

least the part considered here, is bounded on the east and west by natural boundaries, and on the north and south by political ones.

The work contains 16 chapters, beginning with a description of the barrier beaches and sea islands, then ranging through a variety of subjects: turtles, snakes, the panther, some characteristic plants, hurricanes, ornithological history, and a final chapter telling of the author's experiences with the Carolina ornithologist, Arthur T. Wayne.

The coastal islands are divided into the "Barrier Beaches" and the "Sea Islands," an adequate separation for the purpose, but one that is difficult to maintain exactly. The descriptions of Bull's Island, other islands, marshes, cypress forests, and bird rookeries, are entertaining and well written, although an eye-brow may be lifted here and there at such an expression as a "supercilious raccoon." A brief chapter on the egg-laying of the Loggerhead Turtle recounts old ideas and is not in line with recent research and thought.

A number of recurring accounts indicating that the panther may still exist in the Low Country have been gathered from here and there. It is worthwhile to have them in one place. The author brings the matter into focus, and stresses the fact that more definite information is needed.

As expected, birds occupy much of the volume. Some of this is anecdotal, of such naturalists as Wayne, Sass, Peterson, and others, and many of the accounts of the first finding of rare species have been assembled from a scattered literature. The inconsistent use of common names detracts from the accounts. Sometimes the standard names are given in parentheses, following other common names, but at times this practice is reversed. Then the older common names may be given without explanation, as "American Egret" (for Common Egret) and "Cabot's Tern" (for Sandwich Tern). In standard nomenclature neither "Semi-palmated Plover" (p. 156) nor "Fulvous Tree-duck" (p. 156) should contain a hyphen. This will not greatly trouble the experienced birder who usually knows several names for the same species, but may be confusing to the beginner.

A few other inconsistencies occur. On the inside front and back covers Fort Sumter is spelled with a "p," though spelled correctly in the text. In various places "broomgrass," "cordgrass," "shore birds," and "cottonmouth" are each spelled in two ways. "Frittillary" should be Frittillary, and "*Spartina alterniflora*" should be *Spartina alterniflora*.

This reviewer objects to the statement, twice repeated, that the oyster-catcher severs the adductor muscle in the oysters it eats, and a modern student of bird behavior might be distressed by the implication in the description of the distraction-display of Wilson's Plover.

The drawings add to the work and are interesting. I do not consider myself competent to criticize them from an artistic point of view, but I do wish that the one of Old Sheldon Church had a little perspective, the columns less than exactly parallel and vertical. It is not clear where the Whimbrel listed on the caption of page 62 has disappeared to, and it is not clear why the drawing on page 63 should be repeated in smaller size on page 156. Some of the beach scenes contain bits of flotsam, an old bottle, a board with nails, and perhaps a discarded light bulb. On the first plate it seemed a bit of whimsy, a touch of lightness, but when repeated on several others, it tended to become a trade mark, and of less interest.

The volume is well organized, nicely bound, the paper and type well suited. The text is written with a fine sensitivity toward the charm of this interesting region.—Ivan R. Tomkins.

CHANGES IN REVIEW EDITORS

Since 1952, Oliver L. Austin, Jr., has maintained for our review section the high standards set by Margaret Morse Nice and Donald S. Farnier. The January, 1964 issue is his last as review editor, though he will continue to write some reviews. While we are happy to see his continuing recovery from his spinal disc operation last fall, other burdens—such as responsibility for completion of the Bent life history series—have been heavy. While the review section speaks for itself over this long period, I should like to record my deep personal appreciation for the many ways in which he has aided me.

We are fortunate in our new review editor, effective with this issue: David W. Johnston, now teaching at the University of Florida in Gainesville. While he is perhaps best known for his recent monograph on the crows of North America,

he has written on a variety of subjects, such as Glaucous and California Gulls, Chimney Swifts, bird weights, mass mortality, breeding bird populations, and lipid deposition.

We also note with regret the retirement of Frank Bellrose, Jr., and Thomas A. Imhof, from the review staff, effective with this issue.

The name of I. C. T. Nisbet now appears on the review staff for the first time, though it will be familiar to readers from recent papers in *Bird-Banding* (as well as many papers in other journals). We are happy to have Ian's help, stressing the field of migration and orientation.

NEBBA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Income Statement

	Year ending Aug. 31 1962	Year ending Aug. 31 1963
<i>Receipts</i>		
Subscriptions and dues (current year)	\$2,504.06	\$3,450.70
Sales of back issues	604.50	290.88
Contributions	67.00	119.41
Bank interest	94.07	97.89
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	\$3,269.63	\$3,958.88
<i>Expenditures</i>		
Printing of <i>Bird-Banding</i>	\$2,246.34	\$3,521.65
Mailing of <i>Bird-Banding</i>	297.34	512.55
Purchase of back issues	78.25	16.25
Other printing, postage and supplies	129.94	126.46
Annual and field meetings	46.93	68.20
Commonwealth of Massachusetts (annual fees)	12.00	8.00
Contribution	20.00	25.00
Bank charges	13.67	5.55
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	\$2,844.47	\$4,283.66
Net Surplus	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$ 425.16	
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		\$ 324.78

Balance Sheet

<i>Assets</i>		
Cash	\$5,307.97	\$5,574.42
Back issues of <i>Bird-Banding</i>	1.00	1.00
Accounts receivable	29.38	21.75
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	\$5,338.35	\$5,597.17
<i>Liabilities and Net Worth</i>		
Reserve for fourth quarter	\$ 759.29	\$ 909.63
Subscriptions paid in advance	838.59	936.75
Accounts payable:		
April, 1962 <i>Bird-Banding</i> , printing	946.50	
Reserve for index fund	131.70	183.70
Reserve for research fund	5.00	5.00
Life membership fund	750.00	750.00
NORS Fund, balance		290.73
Net worth	1,907.27	2,521.36
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	\$5,338.35	\$5,597.17