

NOTES AND NEWS

Two vessels have been named in honor of former members of the American Ornithologists' Union. Last year the "Hugh M. Smith" was named in honor of the late Commissioner of Fisheries, and recently the "William E. Ritter" was launched in California and named in honor of the first Director of the Scripps Oceanic Laboratory at La Jolla, California.

OCCURRENCE OF THE GOLDEN PLOVER IN NICARAGUA

Luis Marden, in 'The National Geographic Magazine' for August, 1944, p. 180, reports the capture of a specimen of the Golden Plover on April 17, 1942, at Granada on the northwest shore of Lake Nicaragua. The bird was collected by Father Bernado Ponsol, Rector of the Colegio Centro-América and provides a positive record of the occurrence of this bird in Nicaragua and one of the few records of the species between Panama and Mexico.—T. S. PALMER.

THE DEANE COLLECTION

Ten years have elapsed since the Deane Collection of Ornithological Portraits was transferred to the Library of Congress and made an integral part of the national collections of portraits. During these years, some of the older Fellows and Members of the Union have died, new ones have been elected, and many biographical data hitherto inaccessible have become accessible. All of these changes necessitate many additions to the data on the index cards. Present plans for work on the collection include bringing the index up to date and acquisition of as many as possible of the portraits of new members and of the older members still missing. It is also proposed to add portraits of individuals mentioned in the 'Check-List of North American Birds,' either as describers of genera and species or as persons in whose honor birds have been named. An effort is also being made to obtain copies of portraits listed in the Leverkuhn Collection, formed by Dr. Paul Leverkuhn, Librarian and Private Secretary of H. R. H. Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria. This collection, the largest of its kind, contained 515 items but was dispersed after the death of Leverkuhn. The Deane Collection now contains portraits of more than 1000 persons and as many as 18 of one or two individuals.—T. S. PALMER.

NOTICE

The Editor wishes to call attention to the inside back cover of 'The Auk.' From gradually increasing evidence, it appears probable that many members of the A. O. U. are unfamiliar with this page! Suggestions for the preparation of manuscripts are given and attention to these by contributors will be gratefully appreciated.

On the other hand, communications relating to changes of address, subscriptions, purchase of back numbers, and such matters are outside the jurisdiction of the Editor and should be addressed to the Business Manager. Since these two officers are not in the same city, considerable time is lost in getting misdirected correspondence into the proper hands.

CORRIGENDA

In the October issue of last year (vol. 61, no. 4), through an unfortunate error, for which the Editor is to blame, the captions of several figures on Plates 20 and 22 became transposed. For the title of the bottom figure of Plate 20, read that of the middle figure of Plate 22; for that of the middle figure of Plate 22, read that of the bottom figure on the same plate; for that of the bottom figure of Plate 22, read that of the bottom figure of Plate 20.