

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

Dr. H. Lewis Batts, Jr., Past-president of the Wilson Society, and former Editor of the Bulletin was awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science by the Western Michigan University on 17 April 1971. Dr. Batts was honored for his leadership in the founding and developing of the Kalamazoo Nature Center.

The John Burroughs Medal for excellence in natural history writing was awarded to John K. Terres for his book, "From Laurel Hill to Siler's Bog" on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the John Burroughs Association.

The National Geographic Society has published a species index for the complete Bent "Life Histories of North American Birds." In addition to the technical name and the usually accepted common name, many colloquial names have been included. The index is available from the Society.

Ernest P. Edwards is working on a compilation to be known as "Workbook of the Birds of the World" which will include a full listing of all known species giving technical name, a suggested vernacular name, and brief information about the distribution. At present a mimeographed rough draft is available for the sub-passerines (\$4.50) and the section on passerines will be available soon. Persons interested in obtaining one of these rough drafts or in getting more information about the project should contact Dr. Edwards. (Sweetbriar, Virginia, 24595.)

The Eastern Bird Banding Association is again sponsoring a \$250 grant for an undergraduate or graduate student for research in ornithology. The work, to be considered, must involve bird banding as a part of the research or thesis; the college or university must be within the United States. Those interested in applying should write to: Dr. W. D. Merritt, Chairman, Riverview Road, Rexford, New York 12148. The deadline for receipt of completed applications is March 20, 1972.

FROM THE A.O.U.

At the annual meeting of the A.O.U. at Seattle, Washington on 30 August the following officers were elected.

President: Robert W. Storer

Secretary: Richard C. Banks

First Vice-President: Joseph J. Hickey

Treasurer: Burt L. Monroe, Jr.

Second Vice-President: George A. Bartholomew, Jr.

Editor: Oliver L. Austin, Jr.

The Brewster Medal was awarded to Charles G. Sibley for his studies in the application of electrophoresis to avian systematics.
