

## NOTES AND NEWS

### SEVENTY-SECOND STATED MEETING OF THE A.O.U.

The Seventy-second Stated Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union will be held at Madison, Wisconsin, from Wednesday, September 8, through Sunday, September 12, 1954, by invitation of the University of Wisconsin. Tentative plans call for business meetings on Wednesday, papers sessions on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and field trips on Sunday. Chairman of the Local Committee on Arrangements is A. W. Schorger.

### STUDENT MEMBERSHIP AWARDS FOR 1954 SELECTED BY THE A.O.U. COMMITTEE ON STUDENT MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Kile Ray Barbehenn, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York  
Alfred Merle Beeton, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
Chandler Montgomery Fulton, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island  
Wayne A. Goates, University of Utah, Salt Lake City  
Paul Hammond Gooding, Clemson Agricultural College, Clemson, South Carolina  
Richard Joseph Gordon, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts  
Edwin Gould, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York  
Helen Hays, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York  
Harold Dewey Irby, Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, College Station,  
Texas  
Raymond Roy Johnson, Arizona State College, Tempe  
James Francis Ponshair, Union High School, Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Fred Charles Sibley, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York  
David Otto Wilson, University of Arizona, Tucson  
Roy Caldwell Winslow, Florida State University, Tallahassee

Following is a list of the members of the Committee on the Nomination of Associates: Douglas S. Miller, *Chairman*, Gordon D. Alcorn, Gordon Alexander, Rollin H. Baker, Fred G. Bard, Paul C. Bibbee, Donald J. Borror, Mrs. Herbert E. Carnes, H. F. Chapman, Ben B. Coffey, Jr., Fannye A. Cook, Joe C. Creager, Richard T. Darby, Otto E. Devitt, J. L. Diedrich, Clara Dixon, William H. Drury, Jr., John J. Elliott, J. Harold Ennis, Harvey I. Fisher, Rowley Frith, Lawrence I. Grinnell, Gordon W. Gullion, Fred T. Hall, Ralph L. Hand, Charles E. Huntington, Thomas A. Imhof, Merlin L. Killpack, Edward B. Lang, Frederick W. Loetscher, Jr., George H. Lowery, Jr., Robert Medcalf, Gale W. Monson, J. J. Murray, Val Nolan, Jr., Harold S. Peters, Karl Plath, Thomas L. Quay, William F. Rapp, Jr., Chandler S. Robbins, Orwin A. Rustad, Oliver K. Scott, Kenneth E. Stager, Louis A. Stimson, Mrs. Rowland Thomas.

I. C. Adams, Jr., Robert I. Bowman, Thomas H. Foster, Robert T. Gammell, W. W. Hill, C. F. Jackson, Kenneth C. Parkes.

We report with regret the death of Dr. Walter K. Fisher, Fellow Emeritus of the Union, on November 2, 1953, and that of Dr. Winsor Marrett Tyler, Fellow, on January 9, 1954.

Bound copies of the "Copenhagen Decisions on Zoological Nomenclature," comprising the additions to, and modifications of, the Règles Internationales de la

Nomenclature Zoologique approved and adopted by the Fourteenth International Congress of Zoology, Copenhagen, August, 1953, are available from  
International Trust for Zoological Nomenclature  
41 Queen's Gate  
London, S. W. 7, England

This 135 page work may be had at 90 cents postpaid. It is hoped that this low price may induce many individual zoologists to purchase it.

We have received notice of a new three-volume work on the birds of Japan by Y. Y. Kiyosu, illustrated with paintings of birds by Shigekazu Kobayashi, colored photographs of eggs, and numerous photographs of the habitats of Japanese birds. Judging from the prospectus, the work is entirely in Japanese.

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Museum of Comparative Zoology  
Harvard College  
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts  
10 February 1954

Dear Dr. Storer:

So many requests for information as to the status of Peters's Check-List of Birds of the World had come to the Museum of Comparative Zoology that we think your readers would be interested in the matter.

We have been appointed joint editors to see that the work is completed. Probably seven volumes will be required to contain the families not treated by Mr. Peters. A volume has almost been finished by Dr. Zimmer of the American Museum in New York. Sixteen collaborators have most kindly agreed to contribute the families that remain to be done and each one will be the responsible author of his contribution. We hope by this means to assure that the work will be completed in as short a time as possible.

Very truly yours,  
Ernst Mayr  
James C. Greenway, Jr.

#### USEFUL INFORMATION FOR FIELD COLLECTORS IN MEXICO

As a result of the tremendous increase in faunal studies in México on the part of biologists from other countries, particularly the United States, information on the proper method of obtaining scientific collecting permits and regulations concerning the obligations on the part of the collectors is set forth briefly in the following paragraphs in the hope that it will prove helpful to those contemplating biological investigations in México.

Scientific collecting permits are required of all investigators who contemplate taking specimens of amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals in México. These permits are issued free of charge by the Dirección General Forestal y de Caza of the Secretaría de Agricultura y Ganadería, located at Mariscal Street No. 11, México, D. F. All correspondence concerning scientific collecting permits should be addressed to that office. Any representative, including students, of a scientific or cultural institution, who demonstrates qualifications satisfactory to the Mexican Government, is eligible to receive a permit.

Applications should be made at least one month in advance stating the type of study to be undertaken, the part of México in which the study is to be made, and the duration of the field phase of the investigation. A recent photograph of the applicant should accompany the application.

Recipients of scientific collecting permits issued by the Mexican Government are under obligation to fulfill the following requirements as stated in detail on each permit:

- a. To return one specimen of each species collected to the Mexican Government. (These specimens will be deposited in the collections of the Instituto de Biología of the University of Mexico, or in some other reliable scientific institution.)
- b. To submit a summary of field observations and a list of specimens collected.
- c. To send reprints of publications and reports based on the material gathered in México.
- d. To cooperate in game law enforcement by reporting cases of game law violations.
- e. To abide by the game laws of México, paying particular attention to the seasonal hunting regulations, and cooperating in giving full protection to those species completely protected from hunting. Permission to take species on the protected list may in certain cases be issued at discretion of the Dirección General Forestal y de Caza.

Authorization for temporary importation of firearms and ammunition and for carrying firearms in pursuit of scientific studies in México must be obtained in advance from the Departamento de la Industria Militar. This application may be made to any of the branch offices located in the various custom houses along the Mexican-U. S. Border, or directly to the central office at Tecamachalco, D. F. **BERNARDO VILLA R.**—*Departamento de Caza, Dirección General Forestal y de Caza, Mexico, D. F., Mexico.*