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41-649932 "Remains found; also 1 red and 1 yellow celluloid ring," at Bird Island, Utah Lake, near Provo, Utah, by M. Vern Thurber. November 11, 1941

Forty one tags were recovered from dead gulls by the writers at Rock Island. The high mortality of the young banded gulls was no doubt due to the fact that many of them did not get back to their nests after banding and were killed by mature nesting birds. July 17, 1941

During the three years, 1940, '41 and '42, we have banded 2300 specimens of young California gulls. Of this number we now have information concerning 102 individuals. These banding operations are a part of an extended study of the life history and habits of the California gull at Utah Lake.—Vasco M. Tanner and D. Elden Beck.

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It is with deep regret that we report the passing of Mr. George P. Engelhardt, ardent student of the Argeriidae and one who endeared himself to his many friends throughout this country.

He was born in Hanover, Germany, on November 23, 1871, and died at Hartsdale, New York on May 24, 1942. He graduated from the Gymnasium at Boden Boden in 1886 and after coming to the United States became assistant curator of the Children's Museum in Brooklyn in 1902, which position he held until 1913. In 1913 he was made curator of invertebrates at the Brooklyn Museum in which capacity he labored until 1930 when he was made honorary curator.

Mr. Engelhardt early became acquainted with the western states, especially Utah. In all he made five collecting trips to this state; the first one in 1904 and the last one in 1938. As a result of my reading his interesting reports on Utah's Dixie I began corresponding with him in 1924, which continued up until the time of his death. In 1933 it was my good fortune to act as his host and companion for several days while he collected in areas around Provo; including Mount Timpanogos and Utah Lake. At this time he was in search of life history material on local species of aegeriids. After Mr. Engelhardt's return home he wrote to me under date of September 7, 1933 as follows:

"My trip this summer has turned out very satisfactory. Must have added between a hundred and two hundred aegeriids including, what is most important to me, a number of new life histories. Wish the mounting and degreasing was done.

"In telling of my summer's rambles I always like to dwell on the good times enjoyed at Provo and on Mt. Timpanogos. As you know I hold your people in the highest respect. This long established appreciation has been strengthened on my visit this summer. I hope I may be privileged to meet you and your fine family again."

It was largely through his efforts that I was able to purchase the weevil collections of Charles W. Leng and Charles F. Schaeffer. His interest in these matters and his assistance in evaluating the collections was greatly appreciated.

George Engelhardt was very fond of his wife and son. He often spoke of them in his letters and reported his son's marriage in September, 1933 to Miss Elizabeth Sherman, daughter of John D. Sherman of Mount Vernon, New York, and subsequently, February 12, 1941, announced that he was twice grandfather.

We hope that the results of his years of study of the clear-wing moths will be made available.

The following articles relating to Utah were written by George P. Engelhardt as a result of his collecting and study here:

1917. Hunting Lizards with a "Beanshooter." *Copeia*, No. 49. October 4, 1917. (Report of collecting seven species of lizards in Washington County by means of the "flipper" or "beanshooter.")
1918. Batrachians from Southwestern Utah. *Copeia*, No. 60. August 18, 1918. (Reports six species taken mainly at Bellevue, Washington County in May and June 1917.)
1918. Faunal Zones in Southwestern Utah. *Jour. N. Y. Ento. Soc.* XXVI, p. 230.
1918. Dixieland of the Mormons. *The Brooklyn Museum Quarterly*, Vol. V. No. 1, June 1918. pp. 27-52. (An interesting report on collecting in Pine Valley Mountains in Washington County.)
1924. Field Work for Habitat Groups in Southwestern Utah. *The Brooklyn Museum Quarterly*. Vol. XI, No. 3, July 1924, pp. 116-125 and No. 4, October 1924, pp. 144-152. (A narrative of the Museum's collecting work in Utah, 1923.)—V. M. T.