

NOTES AND NEWS

We note with pleasure the appointment by the Nuttall Ornithological Club of Dr. Oliver L. Austin (Review Editor of *Bird-Banding*) as chairman of the committee to complete A. C. Bent's "Life Histories of North American Birds" series. Dr. Austin succeeds the late Wendell Taber, who had assumed that responsibility upon Mr. Bent's death.

The Golden Press has announced the publication, later in 1961, of *Birds of the World* by Dr. Austin, with 300 color plates from paintings by Arthur Singer. Judging from preliminary proof sheets, both the text and the illustrations will be well received.

The 13th International Ornithological Congress will convene at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, from June 17 to 24, 1962. This is an honor which comes to any country only once in a generation at most, as the congresses convene only once every four years and meetings are generally in Europe. It affords a magnificent opportunity to hear papers of high quality and to meet ornithologists from all over the world.

For details of the Congress, write to Charles G. Sibley, Secretary General, Fernow Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York U. S. A., as soon as possible. A small fund has been obtained to provide partial support for the travel of a few persons (not citizens of the U. S. or Canada) coming from outside North America; application forms will be sent upon request. Note: applications for places on the program, for travel grants, or to attend the Congress should be returned to Mr. Sibley before December 1, 1961.

A brief index to much of the world literature on field ornithology for the decade 1941-50 can be obtained in the index to *Bird-Banding* for those years. Copies may be obtained from Mrs. J. R. Downs, So. Londonderry, Vermont, at \$3.00 (paperbound) or \$4.50 hard covers to present NEBBA members or *Bird-Banding* subscribers; or \$4.00 (paperbound) or \$5.50 (hard covers) to others. These prices include postage.

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