

IN MEMORIAM: OSCAR ELTON SETTE

Oscar Elton Sette died on July 25, 1972, at Palo Alto, Calif. He was 72. On September 7th his ashes were scattered at sea from the research vessel *David Starr Jordan*.

The last issue of this journal (*Fishery Bulletin*, Vol. 70, No. 3) was dedicated to Elton Sette. His colleagues who contributed papers to that thick number make up a roster of some of the most able scientists in the field of marine research today, yet it was woefully incomplete, because many who had wished to contribute were unable to do so. The number had been planned by his friends as a surprise gift to Elton (but how it would have benefited from his quick editorial eye!): it must now stand as a memorial.

Towards mid-July, Phil Roedel, Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service, wisely broke the 2 years of secrecy surrounding the "Sette number" and sent Elton the table of contents and a copy of Pat Powell's warm portrait. Elton was pleased.

Since July 1970, Elton had been a member of the Editorial Committee of the *Fishery Bulletin*. This is the first number not to carry his name. Assuredly, it will not be the last to show his influence on the course of marine research. We had planned a gift to him: he left one to us — a standard of high and unflagging professional competence. Not many men leave as much.

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