

tion of structural features are discussed. All in all this book should be very satisfying to mechanically and mathematically inclined ornithologists.—Leon Kelso.

**49. The Feathers and Plumage of Birds.** A. A. Voitkevich. 1966. October House Inc. (134 East 22nd. St., New York, N. Y.; also published by Sidgwick and Jackson, 1 Tavistock Chambers, Bloomsbury Way, London WC1) 335pp. \$7.80. This book is presented as a translation of Voitkevich's *Pero Ptitsy* (1962), reviewed in *Bird-Banding*, 37: 219, 1966. Although handsomely published in hard cover and contributing substantially to a comparatively neglected field, the book warrants certain reservations. A cursory review finds that of the 104 figures in the original book, 30 have been omitted; of 16 paragraphs in the introduction, 5 are absent in the translation; a paragraph of 115 words on p. 11 is missing. Such renderings as "helm" feathers for tail feathers or rectrices and "barrel" for calamus, betray non-biological translators or editors or both. While this does not detract very substantially from the value of the work as a whole, one can but wonder how meek science should be to management by those who are non-scientific in training and tendencies.

What editing of translations can mean may be noted in the dedication, opposite p. *xvi* where straight translation would read: . . . "to the memory of . . . Evgenii Svetozarov, killed near Voronezh in the war against the fascist barbarians." This section is amended to read: "killed near Voronezh in the war against the Germans."—Leon Kelso.

#### NOTES AND NEWS

Prices for mist nets sold by NEBBA have been maintained at the October, 1962 level, despite another increase in parcel post rates in January. This increase bears more heavily on NEBBA than on the average shipper because of the light weight of the nets. Increases of about ten cents in each postal rate bracket amount to as much as a 25% increase.

An active netter in North Carolina comments: "My observations indicate that the chief cause of deterioration of the nets is light, not heat or moisture. Some nets in full shade in the woods have been in fair condition after being out continuously for a year. In the open in the summer the limit is under three months." This suggests that nets which are not in use daily will last longer if taken down between periods of use rather than furled, particularly in the open in summer. The balance between the extra labor of taking them down completely and the longer life of course depends on the individual situation. And in some situations, involving rough net lanes or numbers of animals, the life of the net is determined by damage more than by gradual deterioration. Incidentally, nets stored indoors may last longer if completely covered from the light, even though the ultra-violet portion of sunlight, outdoors, is a much more significant factor.

Details on NEBBA nets may be obtained from Mr. E. A. Bergstrom, 37 Old Brook Road, West Hartford, Conn. 06117. All orders for delivery in the U. S. should include the zip code, as this is now the basis for determining parcel post zone.

Dates to remember: May 20, 1967, spring field meeting of NEBBA at Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, Lenox, Mass.; October 28, annual meeting of NEBBA at Drumlin Farm, Lincoln, Mass.

The Long Point Bird Observatory will be conducting a continuous program of observations and banding of migrant and resident birds from April 1 to October 31, 1967 at Long Point on the Ontario shore of Lake Erie. The Observatory is situated at the eastern end of the Point, about 18 miles from the nearest road. Last year about 15,000 birds of 150 species were banded at the Observatory. Most of the birds are trapped in the Observatory's five Heligoland Traps. Accommodation is available at the Observatory for a limited number of experienced observers or banders who are willing to assist in the work of the Observatory for periods of *one week or longer*. Accommodation includes bunks and cooking facilities, but visitors must bring their own sleeping bags, air mattresses and food. A fee is charged for accommodation and transportation on Long Point. Further details may be obtained from Mrs. J. Woodford, 76 Glentworth Road, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada.