

records now of the Bahama Mockingbird in the region of the Florida Straits in the period from 22 April to 17 May, Paterson's (1972, *Birds of the Bahamas*, Brattleboro, Vermont, Stephen Green Press) suggestion that the species may be partially migratory seems likely.

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## NOTES AND NEWS

**Samuel A. Grimes, first Honorary Member of the Florida Ornithological Society.**—Sam Grimes is an outstanding ornithologist. For more than 60 years he has contributed to the study of birds with perceptive notes and articles, superb photographs, excellent recordings of songs, and patient guiding of younger naturalists. Sam's work in Florida began when he moved to Jacksonville as a boy in 1917. His earliest article in the *Florida Naturalist* was in 1928, and he started the Jacksonville Christmas Bird Count in 1929 as the sole observer—on bicycle. Sam was a pioneer bird photographer. His photographs are scattered throughout the *Bent Life Histories* series and they have graced the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, *World Book Encyclopedia*, *National Geographic Magazine*, most North American bird journals, and many state bird books. He published *Bird Lore's* first color photograph of a bird, a Roseate Spoonbill with young, in the Sept.-Oct., 1937 issue, and produced his own book in 1958: *An Album of Southern Birds*. For more than a decade Sam's bird photos provided most of the *Florida Naturalist* covers until the magazine changed its format in the early 1960's. Field work connected with his photographic interests resulted in many important records listed in Sprunt's *Florida Bird Life*. With Glen Chandler he found the first known Cattle Egret nest in North America at Kings Bar Rookery, Lake Okeechobee, on 5 May 1953. Because of his contributions to ornithology, he was voted an Elective Member of the American Ornithologists' Union in 1951. He has belonged to that organization since 1925, and he joined the Wilson Ornithological Society in 1924. He has long been associated with the National Audubon Society and its Florida chapter, and is a Charter Member of the Florida Ornithological Society. Sam is not a professional ornithologist: his business is engraving and printing and his expertise in that field is lent to many for the preparation of photographs and maps for papers and books on birds. Also, for years most of the naturalists in the Southeast have found out what day it was by consulting a Sam Grimes bird-photo calendar. Recently, his interest in Mockingbird song has resulted in his phonograph album *The Vocally Versatile Mockingbird*. Hours of painstaking field work and careful editing are represented in that instructive work. In 1958, Sam became a charter member of the Board of Directors of Tall Timbers Research Station and he was recently elected president of the Board. He always has time for those who need his help or advice. He is a real friend and a true gentleman. His enjoyment and fascination with birds benefits us all.—ROBERT L. CRAWFORD.

**Report on the 1979 spring and June meetings.**—Bushes at the shell mound, Dauphine Island, Alabama, were decorated like Christmas trees for the joint FOS/AOS meeting on 27-29 April 1979. The migrants timed their arrival to coincide with ours and the birding was better than any we have had for years. We did manage to drag ourselves indoors long enough to elect William D. Courser, President; Brooks H. Atherton, Vice-President; Caroline H. Coleman, Treasurer; and Barbara C. Kittleson, Secretary. Rebecca Payne, Wally George and Stephen A. Nesbitt were elected to the Board of Directors for 1979-1981.

At a special meeting in Gainesville, 7 June 1979, the by-laws were amended to comply with the Internal Revenue Service code for non-profit organizations.

Other items of business included further recognition for Florida Audubon Society in appreciation of all the help they have given us by voting them a gratis subscription to the *FFN*; a resolution of thanks to David W. Johnston for his services as president of the FOS; a resolution of thanks to the AOS for hosting our meeting; and the unanimous election of Samuel A. Grimes as Honorary Member of the FOS.

The skin quiz, prepared by W. Wilson Baker, was won by Lucy A. Duncan.—Barbara C. Kittleson, Secretary.