

### NOTES AND NEWS.

WE again call attention to the Semicentennial Jubilee Meeting of the A. O. U. in New York City, November 13-16, 1933. There is still plenty of time for members to arrange for the trip and we urge everyone who can possibly get away to be present. It will be an occasion to be remembered and each member can assist in making it a greater success by attending the sessions. Those who have been in the habit of attending A. O. U. meetings will not have to be reminded of their attractions but those who have not, have an experience before them. Nothing stimulates one's interest in ornithology as do these meetings, with their exchange of ideas, their opportunities of meeting in person those who have been previously mere names, and their general atmosphere of good fellowship and coöperation.

In order that there may be no mistake or failure in making your arrangements we repeat:

**HOTEL HEADQUARTERS:** Hotel New Yorker, 8th Ave. and 34th St.

Correspondence relative to reservations or garage facilities should be addressed to Mr. David Olmstead, at the hotel.

**MEETINGS:** at the American Museum of Natural History, 77th St. and Central Park W.

**PAINTINGS** etc., intended for the art exhibit should be sent to the museum marked "A. O. U. Exhibit" not later than the last week of October and correspondence relative to them addressed to Mr. Courtney Brandreth, care of the Museum.

**TITLES OF PAPERS** to be presented at the meeting should be sent to the Secretary, Dr. T. S. Palmer, 1939 Biltmore St., Washington, D. C., not later than *October 15* accompanied by an abstract of not over 200 words.

Any further information may be obtained from the Chairman of the Local Committee, Dr. Frank M. Chapman, at the Museum.

IT HAS been arranged to hold the **EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS** at Oxford, England, from July 2 to 7, 1934. Headquarters will be the Rhodes Building, which contains an excellent hall and smaller lecture rooms and is also close to the University Museum.

It is proposed to hold an exhibition of ornithological paintings at Oxford during the Congress.

Accommodations for some of the Members of the Congress will be available at certain Colleges and the Secretary will be glad to hear from those who wish to have rooms reserved for them.

Details of the Excursions will be announced later.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, Rev. F. C. R. Jourdain, Whitekirk, Southbourne, Bournemouth, England.

MR. HARRY S. SWARTH, Chairman of the Index Committee has completed the arduous task of preparing the Ten-Year Index, 1921-1930, to The Auk for the printer and arrangements have been made for its immediate publication.

THE D. APPLETON-CENTURY Co. announce the publication in October of Dr. Frank M. Chapman's Autobiography covering sixty years of his life as a bird-lover. Its appearance just prior to the Fiftieth Anniversary Meeting of the A. O. U. is timely as his reminiscences will cover a large part of the life of the Union with many of the activities of which he has been so closely identified.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN announces the establishment of a Chair of Game Management in its agricultural college. The chair is financed for five years by the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation.

Aldo Leopold has been appointed to the new position. He will conduct research and extension work directed toward the modification of agricultural and forest practices in the interests of game and other wild life. The objective is to develop game-cropping as a land use, both on going farms and on Wisconsin's growing area of idle tax-reverted lands.

The chair carries with it the directorship of the University Arboretum.

No undergraduate courses in game management are contemplated, but graduate research studies are to be undertaken as a means of developing a factual basis for a conservation program.

On September 11, 1933, President Roosevelt approved the regulations covering wild-fowl shooting for the coming season.

Shooting of Brant on the Atlantic Coast is absolutely prohibited owing to the great decrease in their numbers due to the shortage of eel grass; and the daily bag limit on water fowl is reduced to 12 while not more than 8, in the aggregate, may be Canvasbacks, Redheads, Scaups, Teals, Shovelers or Gadwalls.

Swan and other species already on the absolutely protected list will remain there.

In Currituck Sound, since the restoration of the locks in the Albermarle-Chesapeake Canal, the plant life on which the ducks formerly fed is appearing again and prospects for an increase in the wintering water fowl in the near future are bright. The general situation, however, throughout the country, especially on the breeding grounds, is very serious due to extensive draining of marsh land and the prolonged droughts.

Two veteran zoologists of the U. S. Biological Survey were retired on July 31, last: Vernon Bailey after 46 years of service and Theodore S. Palmer, after 44 years. They are both still active in scientific research and we trust that the relief from routine will enable them to pursue more freely the lines of work in which they are so deeply interested.