

## NOTES AND NEWS

Frank A. Pitelka has advised the Board of Governors of the Cooper Ornithological Society that new editorial responsibilities which he must assume in connection with another society make it impossible for him to continue as Associate Editor of *The Condor*. To the great regret of the Board and of the Editor it was necessary to accept his resignation from the staff of *The Condor*. The undersigned would like to pay tribute to the imaginative and helpful service that Frank Pitelka has given to our journal and to the Pacific Coast Avifauna series over a period of 20 years. He has been notably active in appraisal of content, styling of the journal and its illustrations, and in the management of production during the absence of the editor. His aid will be sorely missed.—A.H.M.

The Frank M. Chapman Memorial Fund of the American Museum of Natural History is administered by a committee which meets twice annually to review applications for grants and fellowships. The Chapman Fund is intended to support and foster research in ornithology from a broad and international point of view. There are no restrictions as to the formal qualifications of applicants or the locality in which research is to be conducted. Applications should be submitted not later than February 15 and September 15. Detailed information and application forms may be obtained from the Frank M. Chapman Memorial Committee, American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th Street, New York 24, New York.

The National Science Foundation announces that the next closing date for receipt of basic research proposals in the life sciences is September 15, 1962. Proposals received prior to that date will be reviewed at a meeting of the Foundation's advisory panels, and disposition will be made approximately four months following the closing date. Proposals received after the September 15, 1962, deadline will be reviewed following the winter closing date of January 15, 1963.

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

Extensive evidence indicates that wild birds are involved in the life cycle of many arthropod-borne viruses and are the source of infection for arthropods that infect man and domestic animals. The natural history of these viruses and the epidemiology of the diseases they produce are so complex that only a coordinated effort by specialists on all facets of ornithology, ecology and virology can produce the information needed.

The American Committee on Arthropod-borne Viruses (ACAV) has been attacking the virological aspects of these problems for several years, but greater participation by ornithologists is required. A meeting of ornithologists, virologists, ecologists and entomologists was organized in Atlanta, Georgia, February 16 and 17, 1962, to discuss information at hand, current investigations, and the need for more research and communication.

A subcommittee of the ACAV was formed to serve as a channel of information exchange, a focus for consultation, and to stimulate development of new tools and ideas. The subcommittee consists of David E. Davis, Joseph J. Hickey, Robert J. Newman, Maurice W. Prevost, and Donald D. Stamm, Chairman.

The proceedings of the meeting and a list of references have been prepared and the subcommittee desires to distribute them as widely as possible. Interested persons may obtain copies from the chairman who will place their name on a mailing list for future communications.—USPHS, *Communicable Disease Center, Atlanta 22, Ga.*

Programs of divisional meetings of the Cooper Ornithological Society in recent months included the following: "The Laysan Duck and Its Neighbors—Some Recent Studies," by Richard E. Warner, in Berkeley on February 1, 1962; "Some Fringillidae of the United States and Canada and Some Owls of California," by Donald D. McLean, in Berkeley on March 1; "The Prairie Marshes of the United States and Canada," by H. Albert Hochbaum, in Los Angeles on March 28; "How Hormones Influence Behavior in Birds," by Daniel S. Lehrman, in Los Angeles on May 31.