

NOTES AND NEWS

Members of the Cooper Ornithological Society have recently received invitations to attend the Thirty-third Annual Meeting of the Society in Berkeley, April 20 and 21, 1962, at the University of California. This notice is a further reminder of the meeting. The local committee on arrangements is anxious to be of assistance and suggests you communicate with it promptly if any problems arise concerning your attendance.—A.H.M.

The National Science Foundation announces that the next closing date for receipt of basic research proposals in the life sciences is May 15, 1962. Proposals received prior to that date will be reviewed at the summer meeting of the Foundation's advisory panels and disposition will be made approximately four months following the closing date. Proposals received after the May 15, 1962, deadline will be reviewed following the fall closing date of September 15, 1962.

Inquiries should be addressed to the Biological and Medical Sciences Division, National Science Foundation, Washington 25, D.C.

Ornithologists from other continents intending to work on African birds are invited to make use of the Percy FitzPatrick Institute of African Ornithology, University of Cape Town, as their base. Office or limited laboratory accommodation would be made available; use could be made of the Institute's reference library; access to the collection of the South African Museum could be arranged; and the advice of the staff on matters requiring local knowledge would be at the visitor's disposal. Anybody interested should write to the Director, Percy FitzPatrick Institute of Af-

rican Ornithology, University of Cape Town, Rondebosch, Cape Province, South Africa.

Dr. Richard C. Banks has been appointed Curator of Birds and Mammals at the San Diego Natural History Museum, upon the retirement of Laurence M. Huey. The collections of the San Diego Museum have recently been substantially augmented by the acquisition of Mr. Huey's private collection.

Mr. J. C. Finley of 6710, 102 A Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, is studying migration and population trends in Purple Martins. He would welcome correspondence with persons interested in this species who might exchange information.

H. Albert Hochbaum, Director of the Delta Waterfowl Research Station, Manitoba, is just completing a series of lectures at the University of California in Los Angeles on wildfowl and prairie marshes and on pairing and territorial behavior. The lectures constitute the Lida Scott Brown series in ornithology for 1962.

Programs of divisional meetings of the Cooper Ornithological Society in recent months included the following: "Evolution of Brood Parasitism in the Old World Cuckoos," by Herbert Friedmann, in Los Angeles on November 29; "An Ornithological Trip to Teller, Alaska," by Sydney B. Peyton, in Los Angeles on January 31; "The Life of the Rosy Finch," by Norman R. French, in Los Angeles on February 28; "Biology of the Golden Plover," by Franz Sauer, in Berkeley on December 7; "Endemic Birds of Australia," by Alden H. Miller, in Berkeley on January 4.