

SHORT CONTRIBUTIONS

Semen Extender for Artificial Insemination.—Each season, when Professors John Skinner and Roy Haller of the University of Wisconsin come to help with artificial insemination, we learn something new—this year it was **semen extender**. If a tiercel does not give enough semen for artificial insemination, the semen can be extended by adding from a mixture of yolk of one egg and skim milk in equal parts.—**Frances Hamerstrom**, *Plainfield, Wisconsin 54966*.

Peregrine Vanished as a Breeding Species in Switzerland.—Data published in Hickey's "Peregrine Falcon Populations" come up to the year 1968. In 1969, no breeding pairs were found, despite a very thorough research. In 1970, we knew of one single brood, with one young bird. This same pair was present at its cliff until January 1971 but a month later, the old female had been replaced by a young one, for unknown reasons. Thus, no brood is to be expected there this year. Until now, I have not received any news of successful broods anywhere in Switzerland.—**Hans Herren**, *14 Winterfeldweg, 3018 Bern-Bumpliz, Switzerland*.