

NOTES AND NEWS

The American Ornithologists' Union will meet 5-9 September 1966 at Duluth, Minnesota, as guests of the Minnesota Ornithologists' Union; the Biology Department, University of Minnesota, Duluth; and the Duluth Bird Club. Registration will be open from 10 A.M. to 8 P.M. on Monday 5 September and from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in the Kirby Student Center Lobby. Scientific sessions will be held Tuesday through Thursday in the Education 80 Auditorium.

Meetings of the Fellows and of the Fellows and Elective Members will be held in the afternoon and evening, respectively, on Monday 5 September. The Council will hold its first meeting at 9 A.M. Monday morning 5 September. The annual Banquet will be held Thursday evening 8 September. Field trips are planned for Friday.

THEODORE A. BECKETT, III, MAGNOLIA GARDENS, JOHNS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, is studying the nesting status of the Caspian Tern in South Carolina both past and present. He is eager to secure evidence of any specimens of pre-flight young or eggs supposedly collected in South Carolina, particularly any evidence from the Brewster (Massachusetts) and Loomis (California) collections which are thought to contain eggs collected by A. T. Wayne. Mr. Beckett will greatly appreciate the help of any ornithologist having seen the Caspian Tern nesting in South Carolina or possessing any evidence relating thereto.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sir:

In his fine biography of the late Paul L. Errington, Dr. A. W. Schorger (*Auk*, 83: 53, 1966) has stated that in my short biographical sketch of Dr. Errington, prefacing his article "Canadian North" (in *Discovery: great moments in the lives of outstanding naturalists* [John K. Terres, ed.], New York, Lippincott, 1961) I was incorrect in writing that Errington was an early student of Aldo Leopold's in wildlife management. My statement, however, was read and approved by Errington himself before the book's publication. Also, the late W. L. McAtee, who knew Errington well, has written at least once that Errington was one of Leopold's early students. Finally, in a letter to me of many years ago Errington himself told me that he had met Leopold at the University of Wisconsin in 1929, before the latter joined the staff, while Errington was working there on a fellowship in gamebird research, and added: "I was an informal student of Leopold's for the next three years."

Dr. Schorger, in a recent letter to me, has kindly pointed out, however, that Errington also wrote (*J. Wildl. Mgmt.*, 12: 341, 1948) that: "As Aldo was not appointed to the University of Wisconsin staff until 1933 (a year after I had left the campus), I was never formally his student."

That I erred technically in omitting the word "informally" from my piece in *Discovery* is therefore quite correct. The point I wish to make is that my statement of their *basic* relationship, far from being an irresponsible assumption as might otherwise be assumed, came from information supplied by Errington himself. It appears, therefore, that Dr. Schorger's account and mine are both correct, each in its own way, and that an author or biographer can be no more accurate than his sources.—JOHN K. TERRES, *General Editor, Lippincott Nature Books, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.*

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