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Robert L. Blickle was born on November 12, 1913 and raised in Ironton, Ohio. He received his bachelor's degree from Ohio State University in 1937 and later attended graduate school at Louisiana State University and Ohio State University. He served with the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific during World War II and afterward taught entomology at the University of New Hampshire until his retirement in 1979.



Robert L. Blickle (circa 1980), courtesy of Paul L. Johnson, University of New Hampshire

As an entomologist, he made important scientific contributions to the knowledge of Trichoptera and Tabanidae. He became a leading authority of the North American Hydroptilidae (or microcaddisflies). His investigations on caddisflies culminated in the publication entitled, *Hydroptilidae (Trichoptera) of America north of Mexico* (Blickle 1979), which is regarded as the definitive taxonomic work on this group. He also made special contributions to the species checklists of the Trichoptera of Florida, Maine and New Hampshire. Among his works on tabanids, his investigations on the behavior of adult horse flies are especially noteworthy for their originality (Blickle 1955b, 1959).

He was an excellent athlete and ran on the same mile relay team with Jesse Owens (the olympian champion) at Ohio State University. He was also an excellent golfer, bowler and tennis player. As an amateur musician, he played piano and cello and was especially fond of Haydn and Mozart.

He intended to continue his research on caddisflies during his retirement, but was prevented from doing so by multiple sclerosis. Although this illness prevented him from doing entomological research, it did not rob him of his good humor and for many years he retained a keen intellect until his death on December 30, 2002.

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