

flit about the mimosa thickets chasing insects. On June 16, a fully fledged immature was being fed.

MICRONESIAN BROADBILL, *Myiagra oceanica*.—Seen regularly in mimosa thickets inland from Agat Bay in the mangrove-shrubbery vegetation to the island edge of Apra Harbor, and at Tumon Bay. Its calls vary: a husky 'zip-zip-zip-zip-zip,' a harsh husky 'bwee-it, biz,' and a soft titmouse-like 'per-per.' It responds to squeaking and the crest is raised when excited.

MICRONESIAN STARLING, *Aplonis opacus*.—Very common throughout the island, noisy and gregarious. The call is an oriole-like 'jeep' or 'ja-leep.' They frequently feed on insects in dead trees or on the breadfruit or papaya plant. Streaked immature birds were present during all eight months of my stay. On January 8, a pair was taking turns flying to the top of a dead coconut tree, dropping inside, remaining there for five minutes (during which time the mate remained in a nearby tree) and then leaving. I saw no food in their bills. On February 4, I noticed similar actions at another tree. The first pair was still active at its tree. In both cases, one bird remained by the tree while the other was gone. On February 13, both pairs were still active at the nests; a pair was mating, and another bird carrying a twig. On May 5, after the first stump had been deserted for at least a month, a bird was seen carrying a twig into it.

GUAM CROW, *Corvus kubaryi*.—I saw this bird occasionally in the Tumon area, in coconut trees or in the taller trees of the forest. No more than five individuals were seen together at one time. The call is like the American Crow's, but is higher pitched and more nasal.

CARDINAL HONEY-EATER, *Myzomela cardinalis*.—This was a common bird in the more open growth of inhabited areas. A canary-like call, 'bweel' was uttered all day long. Their song, a simple melodious 'per-mit-you' was heard most often in the early morning. At 5 a. m. on June 20 five birds were singing within a 500-foot radius in the mangroves. A fully fledged young was being fed by a female on December 9 and on April 13.—LEWIS F. KIBLER, 721 Hastings St., Pittsburgh, Penn.

NOTES AND NEWS

CHAPMAN MEMORIAL FUND

THE biographical account in this issue of 'The Auk' of the late Dr. Frank M. Chapman makes it timely to refer again to the fund in his memory sponsored by the American Museum of Natural History. In April, 1950, this totalled approximately \$37,000, all of which has been invested. As soon as the capital assets reach \$50,000, or perhaps before, it is proposed to expend the annual income in support of ornithological research.

Admirers of Dr. Chapman may contribute by drawing checks to the "Chapman Memorial Fund" and sending them to the American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th Street, New York 24, N. Y. Contributions are deductible under the Federal Income Tax regulations, and small gifts are welcomed. Upon request, the Museum will supply inquirers with a circular of information about the fund and the uses to which the income will be applied.

IN these times of high costs of publication (and often reduced incomes from invested funds), many organizations are having difficulty in carrying on their publications. This is particularly true in ornithology where the interest has increased so

greatly in the last decade. Therefore, manuscripts must be worked, reworked, and "polished" until the necessary and desired information is presented in the clearest and most concise manner possible. Extraneous references to the literature should be omitted; quoted material should be held to a minimum. Also of concern to editors is the duplication in which manuscripts are simultaneously sent to more than one journal and even published in two different periodicals; repetition such as this is a waste of our limited funds and may prevent the appearance of original material.

THE sixty-eighth stated meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union will be held October 9 to 13, 1950, at Minneapolis, Minnesota. Hosts for the meeting will be the Minnesota Ornithologists' Union and the University of Minnesota. Public sessions will be held October 10 to 12, 1950, at the Minnesota Museum of Natural History on the Minneapolis campus of the University of Minnesota. Headquarters hotel will be the St. Paul Hotel, 363 St. Peter St., St. Paul, Minnesota. Special attention is called to the fact that the annual banquet will be held at the Coffman Memorial Union ballroom on the University campus on Tuesday evening, October 10. It has been customary in the past to have the banquet on a Wednesday night. Dr. W. J. Breckenridge of the Museum of Natural History is chairman of the Local Committee on Arrangements.

Titles of papers and motion pictures for presentation at the meeting must be in the Secretary's hands not later than September 1. The title of each paper must be accompanied by a brief abstract of the paper's contents and a statement concerning the time desired for delivery and the kind of projection facilities needed, if any. The title of each motion picture should be accompanied by a brief description of the film's subject matter and a statement concerning the total footage and the time required for projection and commentary.

Papers and motion pictures submitted for presentation will be reviewed by the Committee on Communications. Abstracts of papers chosen for presentation will be mimeographed and made available at the meeting. It is important, therefore, that all abstracts be carefully prepared by the authors.

THE Wilson Ornithological Club held its thirty-first annual meeting on April 28 and 29, 1950, at the State 4-H Camp, Jackson's Mill, West Virginia. Attending the meeting were 320 members and guests from 19 states and one province of Canada. Twenty-six papers were presented during four half-day sessions.

This meeting was unusual and particularly enjoyable because it was held in a beautiful rural setting among the West Virginia hills. Early spring flowers were blooming and leaves were beginning to emerge on trees and shrubs. Pileated and Red-bellied Woodpeckers were nesting within a stone's throw of the meeting hall, and the Carolina Wren and Bachman's Sparrow were singing nearby. Each dawn and each intermission between sessions was an invitation to a field trip right on the camp grounds.

Maurice Brooks succeeded Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr., as President of the club. David E. Davis resigned as editor of "The Wilson Bulletin," and George M. Sutton was elected to this position effective with the issue of September, 1950.

WORD has been received of the death of H. B. Conover in Chicago on May 5, 1950. LOUIS B. BISHOP passed away on April 3, 1950, in Pasadena, California, at the age of 50.