

NOTES AND NEWS

Dr. Herbert Friedmann of the United States National Museum has been appointed Director of the Los Angeles County Museum. He will assume his duties in Los Angeles on April 1, 1961.

Dr. Oliver L. Austin, Jr., of the Florida State Museum has been appointed by the Nuttall Ornithological Club as chairman of its committee on the Bent Life Histories. He succeeds the late Wendell Taber who had worked with great vigor and excellent results in bringing the life history series near completion.

As a result of a generous bequest from Elsie Binger Naumburg, who, with her late husband, Walter W. Naumburg, founded the Frank M. Chapman Memorial Fund, it is now possible to expand the Fund's program. In addition to cash grants in support of research, ornithological fellowships with a tenure of one year will be awarded. Applicants need not be residents of the United States. It is expected that recipients will carry out research at the American Museum of Natural History, although in exceptional circumstances they might do so at one of the Museum's Field Stations or elsewhere.

Grants will ordinarily be made in March and October, and applications should be in hand by the first of these months. They should outline the proposed research, the applicant's qualifications, provide a budget when necessary, and, for graduate students, include one or two supporting letters. Non-expendable equipment will, at the discretion of the Committee, remain the property of the Museum. If specimens are collected, it is expected that all or some of them will revert to the Museum. A copy of any published result of research supported by the Chapman Fund should be sent to the Chairman, and will, it is hoped, give credit for the aid so received.

Applications for fellowships or for grants in support of research should be sent to the Chairman, Frank M. Chapman Memorial Fund Committee, American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West, New York 24, New York.

The Division of Biological and Medical Sciences of the National Science Foundation announces that the next closing date for receipt of basic research proposals in the Life Sciences is May 15, 1961. Proposals received prior to that date will be reviewed at the summer meetings of the Foundation's advisory panels and disposition will be made approximately four months following the

closing date. Proposals received after the May 15, 1961, closing date will be reviewed following the fall closing date of September 15, 1961. Inquiries should be addressed to the Biological and Medical Sciences Division, National Science Foundation, Washington 25, D.C.

The Josselyn Van Tyne Memorial Fund will have a sum of \$300 available for research awards at the end of the fiscal year, July 31, 1961. Any student of birds is invited to apply for part or all of this amount.

Ten duplicate copies are desired for distribution to members of the Research Committee who will determine how the funds will be allotted. The application should give a full description of the proposed research, the type of help required (equipment, travel, assistance, etc.), the amount of money desired, and the background and training of the applicant. With young men or women just starting their careers, a supporting letter from one or more recognized ornithologists would be helpful.

Applications should be submitted not later than June 1, 1961, to S. C. Kendeigh, Vivarium Building, University of Illinois, Wright and Healey Sts., Champaign, Illinois.

Programs of divisional meetings of the Cooper Ornithological Society in the latter part of 1960 included the following: in Berkeley, Daniel C. Wilhoft, "A Biological 'Walkabout' in Australia," October 6; L. Richard Mewaldt and Martin L. Morton, "Comparative Reactions of Migratory and Non-migratory White-crowned Sparrows to Like Environmental Conditions," November 3; Richard T. Holmes, "Some Observations on Birds of the Pribilof Islands, Alaska," December 1.

In Los Angeles: Steve F. Briggs, "Birds of Southern Florida" and "Gannets of the Gaspé Peninsula," September 28; Kenneth C. Parkes, "Hybridization Between Different Genera of Birds, with Special Reference to the Manakins," October 26; M. Dale Arvey, "The Status of Ornithology in Colombia," November 30.

Officers of the Southern Division of the Society for 1961 are: M. Dale Arvey, President; Don Bleitz, First Vice-president; Herbert Friedmann, Second Vice-president; N. E. Collias, Secretary. For the Northern Division: Howard L. Cogswell, President; L. Richard Mewaldt, First Vice-president; Robert I. Bowman, Second Vice-president; Ned K. Johnson, Secretary.