

NEWS AND NOTES

The Board of Directors of the Cooper Ornithological Society recently authorized the implementation in *The Condor* of new advertising policies recommended by the Board of Governors. Henceforth *The Condor* will charge competitive rates for the publication of commercial advertisements. An announcement of rates, space dimensions, and acceptable formats will appear in the next issue of the journal.

The Board of Directors also approved a recommendation to terminate the "bulletin-board" service customarily printed on the inside back cover of *The Condor*. The Editor plans to implement this decision with the first issue of the journal in 1968. Until the time of the Annual Meeting in April of 1967 he will be glad to receive expressions of opinion from members concerning the retention or deletion of this service.

The Next A.O.U. Check-list of North American Birds. The A.O.U. Committee on Classification and Nomenclature, with the acquiescence of the Council, has decided to extend the area of the next A.O.U. Check-list to cover all of geographic North America through Panamá and including the West Indies. Hawaii will also be treated, possibly by way of an appendix.

As a contribution to the project, ornithologists are requested to send to the Chairman of the Committee, at the address given below, copies of their papers affecting the distribution, classification, nomenclature, or ecology of birds in the area of the forthcoming Check-list, where they involve changes from the treatment in the last A.O.U. Check-list or in currently used distributional works dealing with Middle America, the West Indies, or Hawaii. To facilitate filing and reference it would be appreciated if at least two copies of each paper were sent where more than one species is treated.

Unpublished corrections of the last Check-list would also be useful, provided the information relating to each species is submitted on a separate sheet or card, with clear indication of the situs of any specimen involved or of the literature or other data relied upon. Unpublished sight observations are not solicited, because the A.O.U. Committee is in no position to screen them, and the A.O.U. Check-list cannot include the details on which they might be judged by others.—EUGENE EISENMANN, *Chairman, A.O.U.*

Committee on Classification and Nomenclature, The American Museum of Natural History, New York, New York 10024.

Louis Agassiz Fuertes Research Grant. This 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. Since its inception, the Fuertes Research Grant has been awarded to 22 persons, many of whom have continued their research work.

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.

Application forms may be obtained from Harrison B. Tordoff, Museum of Zoology, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103. Completed applications must be received by 1 March 1967.

International Cooperation for the Study of Energy Flow through Sparrow Populations. A special meeting was held on 27 July 1966 at the XIV International Ornithological Congress to organize international cooperation in the study of geographic and climatic variations in the morphological, physiological, and ecological adaptations of the House Sparrow, *Passer domesticus*, and Tree Sparrow, *P. montanus*, throughout the world. Special attention will be given to the measurement of energy flow through sparrow populations and their economic meaning in various regions in connection with the International Biological Programme.

Correspondence from persons interested in the project will be welcomed.—DR. JAN PINOWSKI, *Chairman of Committee, Working Group of Granivorous Birds, PT Section, International Biological Programme, Warszawa, Nowy Swiat 72, Poland.*

The Editors are grateful for the exceptional generosity of Jane R. Durham in accepting, at midyear, the task of preparing the Annual Index to *The Condor*. The journal has long benefited from Mrs. Durham's editorial skill, often provided, as in the present case, on a voluntary basis.

The office of the North American Nest-Record Card Program (Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, 33 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, New

York 14850) wishes to remind collaborators that record cards for the 1966 breeding season should be submitted as soon as possible.

At the regular bimonthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society held on 6 October 1966 at Berkeley Stephen MacLean was the principal speaker. His topic was "Ecological Investigations at Point Barrow, Alaska."

COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES RESULTING
FROM THE CASH TRANSACTIONS

DECEMBER 31, 1965

ASSETS:

Cash		\$ 34,203
Investment in securities (market value—\$239,802) (Note):		
U. S. government securities	\$ 25,073	
Corporate bonds	48,789	
Common stocks	134,796	208,658
		<u>\$ 242,861</u>

FUND BALANCES:

General Publication Fund	\$ 2,009
Avifauna Fund	10,306
Endowment Fund (Note)	230,546
	<u>\$ 242,861</u>

SUMMARY OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
AND RESULTANT FUND BALANCES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1965

	FUNDS			Total
	General publication	Avifauna	Endowment	
Cash receipts:				
Dues and life memberships	\$ 6,647	\$ -	\$ 2,035	\$ 8,682
Other subscriptions and sales of publications	4,097	1,600	-	5,697
Contributions	1,639	-	81	1,720
Dividends and interest	9,332	-	-	9,332
Proceeds from sales of securities	-	-	77,952	77,952
	<u>21,715</u>	<u>1,600</u>	<u>80,068</u>	<u>103,383</u>
Cash disbursements:				
Publications costs	11,793	-	-	11,793
Administrative expenses:				
Awards	750	-	-	750
Professional fees	1,000	-	-	1,000
Investment expenses	1,830	-	-	1,830
Other	1,388	122	-	1,510
Purchase of securities	-	-	72,613	72,613
	<u>16,761</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>72,613</u>	<u>89,496</u>
Excess of cash receipts over disbursements	4,954	1,478	7,455	13,887
Fund balances at beginning of year	(2,945)	8,828	200,053	205,936
Increase in investment in securities	-	-	23,038*	23,038
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 2,009</u>	<u>\$ 10,306</u>	<u>\$ 230,546</u>	<u>\$ 242,861</u>

* Represents that portion of the gain (\$28,377) on sales of securities reinvested in securities (Note).

NOTE: Securities purchased by the Society are recorded at cost. Securities acquired at no cost to the Society are carried at zero. The securities are owned by the Endowment Fund. Proceeds from the sale of these securities are retained by the Endowment Fund. Earnings from these securities are used to defray expenses of the Society's publications.

JOHN WILLIAM HARDY, *Treasurer*