

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

The 1959 meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Society will be held in Rockland, Maine, June 11-14, at the Farnsworth Museum. This is the first New England meeting of the Wilson Society, and it is being held at the invitation of the Portland Society of Natural History, the Farnsworth Museum, and the Maine Audubon Society. Co-chairmen of the local committee are: Christopher M. Packard (Director of the Portland Society of Natural History) and Wendell Hadlock (Director of the Farnsworth Museum).

Preliminary plans for the program include a Wood Warbler Symposium, led by Dr. George M. Sutton; a Migration Symposium, led by Chandler S. Robbins; and a Banding Symposium, led by James Baird. It is hoped that the Migration Symposium may present the first films showing radar observations of North American migrants. Plans also include a sea trip to Matinicus Rock to observe puffins and other sea birds. There will also be a field trip to Mt. Desert Island.

Further details will be mailed to members in due course. Meanwhile, advance inquiries regarding the Rockland meeting may be addressed to: Mr. Christopher M. Packard, Portland Society of Natural History, 22 Elm Street, Portland, Maine.

The Wilson Ornithological Society is indebted to Don R. Eckelberry for making available the painting of the Black-throated Trogon from which the frontispiece was reproduced.

The next annual meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union (A.O.U.) will be held at the Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History, Regina, August 25-30, 1959.

Mrs. A. C. Bent has presented the library of her late husband, Arthur Cleveland Bent, to the University of Massachusetts.

The library will be housed as a memorial unit in the new nine-million-dollar Science Center currently under construction. The section of the Science Center containing the reading room should be opened by February, 1960, and the library should be available for use by interested ornithologists soon thereafter. It is planned to keep adding to the library to make it a "living" memorial to Mr. Bent.

The University of Oklahoma Biological Station announces a new course in Animal Behavior (Zoology 309) to be offered during the 1959 summer session. The field and laboratory phases of this course will emphasize the local fauna. This will be a three-credit-hour course designed for upperclass and graduate students.

The Biological Station is situated on Lake Texoma in south-central Oklahoma. There is a rich vertebrate and invertebrate fauna in this area available for behavior studies. Research programs in animal behavior by the staff, graduate students and private investigators at the Biological Station have involved all classes of vertebrates and some invertebrates. The necessary facilities and equipment for field and controlled behavior studies are available or can be obtained.

Persons interested in this course or in the Biological Station should write to Dr. Carl D. Riggs, Director, University of Oklahoma Biological Station, Norman, Oklahoma.

The Division of Biological and Medical Sciences of the National Science Foundation announces that the next closing date for receipt of basic research proposals in the life sciences is May 15, 1959. Proposals received prior to that date will be reviewed at the summer meetings of the Foundation's advisory panels and disposition will be made approximately four months following the closing date. Proposals received after the May 15, 1959, closing date will be reviewed following the fall closing date of September 15, 1959.

Inquiries should be addressed to the National Science Foundation, Washington 25, D. C.

WILSON SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Wilson Society membership is not growing, and the society officers solicit the aid of all members in correcting this situation. If you know of any good prospects, please send their names to the committee member from the appropriate state. Where the state is not represented, names may be sent to the chairman. With the 1959 convention in Maine, we have hopes of increasing the New England membership, and names from this region are particularly desired.

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