

NOTES AND NEWS

Mrs. Harriet Buchheister, wife of Carl W. Buchheister, President of the National Audubon Society, has an appeal that she hopes will bring help from readers of *The Auk*. For several years she has been working with crippled or blind and otherwise handicapped children and bringing joy and instruction into their lives by letting them learn birds by handling bird skins and mounted specimens. Unfortunately, the specimens wear out and need to be renewed occasionally. Will all those who collect and have extra specimens—either prepared skins or mounted ones—please send them to Mrs. Buchheister at 1239 Madison Avenue, New York City, New York. If new fresh skins or mounts are made, she asks you please to use borax instead of arsenic in their preparation and indicate same. —JOHN K. TERRES, *National Audubon Society, 1130 Fifth Avenue, New York 28, New York.*

The American Museum of Natural History, New York 24, New York, announces that a postdoctoral fellowship for one year will be available in its Department of Birds, beginning on 1 October 1960. Inquiries may be directed to the Chairman, Department of Birds.

The Biological Photographic Association will hold its 30th annual meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, 23–26 August 1960. Headquarters will be at the Hotel Utah Motor Lodge. All persons interested in biological photography are invited to attend (membership not necessary). For further information write Howard E. Tribe, Division of Medical Illustration, University of Utah, Salt Lake City. The B.P.A. is an international organization and the only one of its kind in the United States.

A conference on the potential role of birds in the epidemiology of certain viruses affecting man was held at the National Institutes of Health on April 4, 1960. The purpose was to bring ornithologists and virologists together in a joint effort to suggest solutions for these problems. A result of the discussions was recognition that many ornithological aspects need more research. For example, dates of arrival and of departure, numbers of migrants, distribution in South America and in southern United States, and also several physiological aspects are important problems that ornithologists might explore in more detail. The Public Health Service supports basic research that often has intrinsic ornithological value. Information about applications for grants may be obtained from: Research Grants Division, U.S. Public Health Service, Bethesda 14, Maryland. The ornithologists present at the conference were David E. Davis, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania; Mr. Allan Duvall, Patuxent Research Refuge, Laurel, Maryland; Mr. William H. Gunn, Ontario Society of Naturalists, Toronto, Canada; and Dr. Herbert Friedmann, U.S. National Museum, Washington 25, D.C.