

### EDITORIAL

Under present conditions it seems to be impossible to prevent the mailing of a few *Bulletins* that are in some way defective. We can only express our regret and ask that Members let us replace them with perfect copies. If Members will return the defective copies to the Editor, it will help him to learn just what errors have been made and to take steps to prevent their repetition.

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We are glad to have Members send in duplicate copies or copies of the *Bulletin* that they no longer need. We can usually put such copies to good use, especially now that we need to replace sets of the *Bulletin* in war-damaged European libraries. However, only in the case of rare numbers is the Club justified in buying copies or exchanging others for them. The only rare numbers among those published in the last twenty years are those for March 1930 and for March 1941. Members will do the Club a great service by sending in any spare copies of these two issues.

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A "Book Purchase Fund" has been started by Members interested in providing for the purchase of books, especially new books, for the Wilson Ornithological Club Library. The money already received makes possible the purchase of several of the books in greatest demand. Members who wish to make contributions, however small, to this Fund should send their gifts to the Club's Treasurer.

### OBITUARY

PERCY A. TAVERNER, dean of Canadian ornithologists, died in Ottawa on May 9, 1947, aged seventy-one. He was a British Empire Member of the British Ornithologists' Union and a Fellow and former Council member of the American Ornithologists' Union. He had been the curator of the bird collection of the National Museum of Canada for many years and was made Honorary Curator of Birds when he retired in 1942. His publications included many papers on the classification, distribution, and conservation of Canadian birds and several excellent manuals: "Birds of Eastern Canada" (1919), "Birds of Western Canada" (1926), and "Birds of Canada" (1934).

J. WARREN JACOBS, student of the eggs and nesting habits of birds, died February 27, 1947, at Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, at the age of seventy-eight. The value of his work was recognized by his election to Membership in the American Ornithologists' Union in 1904.

### ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

Theodora Nelson has been appointed Editor of the Transactions and Proceedings of the Linnaean Society of New York.

Albert F. Ganier has retired from the editorship of the *Migrant*, official publication of the Tennessee Ornithological Society. He had been Editor of the *Migrant* for several years and had been on its editorial staff since its founding seventeen years ago. His successor is James T. Tanner, Assistant Professor of Zoology at the University of Tennessee and the author of "The Ivory-billed Woodpecker" (1942).

Frederick C. Lincoln, who is now Assistant to the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, has announced a reorganization of the Section of which he was formerly chief:

"The Section of Distribution and Migration of Birds is now divided into two units. The first, which continues the name of the old Section, will be under the leadership of Dr. John W. Aldrich as Chief. For the past year he has served as Assistant Chief. Dr. Aldrich has his headquarters in the U.S. National Museum in Washington, from which point he will direct the work on bird banding and bird migration, including the work at the Patuxent Research Refuge. He also is in charge of the Service collections of birds, most of which are incorporated in those of the National Museum.

"The second unit, Waterfowl Management Investigations, will be under the direction of Mr. Cecil S. Williams as Chief. His headquarters will be at the central offices of the Service in the Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Illinois. The flyway biologists will operate under his direction."

Richard L. Weaver, who was Educational Director of the Audubon Nature Center at Greenwich, Connecticut, has been appointed Program Director of the North Carolina Resource-Use Education Commission at Chapel Hill.

Austin L. Rand, of Ottawa, Ontario, has been appointed Curator of Birds of the Chicago Natural History Museum, with Emmet R. Blake as Associate Curator.

Alexander Sprunt, Jr., has been awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship for the preparation of a book on the birds of South Carolina.

## NEW LIFE MEMBER



LILLIAN C. STONER finished her collegiate work at the State University of Iowa, and later acted as assistant ornithologist on the Barbados-Antigua and the Fiji-New Zealand expeditions which were sponsored by the University. Her interest in birds increased with the years as she assisted her late husband, Dayton Stoner, in his bird banding and his studies of temperature and growth in Bank, Barn, and Cliff Swallows. At present, Mrs. Stoner is associated with the New York State Museum and is completing for publication a regional study, "Birds of Washington Park" (Albany, New York), which was made jointly with Dayton Stoner. Mrs. Stoner

is a Patron of the American Ornithologists' Union and an active member of a number of other scientific societies.