

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

The year 1971 marked the 50th year of membership in the Wilson Society for: Margaret E. Morse, Margaret M. Nice, Wendell P. Smith, Edward S. Thomas, and Edward von Siebold Dingle.

On 23 October 1971 the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology awarded the Fifth Annual Arthur A. Allen Award to Peter Scott.

The personal library of the late James L. Baillie, one of the finest private ornithological collections in North America, has been acquired by the University of Toronto, and will be known as the James L. Baillie Ornithological Library. Mr. Baillie's field journals, personal diaries, and correspondence with other naturalists are also included in the collection. By agreement with Mrs. Baillie the University will grant free access to anyone interested in consulting this collection, currently housed in the temporary Rare Book Room of the University Library.

Members who know students that are interested in ornithology should send nominations to the Student Membership Committee addressed to Douglas James, Department of Zoology, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701. The nominees will be invited by the committee to apply for membership in the Wilson Ornithological Society.

The color plate in this issue was subsidized by a generous member of the Society. Members are reminded that the *Bulletin* maintains a "Colorplate Fund." Contributions in any amount to this fund will be welcomed, and should be sent directly to the Treasurer, designated for the Fund. We ultimately would like to be able to include a color plate in each issue of *The Bulletin*.

At the close of another volume and another year it is again my good fortune and pleasure to extend personal thanks to all those many members of the Society who have contributed to the success of *The Bulletin*. As usual special thanks go to the members of the Editorial Board and other ornithologists who reviewed papers submitted for publication. The exacting job of preparing the index for this volume was skillfully and rapidly done by Bonnie Rose McBride who merits special thanks.

After several years during which we had a large backlog of papers, and experienced long delays in publication we now find ourselves in the position to publish papers with a minimum delay after acceptance.—G.A.H.