

## NOTES AND NEWS

With the deepest regret we announce the death of our Treasurer, Burt Leavelle Monroe, Sr., at Anchorage, Kentucky, on 17 May 1968. A memorial detailing his many services to the Union will appear in a subsequent issue of *The Auk*.

During May, June, and July, Ring-billed Gulls from three Great Lakes colonies will be wing-marked with 1.5 inch-diameter "Safeflag" tags. Each colony is represented by a specific color. An attempt is being made to determine the dispersal pattern, migration route, and winter range of each population. Anyone observing such wing-marked gulls is asked to notify Dr. William E. Southern, Department of Biological Sciences, Northern Illinois University, De Kalb, Illinois 60115. The following information is desired: date, exact location, marker color, and the observer's name. Assistance in this project will be greatly appreciated. Respondents will be sent information pertaining to colony locations and the date of marking.

The South African Ornithological Society intends to organize the Third Pan-African Ornithological Congress from 15 to 19 September 1969. The Congress will be held at Pretoriuskop, in the Kruger National Park, South Africa. Further particulars will be announced later. Interim inquiries may be addressed to:

The Hon. Secretary,  
South African Ornithological Society,  
c/o Percy Fitzpatrick Institute,  
University of Cape Town,  
Rondebosch, Cape Town,  
South Africa

### A.O.U. DUES INCREASE

Action of the Council 18 June 1968, raised dues for membership in the A.O.U. to \$8.00 per year, effective with the mailing of dues notices by the Treasurer in September. The cost of a Life Membership will thus automatically be increased to \$240.00. Members are advised that Life Membership at the current rate may still be obtained by a letter to the Treasurer accompanied by payment of either the full amount of \$150.00 or the first of four consecutive annual installments of \$37.50 before 30 September 1968.

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