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NOTES AND NEWS

Through the generosity of Mrs. Tucker, the funds available for the Marcia B. Tucker Award in Ornithology have been increased this year. These funds are used to assist promising young ornithologists in attending the annual meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union. With the increase in funds, the award this year will be extended to two or more people. The amount in each instance will depend upon the distance to be traveled.

Any member may nominate people for this award. Nominees need not be members, but it is hoped that they may intend to present papers at the meeting. Information should include the following items:

1. Name, age, and address of nominee.
2. Education and experience of nominee.
3. Statement by the sponsor about the capabilities, special interests, and financial need of the nominee.

This information should be sent to the Secretary (Harold Mayfield, 2557 Portsmouth Ave., Toledo 13, Ohio) not later than August 1, 1955. The officers of the A.O.U. will serve as a committee to name the awardees.

ARTHUR CLEVELAND BENT'S LIFE HISTORIES OF NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS

Some years ago Mr. Bent, who died on December 30, 1954, arranged with James Lee Peters, at that time President of the Nuttall Ornithological Club, to have that organization agree to sponsor preparation of the remaining Life Histories should such action prove necessary. More recently, Mr. Bent had the Club appoint me Chairman with free hand to choose my own Committee, and in May, 1954, he turned his work over to the Committee. Members are: Mrs. A. C. Bent, Dr. Alfred O. Gross, William G. F. Harris, Dr. Frederick C. Lincoln, Dr. Robert A. Norris, Christopher M. Packard, Dr. Lawrence H. Walkinshaw, and myself. Contributions of material and photographs will be welcome as before and may be sent to the most convenient member of the Committee.

It is hoped the volume on the Icteridae will go to the printer in the spring of 1955. No change in format is planned.

Wendell Taber, Chairman,
Bent Life History Committee,
Nuttall Ornithological Club