

NOTES AND NEWS

A Committee on Student Participation has been formed, with Professor S. Charles Kendeigh as Chairman, to receive applications from young ornithologists for financial support to enable them to attend the XIII International Ornithological Congress in Ithaca, New York, 17-24 June 1962. The funds provided for this Committee are being raised by private donation, and it is not certain at this time how large a sum will be available. The committee will presumably be able to make grants only to graduate students.

Applications must be submitted to Professor Kendeigh, Vivarium Building, University of Illinois, Wright and Healey Streets, Champaign, Illinois, before 1 April 1962.

Checks of donations for the work of the committee should be made payable to the American Ornithologists' Union and be mailed to the Treasurer (Professor Charles G. Sibley, Fernow Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York) with instructions that the money is to be used for this purpose.

It is the hope of this committee that serious young students of ornithology will take advantage of the unique opportunity to attend an International Congress and to meet the world's leading ornithologists in person.—ERNST MAYR, *President, XIII International Ornithological Congress.*

The Louis Agassiz Fuertes Research Grant, established in 1947, is devoted to the encouragement and stimulation of young ornithologists. One particular objective of the grant is the development of research interests among amateur ornithologists. Any kind of ornithological research may be aided, and recipients of grants need not be associated with academic organizations. Each proposal is considered primarily on the basis of possible contributions to ornithological knowledge.

An anonymous donor gave \$500 to found the fund; later donors have provided some \$600. The Council of the Wilson Ornithological Society has added funds as necessary to provide at least one \$100 grant annually.

Application forms may be obtained from Harvey I. Fisher, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois. Completed applications must be received by 1 March 1962.

With the cooperation of the Audubon Society of Missouri, I am preparing a biography of Otto Widmann. Anyone having photographs, personal memories, or letters to or from Widmann or knowing of the whereabouts of such items is urged to correspond.—DANIEL MCKINLEY, *Lake Erie College, Biology Department, Painesville, Ohio.*

Several thousand eggs collected over a period of about forty years by the late Frank M. Phelps of Elyria, Ohio, have been presented to the University of Massachusetts by Mrs. Phelps. The collection, to be known as the Frank M. Phelps Memorial Egg Collection, will be catalogued in the Zoology Museum and will be available for study at the university. It is anticipated that this will form the nucleus of a growing collection, and other such gifts will be appreciated.—L. M. BARTLETT, *Department of Zoology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts.*

Dr. Urless N. Lanham, Associate Professor of Natural Science at Monteith College, Wayne State University (Detroit), was Visiting Curator in Entomology at the University of Colorado Museum during the summer of 1961. He rearranged certain sections of the collections, sorted quantities of unidentified materials to make them

more available for study and loan, and completed plans for the expansion of the collections into twice the former number of cases. Among more specific tasks he incorporated the Charles H. Hicks collection, donated by Mrs. Hicks a number of years ago. As a supplementary field project he collected and processed some thousands of Alpine Zone insects from the area of the university's study area on Niwot Ridge, west of Boulder.

The University of Colorado Museum will entertain proposals from qualified scientists to serve as Visiting Curator for periods up to one year, for the improvement of the collections and their research potential, assuming that such duties will simultaneously be advantageous to the incumbent.