

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr. has retired from the position of Ornithological Literature Editor of the *Bulletin*. Dr. Pettingill has served in this capacity since 1959. and to him goes most of the credit for the development of the "Ornithological Literature" section into the lively and interesting feature it has become. The new Ornithological Review Editor is Dr. Peter Stettenheim of Plainfield, New Hampshire.

The large backlog of papers awaiting publication combined with the limited funds available have made it impossible to publish a list of the recent accessions to the Josselyn Van Tyne Memorial Library. Members who are interested in list B-8 which contains the additions since the publication of the list in 1965 may obtain a copy by writing to the Van Tyne Library, Museum of Zoology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Dr. Loye H. Miller, a member of the Wilson Society since 1939 died on 6 April 1970 in his ninety-fifth year. Besides his work as an avian paleontologist Dr. Miller will long be remembered as an inspiring teacher, and as one of the founders of the interpretive naturalist program in the National Park Service.

In order to clear up the confusion that has arisen concerning the identification of the geese in the frontispiece to the March 1970 issue of *The Bulletin*, Dr. Ryder has supplied the following information.

In the frontispiece entitled, "Ross' Geese (*Chen rossii*) nesting on an island at Karrak Lake, Northwest Territories, 24 June 1967," the two geese "resting" at the extreme left of the picture are Lesser Snow Geese. The bird standing in the center is a male Lesser Snow Goose with his mate incubating beside him. The goose "walking out" of the frontispiece at the right is a Lesser Snow Goose. Two Ross' Geese are seen in the foreground, the male standing and the female incubating.

Dr. Helmut C. Mueller of the University of North Carolina is the newest member of the Editorial Board of *The Bulletin*.

In my study on the systematics of the five subspecies of White-tailed Ptarmigan, I have examined over 600 specimens in the major museums. I have found that populations from Colorado, Alberta and mainland British Columbia are well represented in museums. However, populations occurring in Alaska, Yukon and adjacent Mackenzie District, N.W.T., Montana, Idaho, Washington, Wyoming, New Mexico, and Vancouver Island are not well represented in museum collections. I would be grateful to learn of specimens from these areas deposited in museums or collections that I have not previously contacted. Please send information to Dr. Clait E. Braun, Game Research Center, P. O. Box 567, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521.—C.E.B.