

From the archives: *The Micropaleontologist* correspondents

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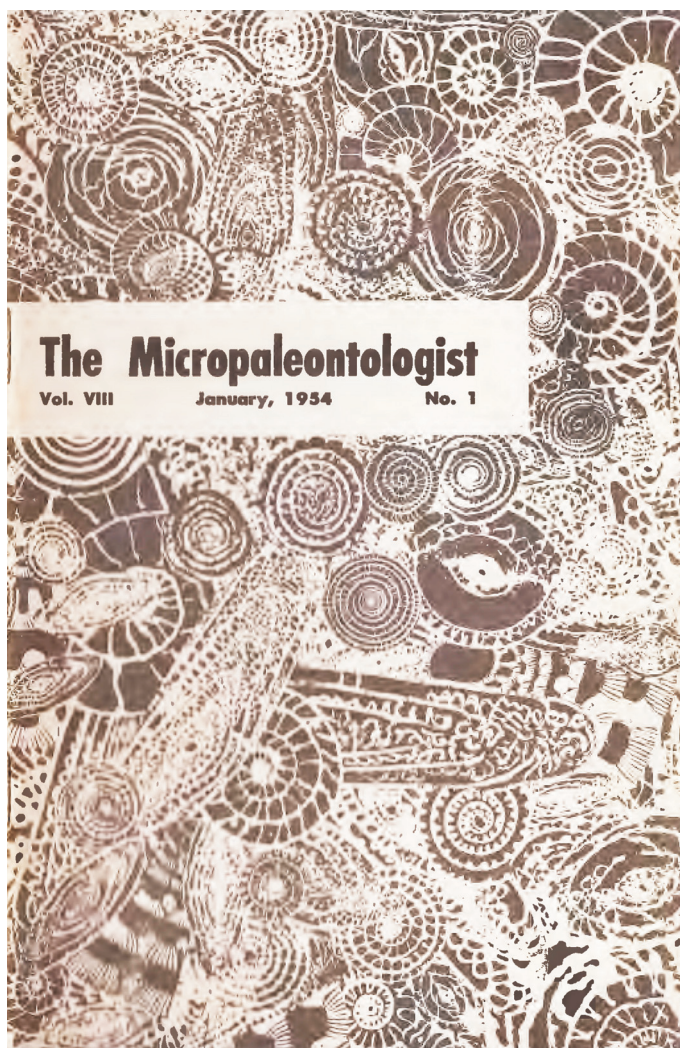
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In July 1947, as the postwar era began to unfold, the Micropaleontology Project, which had survived the war as a guest of the American Museum of Natural History, was looking to build upon the reactivated Catalogue of Foraminifera in order to expand its role in the profession. With the Catalogue of Ostracoda not yet imagined, Brooks Ellis and Angelina Messina decided to launch *The Micropaleontologist*, a professional newsletter that published contributions from micropaleontologists at universities, geological surveys and oil companies around the world. As might be expected, the reports on the projects in which the contributors were engaged often included announcements of newly recognized taxa or other micropaleontological revelations. Because of the informal status of *The Micropaleontologist*, the editors felt compelled to direct such material, however interesting, to more suitable publications.

Oil exploration boomed, micropaleontology expanded its ranks, the Catalogue of Ostracoda was launched. Finally in 1955, Ellis and Messina surrendered to the inevitable, and tucked the newsletter into a new, peer-reviewed journal, *Micropaleontology*, where the informal reports from the field continued to be published in the back pages for 23 more years. From the first news report in 1947 to

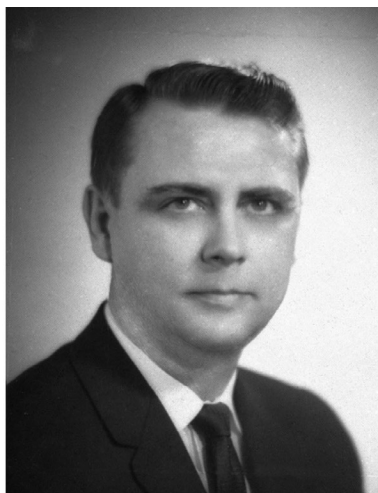
the last, each was accompanied by a photo of the correspondent.

In order to re-use these images in later reports, the accumulated photos were kept in a little box on a back shelf. From this box, rediscovered 50 years later, we have extracted more than a hundred portraits from the past to be displayed here.

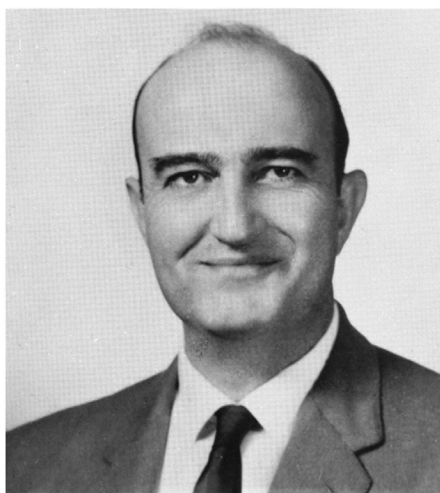


Some of our colleagues who contributed news reports back then are well remembered. Others, who may have been just as successful in their particular jobs, may now be forgotten by all but their old friends. Be that as it may, these photos gathered together are like a visit to the profession in its heyday, when so much new was happening. The contributors are identified by the region from which they reported, not always their homeland, providing us with an additional sense of the way things were back then. As the first journal to be wholly dedicated to this once-obscure science, *The Micropaleontologist* had the attention of almost everyone in the field. In the era before digital and social media, it was a platform for communication among the important scientists represented in this collection.

Hopefully, this look at our community from not that long ago – their faces all but forgotten – will provide a thoughtful, even pleasant contemplation of all that we share with the past.



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Gulf Coast USA



Benton Stone
Peru



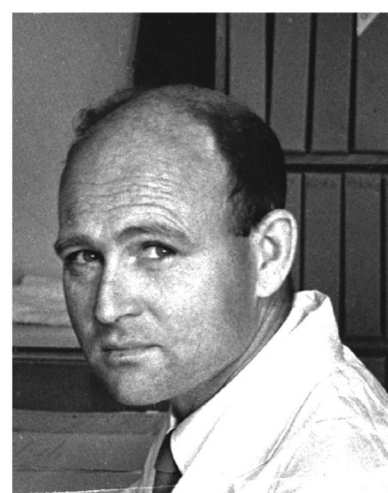
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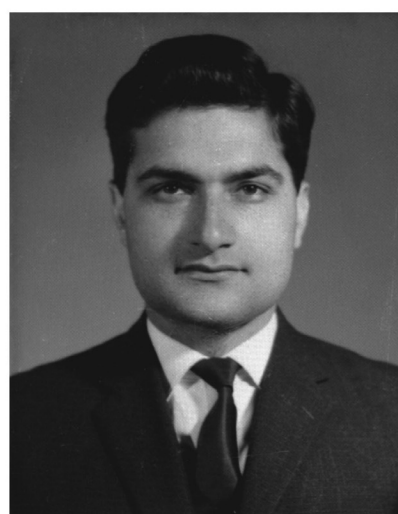
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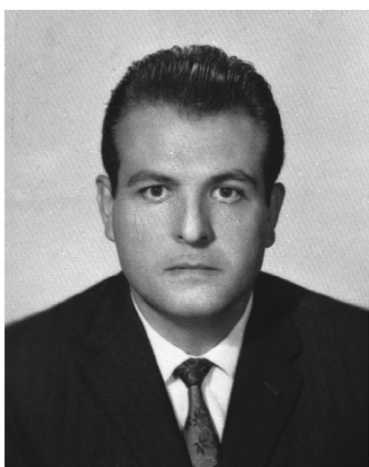
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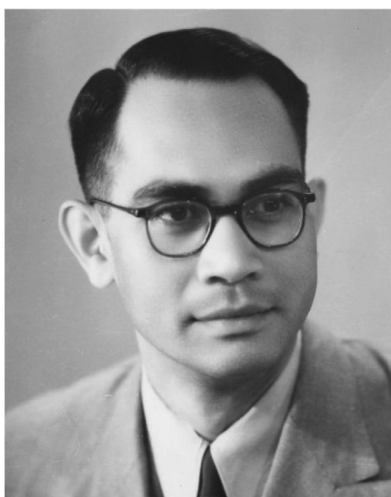
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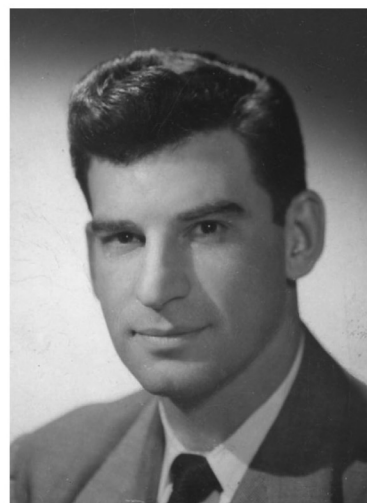
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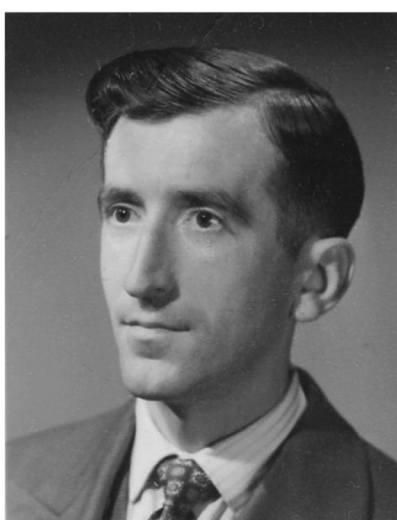
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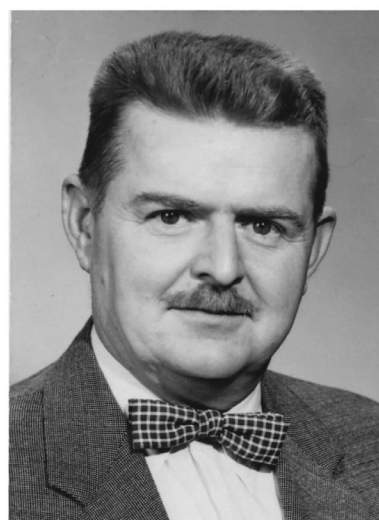
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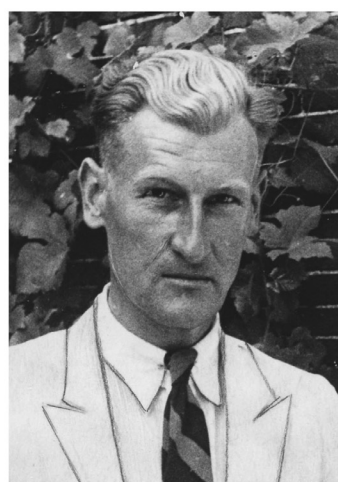
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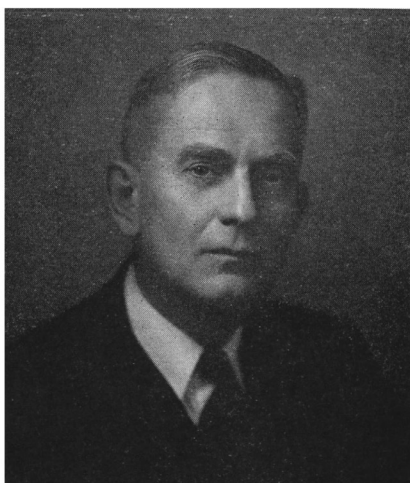
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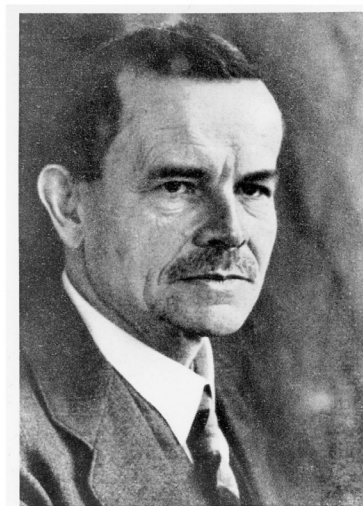
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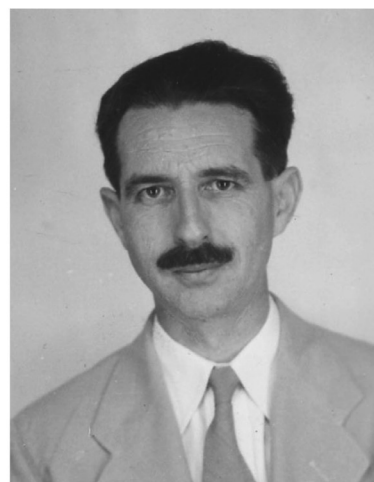
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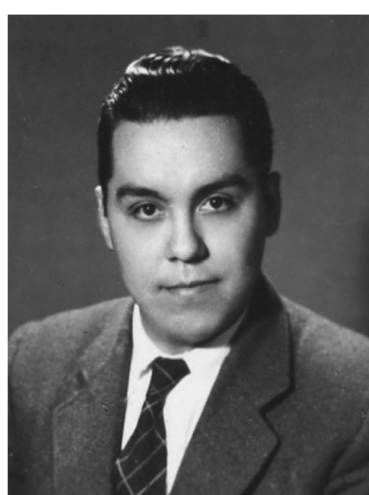
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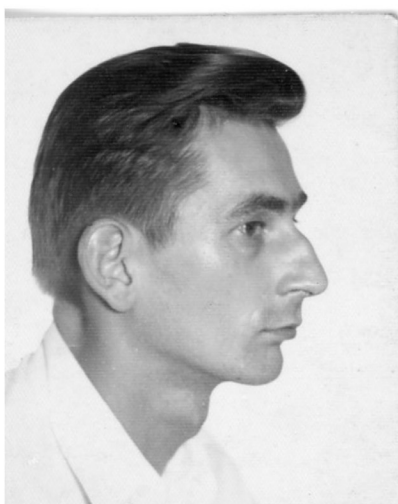
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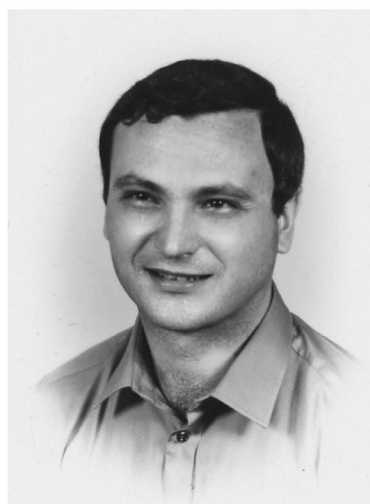
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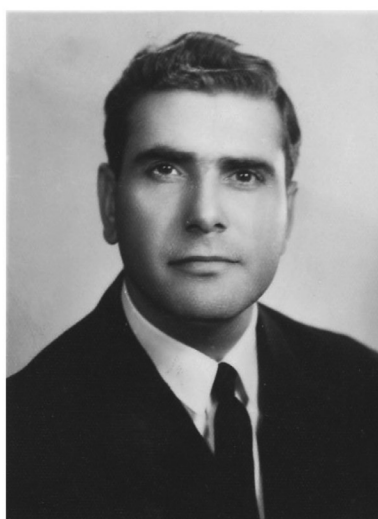
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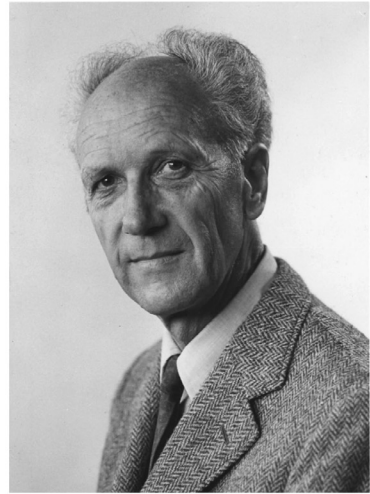
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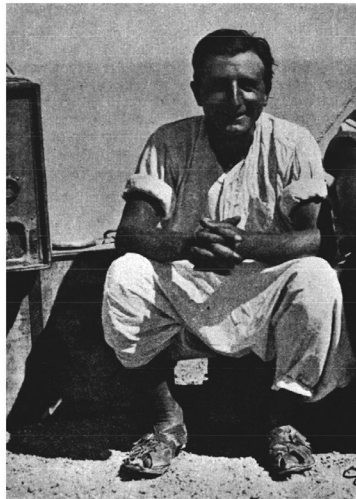
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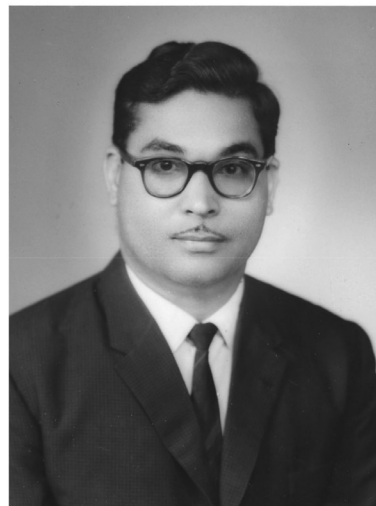
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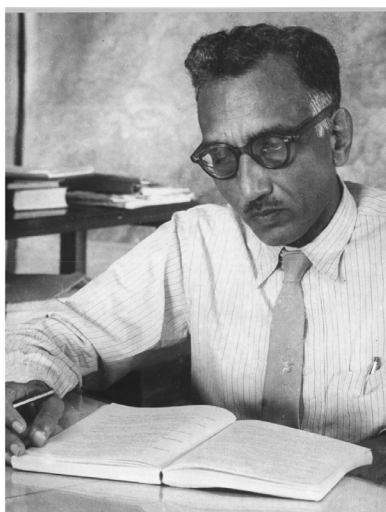
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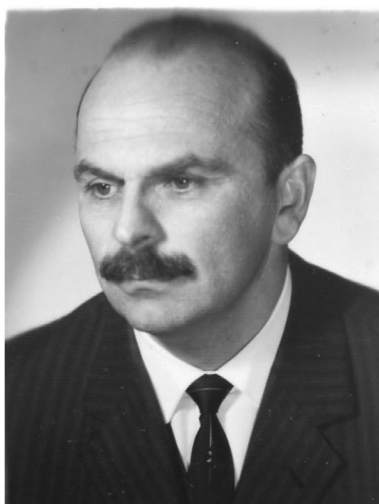
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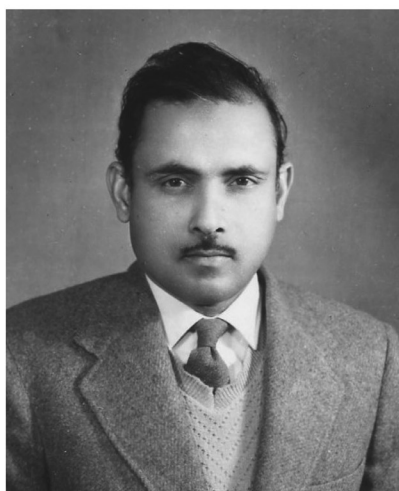
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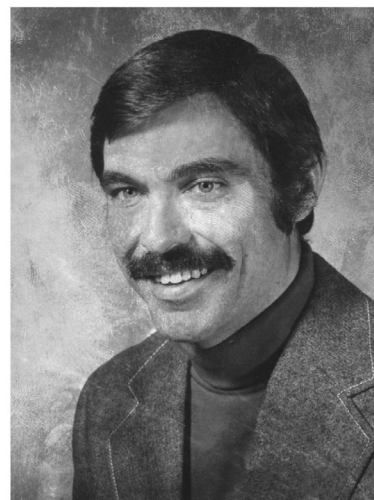
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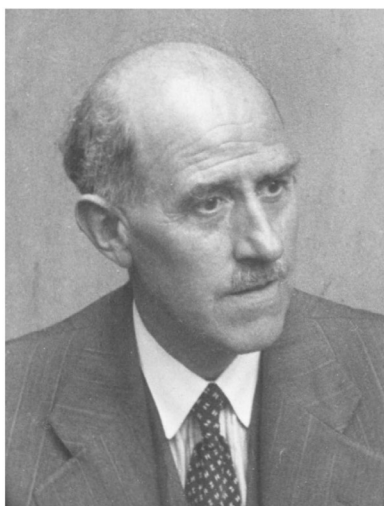
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