in Wilmette, Ill.), Martha H. (Mrs. Amos W. Dickey, Denver, Colo.), Dr. Clif S. (a thoracic and cardiovascular surgeon in Fargo, N. D.), and five grandchildren.

We shall miss this valued friend, adviser, and contributor to the success of *Organic Syntheses*.

Wayland E. Noland

Originally published in *Organic Syntheses*  
Vol. XX, pp vii-viii