

## EDITORIAL

The Treasurer will send out the 1944 dues notices shortly after the publication of the December *Bulletin*. It will save the Treasurer's time and the Club's funds if members will pay their dues promptly or notify the Treasurer of their intention to continue their membership.

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War conditions inevitably result in a certain number of defective copies of *Bulletins* being mailed to members. Please report these to the Editor who will see that they are promptly replaced with good copies.

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## ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

Contrary to the first announcement, the American Ornithologists' Union held the regular annual business meeting in New York on October 20. All officers were re-elected. New Council members chosen were: Ludlow Griscom, Alden H. Miller, and Harry C. Oberholser. S. Charles Kendeigh and Austin L. Rand were made Fellows, and the following five Members were elected: Dean Amadon, Robert J. Niedrach, Frank A. Pitelka, Julian K. Potter, and Terence M. Shortt.

The Brewster Medal was awarded to Alden H. Miller for his book, "Speciation in the Avian Genus *Junco*."

William Vogt has been appointed Chief of the Conservation Section of the Pan American Union and will be traveling extensively in Central and South America in the interest of wildlife conservation.

Ernst Mayr is preparing a manual on the birds of the southwest Pacific.

Herbert Brandt has taken over the Cleveland Bird Club's "Bird Calendar," changed its name to "Bird-Life," and is publishing it as a printed and handsomely illustrated octavo magazine. The "bird calendar" material appears as a section of the new magazine. The current volume is numbered 39, continuing the "Bird Calendar" series.

The name of Field Museum of Natural History is being changed to Chicago Museum of Natural History.

Arthur J. Sessing, of Minneapolis, and Cliff Hudson, of Racine, Wisconsin, just returned from a U. S. Government mission to Hudson Bay, bringing back with them some of the first wildlife photographs taken on Coats Island.

Brian Roberts, of the Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge, England, and author of notable papers on penguins, was in America this past fall on a mission for British Naval Intelligence. He visited Washington, Minneapolis, Ottawa, Boston, and New York, meeting many members of the Wilson Club during the course of his conferences in these cities.