

EDITORIAL

The Thirtieth Annual Meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Club will be held jointly with the Ninth Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology in Madison, Wisconsin, April 21 to 24, 1949. Previous meetings have been held in the fall, but, following numerous requests from Members, the Council decided by mail ballot to hold the meeting in the spring. Technical sessions, demonstration sessions, popular sessions, and field trips are being planned by the combined Local Committees on Arrangements.

OBITUARY

ALDO LEOPOLD, forester, ornithologist, and conservationist, died April 21, 1948, near Fairfield, Wisconsin. He was born at Burlington, Iowa, January 11, 1887. After graduating from Yale he served in the Forest Service until 1924, when he was appointed Associate Director of the Forest Products Laboratory at Madison, Wisconsin. In 1933, he became Professor of Wildlife Management in the University of Wisconsin. He wrote extensively on game birds and mammals and was the author of the first book on "Game Management."

LEON J. COLE, geneticist and ornithologist, died February 17, 1948, at Madison, Wisconsin, aged seventy. Born at Allegany, New York, he attended Michigan State College and the University of Michigan and earned the Ph.D. in zoology at Harvard. He had carried on field work in Alaska, Bermuda, Yucatan, Tortugas, and Europe. Ornithologists will always remember that it was he who (in 1901) first publicly proposed in America that birds should be banded and, during the following ten years, led the movement for organized bird banding.

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

Herbert Deignan, of the National Museum, is in Australia as ornithologist with a joint expedition under the auspices of the National Geographic Society and the Australian Government. Plans for the expedition included a survey of Arnhemland, northern Australia.

Seth H. Low has been transferred from his position as Manager of the Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge to take charge of the bird-banding program of the Division of Wildlife Research, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Emerson Stringham (P.O. Box 986, Kerrville, Texas) is preparing a monograph on Alexander Wilson and is interested in procuring all books and papers by or about Wilson. He will be glad to hear from Members who wish to dispose of such books or papers or who know where they may be procured.

Frederick V. Hebard (1500 Walnut Street Building, Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania) is making a study of "injury feigning" in all species of North American birds. He would like to receive detailed reports from Members on their own observations of such displays.

THE LOUIS AGASSIZ FUERTES RESEARCH GRANT FOR 1948

The Louis Agassiz Fuertes Research Fund was established to encourage ornithological research. The grant is designed to help students and amateur ornithologists in defraying the expenses of their research programs, particularly such items as travel, materials, and equipment.

One hundred dollars is given each year to the applicant selected by the Research Committee of the Wilson Ornithological Club on the basis of (1) merits of the applicant's project; (2) prospects of successful completion of the project; (3) ability of the applicant; and (4) financial need of the applicant.