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REPORT ON BILL RICKER

In response to Ken Stewart's inquiry to Bill about his health and activities since PERLA 18, his son Eric wrote for him in April that he is sorry to report no activity with stoneflies, and that in February, 2001 Bill suffered a coma and has been in the hospital or nursing home ever since. He says recovery of motor ability continues slowly. Bill expressed interest in seeing the new PERLA and asked where he could get a copy of the "2nd Edition of Nymphs of North American Stonefly Genera". Readers may be interested in reading again the reprint in PERLA 18 of a 1984 article in "Sports Illustrated" about Bill by Bob Boyle.

Bill's professional life, stamina and continued interest in stoneflies at age 92 is an inspiration to all of us working in the science. (Editors note: I am sure it would be encouraging to Bill to receive get well wishes from those of us who know him. His address is : Dr. W.E. Ricker, 3052 Hammond Bay Rd. Nanaimo, BC V9T 1E2.)

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