

purchase of land for wildlife, a growing number of states are using Pittman-Robertson funds for buying land.

The situation can become critical if present policies are continued for long, since the wildlife refuges have played and will continue to play a key rôle in the wildlife conservation program.

Your Committee, as individuals, has been active in many of the conservation battles and have had generous and unfailing support from many of the members of the A.O.U. whenever they have been asked to help.

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### NOTES AND NEWS

We regret to report the death of Charles F. Batchelder on November 7, 1954. Mr. Batchelder, who was 98 years old, was the last surviving Founder of the A.O.U. and its president from 1905 to 1908. He also served as associate editor of 'The Auk.' The Union suffered the loss also of a Corresponding Fellow, Ludwig Schuster of Hessen, Germany, on September 7, 1954.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge a generous donation from Mr. C. M. Goethe of Sacramento, California. Mr. Goethe made this contribution expressly toward the printing of an unpublished thesis in ornithology, and we have used it to help defray the cost of printing F. W. Loetscher's paper on North American migrants in Veracruz, which appears in this issue and which is part of a doctoral thesis submitted to Cornell University.

Mr. Goethe has expressed the hope that others will join him in providing funds which will enable 'The Auk' to publish the valuable theses on birds which are now unavailable to ornithologists.

At the banquet at the Madison meeting, a number of china and wooden birds, serving as decorations, were taken under the impression that they, as well as the auklets, were favors. Since many of these birds had associations of great value to the owners, the local committee will be grateful for their return. They should be sent to Robert A. McCabe, 424 University Farm Place, Madison, Wisconsin.

The publication date of "Recent Studies in Avian Biology" has been established by the University of Illinois Press as on or about June 15, 1955. The Treasurer wishes to thank subscribers for their patience and requests that further inquiries be withheld.