

is functioning in the United States to raise funds which are sent to DUCKS UNLIMITED, LTD., of Canada. The quality of field work, public contacts, and other activities of the Canadian work of DUCKS UNLIMITED seems to compare not unfavorably with that of well-known government agencies engaged in similar reconnoitering and restoration. It is not claimed by them that crows and droughts are the principal enemies of waterfowl; for they readily admit the seriousness of shooting. Any organization sincerely and intelligently working for waterfowl habitat restoration and public education in conservation affairs deserves tolerance and due appreciation, regardless of which side of our Canadian border the work is being done. Such organizations are no doubt benefiting from past experiences, as also are many of the state and federal agencies entrusted with wildlife affairs.

**FEDERAL AID TO WILDLIFE.** Under new projects Ohio and Connecticut are working on Ruffed Grouse, Virginia and Nebraska on the Quail, and Oregon is studying the Sage Grouse. Oregon, California, and Idaho are doing work with the beaver; Vermont is planning a survey of its fur animals, and Mississippi is undertaking a wildlife resources survey under the leadership of Miss Fannye Cook, biologist for the Commission. Many states, chiefly in the West, are undertaking deer management projects, and numerous states are acquiring new refuge areas.

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Miles D. Pirnie, Chairman

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

Dr. Alden H. Miller has been appointed Director of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California.

Dr. Thomas S. Roberts was given the honorary degree of Doctor of Science by the University of Minnesota last June in recognition of his accomplishments in ornithology and his success in developing the Minnesota Museum of Natural History.

The Sixth Annual Midwest Wildlife Conference will be held in Urbana, Illinois on November 14 to 16. A special feature of the meeting will be the dedication of the new five-story Natural Resources Building on the University of Illinois campus.

The Department of Zoology of Carleton College has recently been given the North American bird egg collection of Alpheus Hewitt of Winnebago, Minnesota. This collection comprises 4,000 eggs, all with full data. The majority of the specimens were collected forty or fifty years ago and there are included therefore the eggs of many species which are now exceedingly rare.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union was held at the New England Museum of Natural History in Boston and at the Institute of Geographical Exploration of Harvard University, September 9 to 12, with a registered attendance of 310.

Officers elected for the new year were as follows: President, James P. Chapin, New York City; Vice-Presidents, James L. Peters, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and George Willett, Los Angeles, California; Secretary, Lawrence E. Hicks, Columbus, Ohio; Treasurer, Rudyerd Boulton, Chicago, Illinois; Council, Ira N. Gabrielson, Washington, D.C., James Savage, Buffalo, New York, and J. Van Tyne, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The Brewster Medal was awarded to James L. Peters for his "Check-list of Birds of the World."

Two Fellows were elected: Stanley G. Jewett, Portland, Oregon, and Robert T. Moore, Pasadena, California. In addition to 228 new Associate Members, 8 new Members were elected: Oliver L. Austin, M.D., Tuckahoe, N.Y.; Joseph J. Hickey, New York City; George H. Lowery, Baton Rouge, La.; Eugene E. Murphy, Augusta, Ga.; John R. Pemberton, Altadena, Calif.; Arlie W. Schorger, Madison, Wis.; Milton B. Trautman, Put-in-Bay, Ohio; and Lawrence H. Wilkinshaw, Battle Creek, Mich.

The 1940 meeting will be held in Denver.