

NOTES AND NEWS

Again through the generosity of the Marcia Brady Tucker Foundation, Inc., we are in a position to award funds to assist promising young ornithologists to attend the annual (Eighty-first Stated) meeting of The American Ornithologists' Union at Gainesville, Florida (12-17 August 1963). The amount granted will depend upon distance to be traveled and personal need. Any member may nominate candidates. It is not required that awardees present papers at the meeting, but since some may wish to apply for a position on the program, it is important that nominations be in hand *not later than 10 May 1963*.

Please send to the Secretary (Dr. Lawrence H. Walkinshaw, 1703 Wolverine Tower, Battle Creek, Michigan) the following information: (1) name, age, and address of the nominee; (2) education and experience of the nominee; (3) a statement by the sponsor on the capabilities, special interest, and financial need of the nominee.

It was decided at the close of the XIII International Ornithological Congress at Ithaca, New York, that the next Congress would be held in Great Britain in 1966, with Dr. David Lack as President. At a meeting of the British members of the International Ornithological Committee, Dr. N. Tinbergen was elected Secretary-General and, after full consideration of various possibilities, it was decided to hold the Congress at Oxford in late July.

In view of the further decision of the full International Committee that the 1966 Congress need not be preceded nor followed by excursions, the British Executive Committee decided that, if it proved practicable, only one excursion would be organized, a week's cruise of Scottish seabird islands, in a ship of sufficient size to accommodate most members of the Congress. The provisional dates are: 16-23 July 1966 for the cruise and 24-30 July for the meeting in Oxford.

The British Executive Committee has graciously acknowledged a check of \$200.00 already received from The American Ornithologists' Union towards the cost of the next Congress and advises that, if other organizations wish to contribute, checks should be sent to the Treasurer, Mr. A. G. S. Bryson, 7, Forres Street, Edinburgh 3, Scotland.

The South African Ornithological Society intends to organize the Second Pan-African Ornithological Congress from 21 to 25 September 1964. The Congress will be held at Pietermaritzburg, Natal, and will be preceded and succeeded by excursions. Further particulars will be announced later. Interim enquiries may be addressed to The Honorary Secretary, South African Ornithological Society, c/o Percy FitzPatrick Institute of African Ornithology, University of Cape Town, Rondebosch, C. P., South Africa.

The XVI International Congress of Zoology will be held at Washington, D. C., 20-27 August 1963, with a varied program, much of which should be of interest to ornithologists. Headquarters will be at the Shoreham and Sheraton Park hotels. Although the arrangements are approaching completion at this writing and the original deadlines for registration have already passed, it is possible that a few late registrations may be accepted at the time this issue of *The Auk* is published. Those interested should address the Secretariat, XVI International Congress of Zoology, 2201 Constitution Avenue, Washington 25, D. C., U.S.A.

The American Museum of Natural History announces grants and fellowships from the Frank M. Chapman Memorial Fund for 1962 totaling \$84,000.00.

Chapman Fellowships were awarded to: Douglas Lancaster, Studies of tinamous; Lester Short, Variation and effects of hybridization in North American flickers.

The first Elsie Binger Naumburg Fellowship was awarded to Alexander Skutch for continued studies of tropical American birds.

Chapman Grants were awarded to: Godofredo Alcasid, Birds of Mindoro Island, Philippines; James Ambrose, Ecological relationships of the Curve-billed and Bendire's thrashers; Glenn Aumann, Distribution of birds in the boreal forest of Canada; H. R. Chrest, Populational ecology of the Bald Eagle in Alaska; Charles Collins, Comparative biology of two species of swifts in Trinidad; Eugene Eisenmann, Study of birds in Panama; Bill Forsyth, Bird migration on the Gulf coast of Texas; Herbert Friedmann, Evolution in the genus *Clamator*; Frank Gill, Species recognition in the Blue-winged Warbler; Peter Grant, Ecology and speciation of certain birds of the Tres Marias Islands; Helen Hays, Life history and behavior of the Ruddy Duck; H. Albert Hochbaum, Study of prairie marshes; Mrs. Douglas James, Birds of Arkansas; Roy Johnson, Distribution and interrelationships of Indigo and Lazuli buntings; Erwin Klaas, Population ecology of the Eastern Phoebe; Wesley E. Lanyon, *Myiarchus* flycatchers of the West Indies; R. Charles Long, Study of the African Violet Starling; James Lowther, Evolution and polymorphism within the genus *Zonotrichia*; Charles MacInnes, Variation and distribution of small Canada Geese in the eastern Arctic; Daniel McKinley, History of the Carolina Parakeet; Mrs. C. R. Nelson, Painting of day-old young of North American waterfowl; James Northern, Hybridization in Brazilian tanagers of the genus *Ramphocelus*; Kenneth Parkes, Birds of Leyte Island; Richard Phillips, Role of the forebrain in stereotyped behavior of the parrot genus *Agapornis*; William Southern, Use of telemetry in studying seasonal dispersal and movements of the Bald Eagle; Alexander Sprunt, IV, Ecology of the White-crowned Pigeon in Florida Bay; Kenneth Stager, Study of the genus *Picumnus*; James Tanner, Study of the Imperial Woodpecker of Mexico; Charles Vaurie, Research in European museums; Dale Zimmerman, Population studies of East African forest birds.

Funds were awarded to the following to help them to attend the XIII International Ornithological Congress in Ithaca and to study collections at The American Museum of Natural History: C. W. Benson, B. Biswas, J. I. Borrero, W. R. P. Bourne, J. Ibarra, F. C. Lehmann, R. Liversidge, J. D. Macdonald, D. L. Serventy, B. Stonehouse, D. D. B. Summers, P. Won, and Y. Yamashina. U. S. graduate students helped to attend the International Congress were: V. Heig, P. Kahl, R. Lasiewski, E. Martin, M. Morton, J. Olson, F. Tompa, and E. Urban.

John K. Terres (P. O. Box 571, Chapel Hill, North Carolina) advises that the biographical section of an extensive work in progress, to be entitled *Encyclopedia of American birds*, may well be of some use to members of the A.O.U. In order to make this section more complete, he earnestly solicits such separata of biographies of ornithologists as anyone can send him, especially those from obscure, and consequently easily overlooked, sources.

The Committee on Student Awards announces that the following have received Student Memberships in the A.O.U. for 1963: Bertin Walter Anderson, University of Minnesota; Ernest A. Boykins, Michigan State University; I. Lehr Brisbin, Jr., University of Georgia; Thomas Alfred Burns, University of Nevada; Sumner Wolcott Dana, Pennsylvania State University; Charles Andrew Davis, Oklahoma State University; David Frank DeLap, Jr., Montana State College; Donald Archie Donaldson, University of Idaho; Billy Joe Forsyth, University of Arkansas; Merrill Jean Frydendall, Utah State University; Nicholas Robert Holler, University of Missouri;

Kevin Edmond Kelleher, University of British Columbia; Mark Ford Knudsen, University of Redlands; James Ray Koplin, Colorado State University; Gary Davis Lloyd, University of Utah; James Pinson Ludwig, University of Michigan; Ralph Dennis Morris, University of Colorado; William Harold Nesbitt, North Carolina State College; David Roy Osborne, Michigan State University; Garland Burnis Pardue, North Carolina State College; Laurence Taylor Penny, San Francisco State College; Dennis Michael Power, Occidental College; Lazlo Retfalvi, University of British Columbia; Ann Rosenlof, University of Redlands; Robert Louis Rumsey, Utah State University; Terry Allen Schulz, San Francisco State College; Dennis Sherwin, Georgetown University; Benjamin Raymond Simard, University of British Columbia; James Garfield Spaulding, Kalamazoo College; Richard Reuben Tenaza, San Francisco State College; John Philip Tramontano, University of Arizona; Kees Vermeer, University of British Columbia; François Vuilleumier, Harvard University; David Arnold White, Brigham Young University; Mary Frances Willson, University of Washington.

OBITUARY

CHARLES KETCHAM NICHOLS was born in Arden, New York, in 1880 and died in Ridgewood, New Jersey, where he had long resided, on 26 August 1962. He is survived by his wife and three sons. Mr. Nichols was an engineer with the Consolidated Edison Company of New York. After a successful career, he retired in 1938 at a comparatively early age to devote his energies to his various hobbies, in particular ornithology. Curiously, his interest in birds had been aroused while accompanying one of his sons, who was seeking to qualify for a Boy Scout merit badge.

Mr. Nichols came as a volunteer to The American Museum of Natural History where after a few years he was appointed Research Associate and Honorary Librarian, a position he held until his death.

Charlie Nichols was always a most helpful individual. Perhaps others tended to take advantage of this; at any rate he performed many such time-consuming tasks as cataloguing the books and the New World types at the Museum's Department of Ornithology, compiling the ten-year index of *The Auk*, 1941-1950 (after George Willett's death), and acting as Regional Editor for nearly 20 years of the Hudson-St. Lawrence Region reports for *Audubon Field Notes*. But despite the long, patient hours spent in his offices at the Museum and at home he continued active participation in field work, both locally and at his summer place near Fryeburg, Maine. He was active in the A.O.U., of which he was an Honorary Life Elective Member (a special recognition extended in 1962), in the Urner Club, and in the Linnaean Society of New York. Of the last he was president from 1941 through 1943.

C. K. Nichols was a man of sturdy, independent character and quiet, steadfast charm. In his passing his many friends have suffered a real loss.—D. AMADON.

CORRIGENDUM

In *The Auk*, vol. 79, no. 4, p. 643, line 25 (October, 1962), a specimen of *Rhodinocichla* from Sinaloa, Mexico, is reported as taken at "Esquintla"; the locality should read "Esquinapa."—EUGENE EISENMANN.