

NEWS AND NOTES

At the 85th Stated Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union held in Toronto in August 1967, the following officers were elected: President, Harold F. Mayfield; First Vice President, John W. Aldrich; Second Vice President, Eugene Eisenmann; Secretary, L. Richard Mewaldt; Editor of *The Auk*, Oliver L. Austin, Jr. Newly elected members of the Council are John Davis, Thomas R. Howell, Robert M. Mengel, and Pierce Brodtkorb.

LOUIS AGASSIZ FUERTES RESEARCH GRANTS

The Louis Agassiz Fuertes Research Grants, established in 1947, are devoted to the encouragement and stimulation of young ornithologists. A particular desire is the development of research interests among amateur ornithologists. Any kind of ornithological research can 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.

An anonymous donor gave \$500 to found the fund; later donors have provided additional money, which is augmented by the Council of the Wilson Ornithological Society as necessary to provide at least one \$100 grant annually. Two grants were made in 1966 and again in 1967, bringing the total to 24 since the inception of the fund.

Application forms can be obtained from Harrison B. Tordoff, Museum of Zoology, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104. Completed applications must be received by 1 March 1968.

ARTHUR A. ALLEN AWARD

Roger Tory Peterson was honored at Cornell University on 15 September 1967 as the first recipient of the Arthur A. Allen Award for distinguished service to ornithology. The award, in the form of a medal, was established by the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology through its administrative board in memory of Professor Allen, a prominent ornithologist and a teacher at Cornell for nearly 50 years.

NOTICE FOR BIRD BANDERS

A new line of color bands is available. The bands are manufactured in nine colors from P.V.C. plastic, and are represented as fade-free and wear-resistant for at least 10 years. Standard sizes range from 2 mm ID to 26 mm ID. Bands engraved to order are available from 13 mm ID to 26 mm ID. Two-color laminated bands can also be supplied. Additional details and a price list can be obtained from I. Dennison, 76 Carrhouse Drive, Framwellgate Moor, Co. Durham, England.

NEW FORMAT AND PUBLICATION SCHEDULE FOR THE CONDOR

In the initial year in the new format inaugurated in this number of *The Condor* the editors plan to publish about 400 pages of text in addition to the annual index and biennial membership list. This may be compared with about 600 pages of subject-matter

text published annually in the old format. Readers should not interpret this as a reduction in productivity. Because of its typographic economy, the new format will actually allow a small increase in published output while maintaining expenses relatively constant, temporarily, in the face of sharply rising costs of printing and attendant operations.

MEETINGS OF THE NORTHERN DIVISION

Recent meetings of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society at Berkeley have featured the following speakers and topics: Miklos D. F. Udvardy, "Certain distribution patterns of North American vertebrates" (5 October 1967); Robert I. Bowman, "Recent studies of Darwin's finches, illustrated with slides, movies, and tape recordings" (2 November 1967); Hartmut Walter, "Natural history of Eleonora's Falcon (*Falco eleonora*) on Crete" (7 December 1967); Carl B. Koford, "Wildlife of the deserts of northern Peru" (4 January 1968).

NEW ASSISTANT TREASURER

The Board of Directors of the Cooper Ornithological Society recently elected James G. Miller as Assistant Treasurer. Mr. Miller assumes the functions previously performed by Norman R. French. Orders for the Society's publications should be sent to Mr. Miller at the Department of Zoology, University of California, Los Angeles, California 90024. Membership applications and subscription orders for *The Condor* should be sent, as previously, to the Treasurer, Mrs. Jane R. Durham.

RESTORATION OF BROWN PELICANS

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission is interested in all possible means of restoration of the Brown Pelican as a breeding bird along the northern coast of the Gulf of Mexico. Anyone having experience in rearing or keeping pelicans in captivity, or knowing of successful breeding of these birds, is urged to write to Charles R. Shaw, Supervisor, Game Section & P-R Coordinator, Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, Capitol Station, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804.

NORTH AMERICAN NEST-RECORDS PROGRAM

The Nest-Record Card Program of the Laboratory of Ornithology at Cornell University is now completing its third year of operation on a continent-wide basis. The administrators of the program appreciate the assistance of the hundreds of contributors whose enthusiasm and patience make this program possible. Before the 1968 nesting season begins, all current contributors should return any completed cards and should order additional supplies if necessary. Anyone interested in helping in this research may write to the following address for instructions and nest-record cards: Nest-Record Card Program, Laboratory of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, New York 14850.

EBBA MEMORIAL AWARD

In order to stimulate research in ornithology through use of bird-banding techniques or available banding data, the Eastern Bird Banding Association will make an award of \$100 to a student who uses bird banding in an ornithological study. Stipulations and mode of application: The student must be affiliated with a college or university in the United States. If the applicant is an undergraduate student he must be a major in zoology or biology and must have a B average. If he is a graduate student he must be a major in ornithology. In either case the applicant must use bird banding as part of his research. To apply for the award, submit a description of the project, particularly including information on the way in which bird banding will be used. No specific format is stipulated for the project description, but to be considered as an application for the award it must be endorsed by the signature of the applicant's department head. Applications must be received before 29 February 1968. Send applications or questions to F. R. Scott, Chairman, Memorial Award Committee, Eastern Bird Banding Association, 115 Kennondale Lane, Richmond, Virginia 23226.

A NEW NEOTROPICAL NATURE CENTER

The Asa Wright Research Center, located at an elevation of 1,200 feet in Trinidad's Northern Range, was dedicated on 5 November 1967. It consists of nearly 200 acres, partly in forest and partly in cultivation (citrus, cocoa, coffee, bananas, and other crops). The latter, however, has the appearance of woodland because of the overstory of tall native trees. The oilbird (*Steatornis*) colony on the property is the most accessible one known.

The aims of the center are (1) the protection in perpetuity of the estate as a wildlife sanctuary and nature center, (2) the continued operation and improved efficiency of its agricultural potential in order to stabilize habitat and to make the operation self-sufficient, and (3) the development of its scientific and educational potential through full use of its facilities by amateurs, students, and professionals at the minimum practicable cost, and the use of such income entirely for improvements after costs.

Rates per day with meals are \$12 to \$15 per person. Students and those working on projects may apply for special rates. Two of the officers of the Center are on the faculty of the University of the West Indies. They plan to bring their students to the Center for field work on a regular basis. American institutions are invited to arrange seminars on tropical biology and to facilitate work by individual students there.

Arrangements may be made by writing airmail to The Manager, The Asa Wright Nature Center, Spring Hill Estate, Arima, Trinidad, W. I.

CORRIGENDUM

In the article entitled "Seasonal and geographic variation in the foods of adult White-tailed Ptarmigan" by Robert B. Weeden (volume 69 of *The Condor*) the following correction should be made in table 5 (page 308): in the fourth double-column of data from the left, the numbers "100" (% frequency) and "53" (% weight) should be displaced one line downward, to align with "Alnus C."

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

Among the publications received for consideration by the editors, the following are noted as having special interest for avian biologists.

Proceedings of the XIV International Ornithological Congress.—D. W. Snow (editor). 1967. Blackwell Scientific Publications, Oxford, xxiii + 405 pp. 72s 6d (clothbound).—In addition to the reports of the business of the Congress, this volume contains the 17 papers delivered at the plenary sessions, arranged in the following categories: Systematics and Taxonomy; Aspects of Physiology; Population Ecology; Vocal Communication; and Orientation and Migration.

Seabirds of the Tropical Atlantic Ocean: A Smithsonian Identification Manual.—George E. Watson, with illustrations by Tina Abbott Clapp. 1966. The Smithsonian Press, Washington, D.C. 20560. xxix + 120 pp, 12 black-and-white plates. \$3.75 (clothbound). This well-planned, well-executed, and well-tested manual will be an essential companion of sea-going (as well as seashore) ornithologists in the Atlantic Ocean from about 30° N to about 35° S latitude.

Adaptations for locomotion and feeding in the Anhinga and Double-crested Cormorant.—Oscar T. Owre. 1967. Ornithological Monograph No. 6, The American Ornithologists' Union. 138 pp., 56 text figures. \$3.50 (\$2.80 to members of the AOU). Paper covers. Available postpaid from The Treasurer of the AOU, Box 23447, Anchorage, Kentucky 40223.

Behaviour and regulation of numbers in the Blue Grouse.—J. F. Bendell and P. W. Elliott. 1967. Canadian Wildlife Service Report Series—Number 4. 76 pp. \$1.00 (paper covers). Available as catalog no. R65-8/4 from the Queen's Printer and Controller of Stationery, Ottawa, Canada.

The shorebirds of North America.—Edited by Gardner D. Stout, general text by Peter Matthiessen, paintings by Robert Verity Clem, and species accounts by Ralph S. Palmer. 1967. The Viking Press, New York. 270 pp. and 32 color plates. \$22.50 (clothbound).—This big (10 × 14 inches) book is a hybrid that appears to contain something for everyone among ornithologists and bibliophiles—semipopular essays about the lives and adaptations of shorebirds, splendid color plates depicting 57 species, and pithy scientific accounts of 75 species contained in an "appendix" of 127 pages.

Die Wassertreter (Phalaropidae).—E. Otto Höhn. 1965. A. Siemsen Verlag, Wittenberg. 60 pp., 36 figures, 5 maps, and 1 color-plate. DM 5.40 (paperbound; in German). Available (about \$1.50) from the Cooperative Book Center of Canada, 125 Bermondsey Road, Toronto 16.—Field marks, distribution, and food-gathering mechanisms of the three species of phalaropes are described. Special attention is given to the general biology and endocrine regulation of sex reversal.