

- medius* (3), and *leucotos* (12). *D. major tianshanicus* is tentatively identified as a hybrid population, *D. major* x *D. leucopterus*. Hybridization between *D. syriacus* and *D. assimilis* is also discussed. Described as new is *D. cathpharius ludlowi* (Tsera, Pome, southwestern Sikang).—K. C. P.
- WETMORE, A. 1959. Notes on certain grouse of the Pleistocene. *Wilson Bull.*, **71**: 178–182.—*Tympanuchus*, *Pedioecetes*, and *Bonasa* from sites in Arkansas and Pennsylvania.—J. T. T.
- WINTERBOTTOM, J. M. 1959. A review of the subspecies of the Yellow Canary *Serinus flaviventris* (Swainson). *Ann. South African Mus.*, **44**: 315–321.—*Subsp. nov.*: *S. f. quintoni* from Hillmore, Beaufort West, in the Karoo areas of South Africa.—E. E.
- WOOLFENDEN, G. E. 1959. A Pleistocene avifauna from Rock Spring, Florida. *Wilson Bull.*, **71**: 183–187.—Thirty-five species and one additional genus were identified from a deposit probably formed in a fresh water habitat. Only two of the species are extinct.—J. T. T.

NOTES AND NEWS

The Secretary of the Union has been authorized by the Council to prepare an up-to-date membership list during 1960. Members of all classes are urged to bring to his attention errors in the latest list (October 1957), such as omissions of names, misspellings, erroneous alphabetization, incorrect class letters preceding names, wrong addresses, etc. Without such cooperation from those most concerned, a list relatively free of mistakes cannot be produced.

Mrs. Marjorie Ledingham, Secretary of the Local Committee on Arrangements for the Regina meeting, brings to the attention of the membership that copies of the group photograph may still be obtained from Stan's Photography, 3420 Hill Avenue, Regina, Saskatchewan, at a cost of \$1.25 (including twenty-five cents for mailing).

She points out also that any registered member or guest who failed to receive a free "Avocet Calendar" at the banquet may acquire one by writing to Mr. Elmer Fox, 1053 Gladmer Park, Regina.

Through the generosity of the Marcia Brady Tucker Foundation, Inc., we are again in a position to award funds to assist promising young ornithologists to attend the annual meeting of the Union. The amount granted will depend upon distance to be travelled and personal need. Any member may nominate candidates. It is not required that awardees present papers at the meeting, but since some may wish to apply for a position on the program, it is important that nominations be in hand *not later than* 1 June 1960.

Please send to the Secretary (H. G. Deignan, U.S. National Museum, Washington 25, D.C.) the following information: (1) name, age, and address of the nominee; (2) education and experience of the nominee; (3) a statement by the sponsor on the capabilities, special interest, and financial need of the nominee.

The A.O.U. Council at the 1959 meetings in Regina authorized issuance of the first grants for research from the income of the Josselyn Van Tyne Memorial Fund. A sum of approximately \$600 will become available at the end of the fiscal year, 31 July 1960. The Council assigned to the Research Committee the administering of these grants, and it is hoped that the first recipient or recipients may be announced at the next A.O.U. meeting in Ann Arbor in August.

Any student of birds who has a special need for equipment, travel, assistance, or materials to further his research is invited to submit an application (10 duplicate copies) for a portion or all of the money available. This application should give a full description of the proposed research, the type of help that is required, when the money should be made available, the background and training of the applicant, and other pertinent information. The applications will be evaluated and rated by the Research Committee to determine how the funds will be allotted.

All applications for grants must be in the hands of the chairman not later than 1 June 1960.—S. C. KENDEIGH, *Chairman, Vivarium Building, University of Illinois, Wright and Healey Streets, Champaign, Illinois.*