

grudge the \$2.00 they have to spend for a license. And that \$2.00 is their only contribution toward producing and protecting and managing the game they want to hunt. All of the rest of the \$125 goes into taking that game. This business of wildlife management costs money. Research, law

enforcement, refuge purchase, improvement and maintenance, stream surveys, game farms, fish hatcheries, education—all cost dollars. Unless state legislatures revise their past policies and appropriate funds from the general tax dollar, the sportsmen must continue to foot the bill. This

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### THOMAS SADLER ROBERTS, 1858-1946

As we go to press, word is received of the passing of Dr. Thomas S. Roberts, "Minnesota's Bird Man." Although the death of any great person is, in a sense, untimely, one cannot survey the accomplishments of Dr. Roberts' lifetime without a feeling that he achieved about as much as one man could.

He wrote the *Birds of Minnesota*, the outstanding work on mid-western ornithology. Dr. Roberts brought to fruition his long-cherished dream of a modern Museum of Natural History, which is now regarded as one of the finest museums of its type in the country. It is more difficult to evaluate Dr. Roberts' influence on the people of Minnesota, but certainly it has been great. Inspired by his example, thousands of Minnesotans have turned to the study and enjoyment of natural history, which has led inevitably to a heightened concern about the conservation of nature in a broad sense.

Many of our readers will want to refer back to the article on Dr. Roberts' life that appeared in the October, 1942, issue of *THE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEER*. It concluded as follows:

"Only rarely can it be said that an institution is the lengthened shadow of one man. Yet the Minnesota Museum of Natural History, made possible by the generosity of James Ford Bell, shall always be mentioned in the same breath with Thomas S. Roberts. From the modernistic entrance to the specimen shelves on the third floor, it bears the indelible mark of his scholarly interest in every phase of natural history. For those who know him, Dr. Roberts shall always be in those halls, chatting animatedly about the birds and people he loves so well."