

NOTES AND NEWS

Mrs. Frederick Hall Fowler, 360 Forest Ave., Palo Alto, California, has advised the Editor that she wishes to dispose of the set of *The Auk* belonging to the late Mr. Fowler, a former Honorary Life Associate of the A. O. U. This set is complete from volume 1 through volume 53 and includes the Ten-Year Indexes for the first thirty-seven volumes. Volumes 1 to 14 are bound in half-morocco; the remainder are unbound. This is a fine opportunity for someone to obtain a long run of *The Auk*, the early numbers of which are very difficult to find.

The Editor gratefully acknowledges the generous gift of \$250.00 by Member John T. Nichols for the purpose of publishing additional pages in *The Auk*. This welcome contribution is particularly timely since the number of manuscripts in the files is increasing faster than the publication program admits of their clearance. The gratifying increase in the membership of the A. O. U. carries the added responsibility of providing for additional contributors while increased costs of printing serve as a deterrent. It is earnestly hoped that other friends of the A. O. U. will wish to add to the publication funds and enable the Editor to keep the way open for early appearance of interesting and important manuscripts.

Editorial thanks are again due to Dr. and Mrs. Charles Vaurie for their continued assistance in the preparation of the section on 'Periodical Literature.' The end of the war has brought an increased volume of publications to be scanned and the preparation of the list of titles has become a major task.

A PLEA BY THE A. O. U. COMMITTEE FOR RELIEF OF EUROPEAN ORNITHOLOGISTS

European ornithology is coming to life again. It is a slow and terribly difficult job. Some ornithologists have been forced into other occupations in order to keep their families alive. A few are still prisoners of war. Some are dead. Many libraries are crippled or destroyed. Books and teaching materials are often borrowed or improvised, or done without. With their own hands professors and students are rebuilding their classrooms and laboratories. Even now, there are often no nails to be had, no boards, no window glass—and another winter is coming. In some regions every ornithologist is hungry and inadequately clothed. Some are starving: "Zum Leben zu wenig, zum Sterben zu viel."

These men are our colleagues. Despite such odds, they are making progress. Who among us can fail to admire their courage, and their devotion to our profession? They need our help as well as our respect. They have had some help, from ornithologists in the United States and Canada and from as far as Hawaii and New Zealand. We must do more. Our colleagues abroad are now faced with the approach of another winter. This winter many of them will have even less food than last, even less heat, even less warm clothing with which to fend off the cold in their homes, laboratories, and classrooms. *Food is their most urgent need.* Orders for C. A. R. E. food packages (\$4, \$10) and Mutual Aid food packages (\$3.50, \$5.00) may be placed with Mrs. John T. Emlen, 2621 Van Hise Ave., Madison, Wisconsin. Many have asked for used clothing and shoes. Anyone who wishes to send these things can learn where to send them by writing to Mrs. F. N. Hamerstrom Jr., Pinckney, Michigan. She has clothing sizes, foot-tracings, and lists of the individual needs of several hundred European ornithologists and the members of their families. All packages, whether of food or clothing, must be sent at once in order to arrive by early winter.

In comparison with our colleagues' need, who among us has so little that he cannot help?