

## NEWS AND NOTES

## MILLER MEMORIAL ISSUE

The entire scientific portion of this issue of *The Condor* consists of papers by former students of Dr. Alden H. Miller, contributed as a memorial to the late, long-time editor of this journal. The Board of Governors of the Cooper Ornithological Society, on 8 April 1966, established a committee to supervise an issue to be dedicated to the memory of Dr. Miller. The committee invited manuscripts from all of the former students of Dr. Miller and the present issue is the result.

## DUES INCREASE

The Board of Directors of the Cooper Ornithological Society, meeting in Tucson, Arizona, on 26 April 1969, voted to increase annual membership dues to the following levels: Regular Membership, \$8.00; Sustaining

Membership, \$10.00; Student Membership, \$5.00. These new levels will go into effect with the 1970 membership year. The cost of Life Memberships will increase to \$250.00 on 1 January 1970; until then it remains \$150.00.

## NORTHERN DIVISION MEETINGS

The Cooper Ornithological Society's Northern Division met 16 January 1969 at Berkeley to hear Dennis M. Power speak on "Natural selection in Red-winged Blackbirds by multiple environmental factors" and Joseph R. Jehl, Jr., on "The downy young of shorebirds and their taxonomic value."

"Breeding adaptations and factors limiting reproductive success in the Rufous-winged Sparrow" was Robert D. Ohmart's topic for the 6 February 1969 meeting.

## PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

Among the publications recently received by the editorial office, the following are noted as having particular interest for avian biologists.

**A Distributional Survey of the Birds of Honduras.**—Burt L. Monroe, Jr. 1968. A.O.U. Ornithological Monographs, no. 7, 458 p. \$9.00, \$7.20 to A.O.U. members (clothbound). Available from the treasurer of the A.O.U., Burt L. Monroe, Jr., Box 23447, Anchorage, Kentucky 40223.—This fine monograph provides an excellent account of the distribution and geographic variation of 663 species whose occurrence in Honduras the author regards as firmly established. Discussions of the physiography, geology, climate, and habitat types of Honduras; a gazeteer; and ecological and distributional analysis of the avifauna will be of interest to all students of Central American birds.

**The Birds of the Republic of Panamá Part 2. Columbidae (Pigeons) to Picidae (Woodpeckers).**—Alexander Wetmore. 1968. Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections, Vol. 150, Part 2 (distributed by Random House, New York). v + 605 p., 76 illustrations. \$15.00 (clothbound).—Although this monumental work is taxonomic in organization, considerable information on natural history is included. Each subspecies is described and discussed; families are characterized briefly; and keys to the species are given for each family. Part 1 of this series (tinamous to skimmers) is now available in cloth from Random House for \$12.50.

## THE BULLETIN BOARD

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**FOR SALE**—Extensive Bibliography on Falconry, Eagles, Hawks and Falcons. Part I. Falconry and Eagles. 897 entries concerning falconry; 1451 eagle references, all in the English language. Part II (Hawks) and Part III (Falcons and Ospreys) will be published in 1969. Price of Part I, \$4 (U.S.).—Write: Richard B. Olendorff, Aggie Village 7-D, Fort Collins, Colo. 80521.

**Bird Guide of Thailand.**—Boonsong Lekagul. 1968. The Association for the Conservation of Wildlife, Bangkok. xxviii + 271 p., numerous color plates, several black-and-white drawings, and a few photographs, all by the author. \$8.50 (clothbound). Available from Pierce Book Co., Winthrop, Iowa 50682.—In this interesting field guide nearly all of the 829 species of Thai birds are illustrated, most of them in color. Species accounts include vernacular (English and Thai) and scientific names, brief descriptions and field marks, and indications as to habitat, distribution, and status. It will be indispensable to a bird student visiting Thailand and useful in other parts of southeast Asia.

**Birds of the Eastern Forest: I.**—Paintings by J. F. Lansdowne, text by John A. Livingston. 1968. Houghton Mifflin, Boston. 229 p. \$20.00 (clothbound).—This beautiful volume includes, for each of 52 species, a full page (9½" × 13") color plate, a full page of artist's sketches, and a page of textual comment. The paintings are outstanding.

**Bird Song: Acoustics and Physiology.**—Crawford H. Greenwalt. 1968. Smithsonian Press, Washington (distributed by Random House, New York). 194 p. \$12.50 (clothbound).—In this scholarly treatment, the author combines detailed analysis of bird vocalizations with knowledge of the properties of the syrinx to arrive at interesting conclusions as to the nature of the sound production apparatus in birds.

**FOR SALE**—C. Bendire, *Life Hist. of North American Birds*, 2 vol. folio size, 19 color plates of eggs. 1892 and 1895. Cloth. Ex. cond. \$25 + \$1.40 postage.—John L. Blackford, P.O. Box 428, St. Helena, California 94574.

**WANTED**—Desperately need Hawks, Owls and Wildlife by F. and J. Craighead.—Dwight G. Smith, Department of Zoology and Entomology, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah 84601.

**WANTED**—Stomachs, for food studies, of the members of the following families: swifts, goatsuckers, tyrant flycatchers, jacamars, and swallows, temperate and neotropical species. Expenses reimbursed.—Henry A. Hespenheide, Dept. of Biology, Univ. of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa. 19104.