

## EDITORIAL

James Bond, of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, recently has been awarded a Musgrave Medal by the Board of Governors of the Institute of Jamaica, B.W.I., with the following citation: "In recognition of your contributions to West Indian ornithology, and particularly in recognition of the stimulus and assistance which you have given to the study of birds in Jamaica."

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At the recent meeting in Gatlinburg, the Executive Council of the Wilson Ornithological Club decided that since the Canadian dollar has now come to parity, or better, with the United States dollar, the need has vanished for the Club to have a Canadian bank account and a Canadian assistant to the Treasurer for the service of Canadian members. The Council authorized discontinuance of the Canadian account. William W. H. Gunn, who served as Canadian assistant to the Treasurer, was thanked by the Council for helping out in this financial problem which existed only a few months ago.

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The Illinois Audubon Society has established recently a Junior Wildlife Management Award. This will be awarded not only for a good plan for sound management practices but also for results obtained through putting the practices into effect.

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Members are reminded again of the Club's urgent need for extra copies of the March, June, and September issues of *The Wilson Bulletin* for 1951. These copies should be sent to the Wilson Ornithological Club Library, Museum of Zoology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. If you don't keep a file of the *Bulletin*, please help out the Club in this way.

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Psittacosis at Cape Cod.—A recent article in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (Chapman, 1951:1343-1344) reports a case of psittacosis in a human at Cape Cod, Massachusetts. The patient had had no direct contact with birds, but had twice cleaned a bird-feeding station; each time she had brushed disintegrated bird-droppings toward her with a whisk broom. "During the period when infection might have occurred, a family of purple finches were frequent visitors to the station. Finches are known to be carriers of psittacosis. In the course of the summer a catbird, a robin, and a finch were found dead but showed no signs of injury" (p. 1344).

The disease was characterized by a prolonged convalescent period after the disappearance of fever.—K.R.K.

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### REPORT OF TREASURER FOR 1951

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