

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

With a great sense of loss we report the death on 3 February 1971 of Aaron M. Bagg, a Patron, and a Past-President of The Wilson Ornithological Society.

The publication of the biennial membership list as a separate supplement to the December issue of the *Bulletin* was done as an experiment with a cheaper method of reproduction than standard letterpress. The Editor would welcome comment and opinion, both favorable and unfavorable, on this matter.

Members are advised that accommodations for the Annual Meeting on Dauphin Island, Alabama may be in limited supply. Advance reservations are a necessity.

Mrs. Hazel Bradley Lory, longtime chairman of the Membership Committee is the latest addition to the list of Patrons of the Society.

For his contributions in ornithology, ecology, and international conservation, S. Dillon Ripley, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, was awarded the seldom-given Gold Medal of the Royal Zoological Society of Antwerp, Belgium.

A "Bibliography of Wildlife Theses" containing about 3000 citations of American and Canadian theses from 1900 to 1968 is currently available from: Biological Information Service, 601 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90005, for \$8.85.

A set of LP records of bird vocalizations to accompany the "Field Guide to the Birds of Britain and Europe" is being published abroad. Jeffery Boswall of Birdswell, Wraxall, Bristol BS19 1JZ, Great Britain has submitted a long list of species for which recordings are still needed. Most of these, of course, are of Palearctic forms but such North American forms as: Magnificent Frigatebird, Black Duck, Bufflehead, Hooded Merganser, Purple Gallinule, White-rumped Sandpiper, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Pomarine Jaeger, Royal Tern, and Noddy are on this list. Persons who might be able to provide such tapes are asked to contact Mr. Boswall. The Editor of the *Bulletin* will be happy to supply a copy of the complete listing to anyone interested.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

I am trying to locate the field notebooks and journals of Albert J. B. Kirn, Texas field naturalist, who lived in Somerset, Texas from 1922 until his death in 1950. I am gathering information for a biographical article and other projects concerning his work. Mr. Kirn collected all sorts of natural history specimens, including bird eggs and skins, in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, and perhaps in Louisiana and California. I would like to correspond with anyone who knew Mr. Kirn and/or knew of his work.—*Emma H. Messerly, 344 S. E. Elmhurst, Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74003.*