

## NOTES AND NEWS

The Eighty-third Stated Meeting of The American Ornithologists' Union was held at Columbus, Ohio, 23-27 August 1965. Officers elected at that meeting or continued in service are named on the inside front cover of this issue of *The Auk*. The following were elected to special classes of membership: Robert-Daniel Etchécopar, Claes Christian Olog, *Corresponding Fellows*; Frederick N. Hamerstrom, Jr., Robert M. Mengel, *Fellows*; N. Philip Ashmole, John L. Bull, Douglas A. Lancaster, Stephen M. Russell, Paul Schwartz, Leslie M. Tuck, *Elective Members*; Albert Hazen Wright, *Honorary Life Elective Member*; Robert G. Goelet, *Patron*. Ernst Mayr received the Brewster Memorial Medal and Award. Elected to three-year terms on the Council of the A.O.U. were: James L. Baillie, Jr., Eugene Eisenmann, Robert J. Newman. A complete account of the meeting, as is traditional, will appear in a subsequent issue of *The Auk*.

Reproduced as the frontispiece (p. [viii]) of Volume 82 of *The Auk* (and hence serving temporarily as frontispiece to the present issue) is a half-tone reproduction—the finest that we could buy—of a striking example of the work of the extraordinarily gifted bird painter Robert Verity Clem. In the tradition of Edward Hopper among landscapists, and of the dioramas backgrounded by James Perry Wilson, this is a superb example of hyper-realism, meaning that try as you may, you may never see—much less photograph—a group of real puffins quite as real as Mr. Clem's! Entitled "Puffins, Matinicus Rock, Maine," the original is an opaque watercolor of  $17\frac{1}{4} \times 25\frac{1}{2}$  inches. Through the good offices of the artist and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Bogan, owners of the painting, the cut will serve to decorate a new edition of the Union's brochure for prospective members shortly to be published. It is herewith published in *The Auk* for the benefit of those who are already members.

In accordance with a decision of the 13th International Congress of Zoology, 1948, public notice is hereby given of the possible use by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature of its plenary powers in connection with the following cases, full details of which will be found in the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature*, vol. 22, pt. 3 (13 August 1965): Validation of the generic name *Cacatua* Vieillot, 1817 (Aves); **Z. N. (S.) 1647**. Any zoologist who wishes to comment on this case should do so in writing, and in duplicate, as soon as possible, and in any case before **13 February 1966**. Each comment should bear the reference number (in **boldface**, above) of the case in question. Comments received early enough will be published in the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature*. Those received too late for publication will, if received before 13 February 1966, be brought to the attention of the Commission at the time of commencement of voting.

The Eastern Bird Banding Association announces that it is offering an award of \$100.00 to an undergraduate (must be a junior or senior, with at least a "B" average, majoring in zoology or biology) or graduate (must be a major in ornithology and use bird banding as part of his thesis) student at a United States college or university who uses bird banding in an ornithological study. The Association would like to publish any papers resulting, but this is not mandatory. Qualified applicants should write requesting consideration; the letter should describe the project contemplated and explain how it relates to bird banding. Letters should be signed by the head of the college or university department concerned and should be received by **1 January 1966** or very soon thereafter. Address Albert Schnitzer, Chairman, Memorial Award Com-

mittee, Eastern Bird Banding Association, 155 Wild Hedge Lane, Mountainside, New Jersey.

Dr. W. Ray Salt, Department of Anatomy, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, has announced that the journals of the late Dr. William Rowan have been brought into a form where their substance may be examined without risk to the originals. A typewritten transcription has been bound into six volumes in chronological order which form a regular part of the library collection of the University of Alberta. They will be made available to ornithologists under the usual library regulations, and it is doubtful that they will be published in any other form. Further information, presumably, may be obtained upon request.

The "North American Nest Card Program" is concluding work on the 1965 nesting season and it is announced that many cards have already been returned. There are still, however, many cards in the hands of individual recorders and these should be returned as quickly as completed. Data are being processed for transferral onto IBM cards and a large bulk of material is needed for the first run. Regional Centers may determine for their members whether cooperators should return the cards to the Center first, in order to complete local records, or whether they should be sent directly as completed. Address North American Nest Card Program, Laboratory of Ornithology, 33 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, New York 14850.

In the present season nearly 1,000 Cattle Egrets were banded as nestlings within 15 miles of Charleston, South Carolina, where nearly 2,000 have been banded in all. This year the birds were marked with red bands on their left legs and aluminum (U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service) bands on their right legs. It is asked by those engaged in the study that all sightings be reported to T. A. Becket III, Magnolia Gardens, Johns Island, South Carolina.

As in the past, the editor wishes in concluding a volume to thank the editorial staff (see title-page) and the Editorial Committee (see *The Auk*, 82: 263, April) for their selfless and highly efficient assistance, without which production of a quarterly journal the size of *The Auk* would be well-nigh impossible. Also as in the past, numerous additional members and friends of the A.O.U. have been unstintingly generous with their time and help. Here to be mentioned (and it is hoped no one has been inadvertently omitted) are the following: Dean Amadon, Jon C. Barlow, Nicholas E. Collias, Frederick N. Hamerstrom, Jr., Crawford H. Greenewalt, E. Otto Höhn, Paul A. Johnsgard, Richard F. Johnston, S. Charles Kendeigh, Harold F. Mayfield, Marion J. Mengel (whose continuing contribution is very large indeed), Ralph S. Palmer, Frank A. Pitelka, F. W. Preston, Richard B. Root, Robert K. Selander, Edwin Way Teale, Clayton M. White, Hobson Wildenthal, and F. S. L. Williamson.