

NOTES AND NEWS

At the invitation of the University of Florida, the Eighty-first Stated Meeting of The American Ornithologists' Union will convene in Gainesville, Florida, 12-16 August 1963. Headquarters will be in Hume Hall on the University of Florida campus. Business sessions will be held in Hume Hall Monday 12 August. Public sessions will be held in nearby McCarty Hall, 13-15 August, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings starting at 9:00 A.M. and on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons beginning at 2:00 P.M.

Members and guests may register in the lobby of Hume Hall starting on Monday afternoon at 1:00 P.M. The usual registration fee of \$3.00 per adult registrant will be charged.

A field trip to Silver Springs, 40 miles from Gainesville, will take place on Wednesday afternoon, 14 August, starting at 1:15 P.M., followed by a barbecue supper at the University of Florida's recreation center at Lake Wauberg. For Friday, 16 August, two field trips will be arranged if sufficient interest is shown.

The University of Florida has reserved Hume Hall exclusively for the use of A.O.U. members and guests during the meetings. Hume Hall adjoins Lake Alice, where alligators growl and Purple and Common gallinules, Ospreys, and seven species of herons and ibises breed. Rates, including maid service, for rooms with twin beds are \$2.50 per person per day double occupancy, \$3.50 per day single occupancy.

Reservations for accommodations in Hume Hall, and for various events of the meeting, may be made by applying to Dr. J. C. Dickinson, Jr., Chairman of the Local Committee, Florida State Museum, Gainesville, Florida.

At the recent meetings of the Cooper Ornithological Society at Austin, Texas (18-21 April 1963), the Society's A. Brazier Howell award (for the best paper read at the annual meeting by an individual not holding a Ph.D. in the biological sciences) went to James K. Baker for "The Cave Swallow." The Harry R. Painton Award administered by the Society (for the best paper to appear in *The Condor* in the two years preceding) was made to William R. Dawson and Francis C. Evans for "Relation of growth and development to temperature regulation in nestling Vesper Sparrows" (*Condor*, 62: 329-340, 1960).

OBITUARIES

Colonel LORD WILLIAM PERCY died at his home, Horstead House, Norwich, on February 8, 1963, in his eighty-first year.

Lord William, son of the seventh Duke of Northumberland, was not affiliated with the A.O.U., but throughout his life he was an active naturalist, an extremely skillful field worker and student of bird behavior, and a colleague and friend of ornithologists in many lands.

His first and enduring interest centered in the ducks, of which he amassed an important, well-documented collection. Nearly all the examples were shot by himself and prepared by his own hands as notably beautiful study skins. Many of these were given from time to time to museums in response to particular wants. A representative series of more than 1,200 specimens, rich in rarities, eclipse plumages, and young of the downy stage, became the property of the American Museum of Natural History in 1932.

Percy's keenness as an observer was phenomenal. The late Ludlow Griscom, an