

NOTES AND NEWS

At the Eightieth Stated Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union, held at Salt Lake City, Utah, 20-24 August 1962, the following were elected to special classes of membership: William J. Beecher, Philip S. Humphrey, Robert J. Newman, and Robert K. Selander, *Fellows*; Niko Tinbergen, *Honorary Fellow*; Friedrich Goethe, A. I. Ivanov, Maria Koepcke, and John Winterbottom, *Corresponding Fellows*; Walter Bock, Crawford H. Greenewalt, Lawrence Kilham, George W. Salt, Paul Slud, and Richard L. Zusi, *Elective Members*; Charles K. Nichols, *Honorary Life Elective Member*; Frank Walters, *Patron*. Officers elected or continued in service for 1962-63 appear on the inside front cover of this issue of *The Auk*. Albert Wolfson received the Brewster Award. A full report of the meeting will appear in the April issue.

At the above-mentioned meeting, Gainesville, Florida, was confirmed as the site of the Eighty-first Stated Meeting of the Union, to be held 12-17 August 1963 with the University of Florida as the host organization. J. C. Dickenson is Chairman of the Local Committee on Arrangements, other members of which are Oliver L. Austin, Jr., Pierce Brodtkorb, and E. G. F. Sauer. Fuller details will be published later.

A sum of \$775.28 is available in 1963 for research grants from the Josselyn Van Tyne Memorial Fund. Any student of birds is invited to apply for part or all of this amount. Young men or women just starting their careers, or others not eligible for grants from government or other agencies, are especially invited to apply.

Ten duplicate copies of applications should be submitted for distribution to members of the Research Committee, who will determine how the funds will be distributed. The applicant should give a full description of the proposed research, the type of help required, amount of money desired, and the background and training of the applicant. A letter of support from one or more recognized ornithologists would be helpful.

Applications should be submitted not later than 1 June 1963, to John T. Emlen, Jr., Department of Zoology, Birge Hall, The University of Wisconsin, Madison 6, Wisconsin.

The Louis Agassiz Fuertes Research Grant, established in 1947, is devoted to the encouragement and stimulation of young ornithologists. One particular desire is the development of research interests among amateur ornithologists. Any kind of ornithological research may be aided. Recipients of grants need not be associated with academic organizations. Each proposal is considered primarily on the basis of possible contributions to ornithological knowledge.

An anonymous donor gave \$500 to found the fund; later donors have provided some \$600. The Council of the Wilson Ornithological Society has added funds as necessary to provide at least one \$100 grant annually.

Although grantees are not required to publish their studies in *The Wilson Bulletin*, it is hoped that they will submit their manuscripts to the Editor of the *Bulletin* for consideration.

Since its inception the Fuertes Research Grant has been awarded to the following persons, many of whom have continued their research work: 1948, L. R. Mewaldt; 1949, S. W. Eaton; 1950, H. E. Childs, B. E. Harrell, A. J. Petersen, H. B. Tordoff; 1951, H. I. Cogswell; 1952, R. W. Nero; 1953 (none); 1954, W. C. Dilger; 1955, R. G. Wolk; 1956, J. B. Millar, L. L. Short, Jr.; 1957, M. (Mrs. R.) Ficken; 1958, H. D. Mahan; 1959 (none); 1960, R. T. Lynn; 1961, F. (Mrs. D.) James; 1962, D. Heintzelman.

Application forms may be obtained from Harvey I. Fisher, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois. Completed applications must be received by 1 March 1963.

Younger ornithologists oriented toward biometrical work may be interested to know that in 1961 a training program in Biomathematics was initiated in the Institute of Statistics at North Carolina State College. This program, made possible with the aid of a grant from the National Institutes of Health, offers training at both the doctoral and post-doctoral levels. It is the purpose of the Biomathematics program to promote competence in the applications of mathematics to biology and in the development of biological theory by integrated study of biology, mathematics, statistics, and the physical sciences.

The program is under the direction of Dr. H. L. Lucas. It is quite flexible and the degree, Doctor of Philosophy, can be granted in any one of several areas. Graduate assistantships and post-doctoral fellowships are available within the program, but persons anticipating support from outside sources are also invited to apply. Information may be obtained by writing to Dr. James H. Meade, Jr., Institute of Statistics, P. O. Box 5457, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Taking advantage of a singular concentration of many thousands of Cattle Egrets in east-central Florida (especially Brevard County), interested observers are conducting a banding project on the young birds. In addition to the usual U. S. F. & W. S. aluminum bands on one leg, brightly colored plastic bands are placed on the other leg. In 1961 red bands were used; in 1962, blue bands; in coming years other colors will be employed. This provides an opportunity for identification of birds at a distance.

At present little is known of the migration, seasonal movements, or nesting cycles of this newcomer to the country. Through this banding operation it is hoped that some knowledge of these, and other, habits may be secured. Success will depend on the cooperation of people throughout the country who may be good enough to report banded Cattle Egrets seen, with dates, localities, and colors of bands. Reports should be mailed to A. E. Ellis, Box 38, Route 2, Merritt Island, Florida.

Numbers 2 and 3 (in one issue) of Volume 2 of the *Bio-Acoustics Bulletin*, being those for April-June and July-September, 1962, have been released by the Laboratory of Ornithology at Cornell University. Pp. 13-17 are devoted to "Avian bio-acoustics 1960 and 1961," by Wesley E. Lanyon, a thorough and informative review of the literature. This comparatively new source, offset in blue on light blue paper, is edited by William R. Fish and should be of interest to the growing number of workers studying animal sounds.

According to J. C. George, Editor (Department of Zoology, M. S. University, Faculty of Science, Baroda, India), it is hoped that the first number of *Pavo, The Indian Journal of Ornithology*, will appear in March, 1963. This will be a semi-annual (March, September) publication of the Society of Animal Morphologists and Physiologists and will be priced at \$3.00 per year.

The editor has learned of the death, at Rockbridge Alum Springs, Goshen, Virginia, on 23 July 1962, of Harold H. Bailey (born 1878), an Associate Member of the A. O. U. from 1903 to 1915 and author of semi-popular works on *The birds of Virginia* (1913) and *The birds of Florida* (1924). The late Mr. Bailey's father (H. B. Bailey) was one of the Founders of the A. O. U.

Frank McKinney, since 1955 editor of *The Auk's* section on "Recent Literature," has resigned, with the conclusion of vol. 79, from this demanding and comparatively thankless position in which he has served three editors and the entire membership well. He deserves the thanks of the A. O. U. His task has now been assumed by John William Hardy.

The annual meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Society will be held at Charleston, South Carolina, 2-5 May 1963, with headquarters at the Fort Sumter Hotel. Members of the A. O. U. desiring further information or wishing to present papers should write to Pershing B. Hofslund, Secretary of the Wilson Ornithological Society, Biology Department, University of Minnesota, Duluth 12.

The annual meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society will be held in Austin, Texas, 18-21 April 1963.

Robert J. Newman, Treasurer of the A. O. U. (Museum of Zoology, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge 3), wishes to announce that reserve stocks of the January, April, and July, 1962, issues of *The Auk* are perilously low. He will gladly provide a self-addressed mailing container and return postage to any member or subscriber possessing surplus or un-needed copies of these issues.

OBITUARIES

GEORGE CHRISTOFFEL ALEXANDER JUNGE, elected a Corresponding Fellow of the A. O. U. in 1939, died unexpectedly on 3 February 1962 at the age of 56 years. As Curator of the famous bird collections of the Leiden Museum, editor of *Ardea*, head of bird banding in Holland, and member and chairman of numerous committees, he has had a great influence on ornithology in the Netherlands. Although Junge published on various zoological subjects (particularly endocrinology and mammalogy), he was best known for a series of excellent systematic-faunistic studies on the birds of New Guinea, of various parts of Indonesia, and of the West Indies. His modesty, cheerfulness, and extraordinary helpfulness made him one of the best liked personalities in international ornithology. He will be missed and long remembered.—ERNST MAYR.

STERLING GENE CLAWSON numbered among his scientific enthusiasms a growing interest in birds, becoming a Member of the A. O. U. in 1962. On 4 August 1962 he was killed by lightning at Pascagoula, Mississippi, while engaged in his newly favorite pursuit—the study of nesting terns on the Gulf coast. Undoubtedly, he was visiting the tern colony where he met his death to inspect a nest of the Common Tern which we had found only a few days before.

Sterling was born on 11 July 1932, at Little Rock, Arkansas. He received his B.A. at Florida State University in 1956 and his M.S. at Auburn University in 1959. From then until his death he served as Wildlife Biologist in the Mississippi Game and Fish Commission, living at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.—LOVETT E. WILLIAMS, JR.