

NOTES AND NEWS

The editors of the *Condor* take this occasion to state policy concerning the length and cost of articles that may be published in the journal without subsidy. This is the outgrowth of informal procedures evolved over the past several years. We regard it appropriate to publish acceptable items without charge to the author or his institution if these do not exceed 20 printed pages. If our initial estimate of length of the article proves to be faulty and the published length slightly exceeds 20 pages, we will not retroactively request subsidy. The editors also reserve the right to require subsidy for especially numerous illustrations and tables in papers of even lesser length. Readers of the *Condor* may therefore assume that long papers appearing in the journal which were submitted after January of 1963 have had some subsidy whether or not this is acknowledged. In view of the present costs of printing, a payment of \$20 per page for the excess is called for.

The *Condor* has for years sought to avoid the unfortunate aspects of page charges to authors. We do not wish to penalize the author, whether amateur or professional, who has no research grant, institutional support, or independent means which he may draw upon. By setting the 20-page limit, we believe occasions will only rarely arise when the author cannot appropriately condense his account and avoid the matter of subsidy. On the other hand, by making it possible through subsidy to print longer or more costly articles, the editors will insist rigorously on the usual qualities of conciseness and significance. In short, one cannot buy extra space when this is not necessary in the judgment of the editors. We do expect to continue publishing long major papers where the importance of the research justifies, as we have done for a number of years. But this will be done with the aid of special contributions, a necessity now in view of high printing costs.—A.H.M.

Members of the Cooper Society are reminded again of the plans for the annual meeting in 1963 in Austin, Texas. These are set for April 18 to 21.

The South African Ornithological Society intends to organize the Second Pan-African Ornithological Congress to convene September 21 to 25, 1964. The Congress will be held at Pietermaritzburg, Natal, and will be preceded and succeeded by excursions.

A special invitation has been issued to the Cooper Ornithological Society by the Wilson Ornithological Society to take part in a meeting commemorating its seventy-fifth anniversary this year, May 2-5. The meeting will be held in Charleston, South Carolina. Further information may be obtained from the Secretary of the Wilson Society, Pershing B. Hoflund, Biology Department, University of Minnesota.

In the year 1962 the editors of the *Condor* have been assisted by many persons not formally recorded on the title page of the volume for that year. It is a pleasure to record the extensive aid in proof reading by Hans Peeters and Larry Wolf. Editorial appraisals from persons outside our current advisory panel have been most helpful and we mention accordingly with thanks the aid provided by Richard C. Banks, Richard T. Holmes, Eugene Kridler, A. Starker Leopold, Peter Marler, David B. Marshall, and Austin L. Rand.

Beginning in 1963 Keith L. Dixon has agreed to a term of service on the Editorial Advisory Committee. This board, which has rotating membership, helps in appraisal of some of the manuscripts under consideration and is further charged with assisting in encouraging the submission of particularly significant material to the journal.