

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

The 1962 Annual Meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Society will be held on the campus of Purdue University at Lafayette, Indiana, on 6-8 April. Plan now to attend.

LOUIS AGASSIZ FUERTES RESEARCH GRANT

This grant, established in 1947, is devoted to the encouragement and stimulation of young ornithologists. One particular desire is the development of research interests among amateur ornithologists. Any kind of ornithological research may be aided. Recipients of grants need not be associated with academic organizations. Each proposal is considered primarily on the basis of possible contributions to ornithological knowledge.

An anonymous donor gave \$500 to found the fund; later donors have provided some \$600. The Council of the Wilson Ornithological Society has added funds as necessary to provide at least one \$100 grant annually.

Although grantees are not required to publish their studies in the *Wilson Bulletin*, it is hoped that they will submit their manuscripts to the Editor of the *Bulletin* for consideration.

Since its inception the Fuertes Research Grant has been awarded to 16 persons, many of whom have continued their research work. The recipients are listed below.

1948—Leonard R. Mewaldt, Life history of Clark's Nutcracker.

1949—Stephen W. Eaton, A comparative study of the genus *Seiurus*.

1950—Henry E. Childs, Population dynamics and life history of the Brown Towhee.

Byron E. Harrell, Ecology of the Rancho del Cielo, Tamaulipas, Mexico.

Arnold J. Petersen, Reproductive cycle in the Bank Swallow.

Harrison B. Tordoff, Comparative osteology of the subfamilies of the Fringillidae.

1951—Howard L. Cogswell, Territory size and its relation to vegetation, structure and density among birds of the chaparral.

1952—Robert W. Nero, Territorial and sexual behavior in the Red-wing.

1953—no award.

1954—William C. Dilger, The isolating mechanisms and relationships of the thrush genus *Hylocichla*.

1955—Robert G. Wolk, Analysis of reproductive behavior in the Black Skimmer.

1956—John B. Millar, An investigation of possible factors involved in the initiation of migration.

Lester L. Short, Jr., Hybridization and isolating mechanisms in North American flickers.

1957—Millicent (Mrs. Robert L.) Ficken, Comparative study of the behavior of the Canada Warbler and the American Redstart.

1958—Harold D. Mahan, Studies of growth and temperature regulation in the Red-wing.

1959—no award.

1960—Robert T. Lynn, The comparative behavior of the Carolina Wren and Bewick's Wren.

1961—Frances (Mrs. Douglas A.) James, Compilation on the distribution and abundance of Arkansas birds.

Application forms may be obtained from Harvey I. Fisher, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois. Completed applications must be received by 1 March 1962.

Several thousand eggs collected over a period of about forty years by the late Frank M. Phelps of Elyria, Ohio, have been presented to the University of Massachusetts by Mrs.

Phelps. The collection, to be known as the Frank M. Phelps Memorial Egg Collection, will be catalogued in the Zoology Museum and will be available for study at the University. It is anticipated that this will form the nucleus of a growing collection and other such gifts will be appreciated.

With the co-operation of the Audubon Society of Missouri, Daniel McKinley is preparing a biography of Otto Widmann. Anyone having photographs, personal memories, or letters to or from Widmann or knowing of their whereabouts is urged to correspond with Mr. McKinley, Lake Erie College, Biology Department, Painesville, Ohio.

A Committee on Student Participation has been formed, with Professor S. Charles Kendeigh as Chairman, to receive applications from young ornithologists for financial support to enable them to attend the XIII International Ornithological Congress in Ithaca, New York, 17-24 June 1962. The funds provided for this Committee are being raised by private donation, and it is not certain at this time how large a sum will be available. The Committee will presumably be able to make grants only to graduate students.

Applications must be submitted to Prof. Kendeigh, Vivarium Building, University of Illinois, Wright and Healy Streets, Champaign, Illinois, before 1 April 1962.

Checks of donations for the work of the Committee should be made payable to the American Ornithologists' Union and should be mailed to the Treasurer (Prof. Charles G. Sibley, Fernow Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York) with instructions that the money is to be used for this purpose.

It is the hope of this Committee that serious young students of ornithology will take advantage of the unique opportunity to attend an International Congress and to meet the world's leading ornithologists in person.

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 15 January 1962. Proposals received prior to that date will be reviewed at the spring meeting of the Foundation's advisory panels and disposition will be made approximately four months following the closing date. Proposals received after the 15 January 1962 deadline will be reviewed following the summer closing date of 15 May 1962.

Inquiries should be addressed to the Biological and Medical Sciences Division, National Science Foundation, Washington 25, D.C.