

EDITORIAL

At the annual meeting in Tennessee, Ernst Mayr announced, for John T. Emlen, Jr., chairman of the Research Committee, that the Louis Agassiz Fuertes Research Grant was awarded to Robert W. Nero, a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin, for his studies on "territorial and sexual behavior in the Red-winged Blackbird."

Volumes 86 and 87, covering the literature of 1949 and 1950, of the Aves section of the "Zoological Record" are now available. This indispensable tool may be ordered directly from the Secretary, Zoological Society of London, Regent's Park, London, N.W. 8 (price for the Aves section, 7s. 6d. plus 4d. postage) or from the Treasurer of the A.O.U., Dr. R. Allyn Moser, R.R. 1, Omaha 4, Nebraska (price per section, \$1.00). Also available at the same price are volumes 79 (1942) through 85 (1948). The Zoological Society deserves the support of Wilson Club members for performing this outstanding service to science.

Dr. George M. Sutton, recently Editor of the *Bulletin*, has taken up the duties of his new position as Professor of Zoology at the University of Oklahoma. Dr. Sutton was at the University of Michigan from 1946 to 1952. He began work at Oklahoma on Sept. 1.

Thirty members of the W.O.C. have responded to our appeal for spare issues of Numbers 1, 2, and 3 of the 1951 volume of the *Bulletin*. These members we thank for their generosity.

We wish here to make a final appeal to other members who may wish to donate any of the needed copies to the Club. In the Editorial section of the March, 1952, number, we explained the need for these *Bulletins*; extra copies to alleviate this urgent need should be sent to the "Wilson Ornithological Club Library, Museum of Zoology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan."

We hope to print the membership list in the December, 1952, issue of *The Wilson Bulletin*. All members are reminded that back dues, changes of address, or corrections in the spelling of names should be sent to the Treasurer, Leonard C. Brecher, by October 5, in order that the list may be as accurate as possible.

OBITUARIES

JAMES LEE PETERS, Curator of Birds at the Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University, died on April 19, 1952. He was born August 13, 1889. His ornithological studies included field work in the West Indies, Central America, and South America. Mr. Peters was one of the best known and most respected ornithologists in the world. He will long be remembered for his monumental seven volumes on the "Birds of the World." He published many additional ornithological studies, was once President of the American Ornithologists' Union and for many years Editor of *Bird Banding*.

DR. THOMAS HUME BISSONNETTE, a member of the Wilson Club since 1939, died recently. Dr. Bissonnette was born June 27, 1884, and earned the doctoral degree at the University of Chicago in 1923. He was well known as a teacher, an able researcher, and a capable administrator. His major studies were on avian and bovine embryology and photoperiodicity in birds and mammals. His passing marks the end of an especially fruitful career dedicated to experimental studies.

NEW LIFE MEMBER



Heinz Karl Meng was born February 25, 1924, in Baden, Germany. At the age of five he came to the United States with his parents and lived on Long Island, New York. He received B.S. and Ph.D. degrees in 1947 and 1951, respectively, at Cornell University. His doctoral research was on the Cooper's Hawk. He majored in Ornithology and minored in Entomology and Nature Study. At present he is teaching at State Teachers College, New Paltz, New York. He is a life associate of the A.O.U. and the Cooper Ornithological Club, and a member of the National Audubon Society, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association, and Eastern Bird Banding Association. He is especially interested in birds of prey, falconry, photography, and painting.