

NEWS AND NOTES

CHANGE IN EDITORIAL OFFICE

With the publication of this issue the editorship of *The Condor* passes to Francis S. L. Williamson. Manuscripts submitted for publication and correspondence concerning editorial matters should be sent to Dr. Williamson at the Chesapeake Bay Center for Environmental Studies, Route 4, Box 622, Edgewater, Maryland 21037.

I wish to express my gratitude for the able services of Editorial Assistants, Deborah I. Vierk, Laura L. Bloebaum, Elizabeth C. Moore, and Suzanne Jamison, and Assistant Editors, Donald F. Caccamise, Richard L. Maze, and Jean P. Thompson. Mrs. Thompson's contributions to the past three volumes of *The Condor* have been particularly comprehensive and significant. I also wish to thank my predecessor, Dr. James R. King, and the management of Allen Press for easing the editorial burdens in many ways. Finally, deep appreciation is due to the very large number of avian biologists, both professional and amateur, who have generously and anonymously given the benefit of their knowledge and judgment in advice on manuscripts.—R. J. Raft

43RD ANNUAL MEETING

The 43rd annual meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society will be held at New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, 21–23 April 1972. Details of the schedule and arrangements will be described in the usual announcement and call for papers, which will be mailed to members at a later date. Ralph J. Raft, Department of Biology, New Mexico State University, is chairman of the local committee.

OBITUARY: ROBERT C. LASIEWSKI

Dr. Robert C. Lasiewski died unexpectedly on 2 August 1971 in Gainesville, Florida, where he had gone to assume the chairmanship of the Department of Zoology at the University of Florida.

NOMINEES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Nominating Committee appointed by President L. Richard Mewaldt, consisting of Thomas R. Howell (chairman), William H. Behle, and Ralph J. Raft, rendered its report in October. It proposes to the Cooper Ornithological Society electorate for three-year terms on the Board of Directors of the Cooper Ornithological Society: *Barbara Blanchard DeWolfe*, University of California at Santa Barbara; *Harold F. Mayfield*, Waterville, Ohio; and *Francis S. L. Williamson*, Smithsonian Institution's Chesapeake Bay Center for Environmental Studies, Edgewater, Maryland. These nominees are proposed to replace retiring Directors Oliver P. Pearson, Ralph J. Raft, and Robert W. Storer, who may not succeed themselves. Procedures for election of Directors may be found in the COS Bylaws (*Condor* 69:613–620, 1967).

AOU: NEW OFFICERS, BREWSTER AWARD

At the meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union in Seattle, Washington, 30 August–4 September 1971, the following officers were elected or reelected: Robert

W. Storer, President; Joseph J. Hickey, First Vice President; George A. Bartholomew, Second Vice President; Richard C. Banks, Secretary; Burt L. Monroe, Jr., Treasurer.

The Brewster Memorial Award was presented to Charles G. Sibley for his work on the relationships among the higher categories of birds as indicated by electrophoretic patterns of egg-white proteins.

ERRATUM

Dr. Russell P. Balda calls attention to an error in his paper, "Flocking and Annual Cycle of the Piñon Jay, *Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus*," in the preceding issue of *The Condor*. On p. 301 in the middle of the last paragraph is the statement, "Nestlings were fed only by their parents until about six days old . . ." This should have read, "16 days old . . ."

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

Contribution a L'étude des Oiseaux d'Iran (Résultats de la Mission Etchecopar 1967).—Christian Érard and Robert-Daniel Etchecopar. 1970. *Mémoires du Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Nouvelle Série, Série A, Tome LXVI*. 146 p. (paperbound; in French). Available from the Bibliothèque centrale of the museum, 38, rue Geoffroy-Saint-Hilaire, Paris (5^e), France. Price not given.

Handbuch Der Vögel Mitteleuropas.—edited by Günther Niethammer (Band 2) and Urs N. Glutz von Blotzheim (Band 3); revised by Kurt M. Bauer and Urs N. Glutz von Blotzheim. Band 2. Anseriformes (1. Teil) 1968. 532 p. Band 3. Anseriformes (2. Teil) 1969. 503 p. Akademische Verlagsgesellschaft, Frankfurt am Main, West Germany. Prices: DM 48.50 for each part, if part of subscription for whole set; otherwise DM 57 each (hardbound, in German).—These are the second and third parts (of 11) of this revised version of Niethammer's classical work. Part 1 is available from the same address (price: DM 40.80 or 48.00). Its comprehensive treatment of the groups (field identification, detailed descriptions, taxonomy, ecology, behavior, etc.) makes the series of far more than regional interest.

Birds of Prey in the Field. A Guide to the British and European Species.—Roger Harkness and Colin Murdoch. 1971. H. F. & G. Witherby, Ltd., 15 Nicholas Lane, London, E. C. Y. 208 p. 2.25 pounds sterling (clothbound).—This is a nicely turned-out little guide, illustrated with a large number of black-and-white sketches and drawings and a number of photographs of varying quality. Species accounts give information on natural history, as well as descriptions. Owls are not included.

Studies of Bird Hazards to Aircraft.—1971. Canadian Wildlife Service Report Series, No. 14, Ottawa. 105 p. \$1.25 (paperbound).—This publication contains eight separate articles by various authors; five of them concern bird migration, without particular reference to aircraft.