

## DEDICATION

This issue of PERLA is dedicated to the memory of Mary Hynes who died early in 1999. Many of us remember her smiling face, delightful sense of humor, other warm characteristics and the fellowship we enjoyed with her at several International Symposia. We, as Noel, feel deep personal loss, and at our request he has written the following words describing her supportive role in his distinguished career:

**Yes, I should be happy to see an acknowledgment of Mary's influence on my work in Perla. She was after all, a joint author on a couple of my Australian papers, and to that end I would suggest that Heide's photo of her in the bush beside Cement Creek, Victoria, Oz, holding a bug net and wearing a broad smile, would be most appropriate. It is one of the best photos we have of her, and that is an excellent setting.**

**Mary and I met when she was the secretary and administrative assistant to the Director of the Freshwater Biological Association laboratory in the English Lake District and I was a beginning graduate student. We were both housed in the nineteenth century pseudo castle that was the field station. She was a physics graduate from Cambridge University, but had not been able to find work in her field. When I was writing my thesis she helped me considerably by criticizing my writing, as she did later all through our long career together. I was, after our two years at Wray Castle, anxious to marry her, but she said, quite rightly, that I was too young, as she was four years my senior. However, after I had been overseas for a year, we were married in 1942, shortly before I was posted to Ethiopia. But we did manage to get together after a year's separation, and thereafter we did everything together as far as was possible. So Mary lived in Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia, and produced our first two children in Nairobi, and when we returned to England, and our four children were of school age, she resumed using her physics by teaching in a college and secondary school. We traveled widely, camping with our children, and Mary became increasingly involved in my work and became quite an expert in some aspects of stream ecology, with her name on a couple of papers on Plecoptera. She was also a major contributor to the development of the Department of Biology that we came to Canada to build. I told her that she was a sort of colonel's wife, a role in which she excelled. I owe an enormous amount to her in support, encouragement and her remarkable abilities with people. Her**

death after 55 years of happy marriage has been a great loss to me, but I am well cared for by our four excellent children of whom any parents would be proud; and that I also owe to her. I was a fortunate man!

Noel Hynes



This photo of Mary Hynes, as mentioned above in Noel's writeup, was provided by Peter Zwick: It is a picture he took of Mary on the Acheron River, halfway between Marysville and Warburton Australia, on the field trip of the Plecoptera Symposium, in 1987.

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