IN MEMORIAM
THOMAS P. HARRISON

Thomas Perrin Harrison, professor emeritus of English, died on November 4, 1986, in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He was 89.

Dr. Harrison was born on May 9, 1897, in Davidson, North Carolina. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina in 1918 and a PhD from Cornell University in 1924.

Elizabethan (sixteenth century) literature was the specialty of Dr. Harrison, who served on the UT Austin English faculty for 43 years, from 1924 until he retired in 1967. He was also interested in the history of science and the appearance of birds in poetry.

Over the course of his years on the faculty, University Studies in English published numerous works by Dr. Harrison, including Googe's Eglogs and Montemayor's Diana (1925), Divinity in Spenser's Garden of Adonis (1939), Aspects of Primitivism in Shakespeare and Spenser (1940), Drayton's Herbals (1943), and The Literary Background of Renaissance Poisons (1948).

As his career advanced, Dr. Harrison became increasingly interested in birds. In 1956 the University of Texas Press published his book They Tell of Birds: Chaucer, Spenser, Milton, Drayton, and in 1964 his edition of The First Water Colors of North American Birds.

John R. Durbin, Secretary
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