

## EDITORIAL

James Bond, of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, recently has been awarded a Musgrave Medal by the Board of Governors of the Institute of Jamaica, B.W.I., with the following citation: "In recognition of your contributions to West Indian ornithology, and particularly in recognition of the stimulus and assistance which you have given to the study of birds in Jamaica."

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At the recent meeting in Gatlinburg, the Executive Council of the Wilson Ornithological Club decided that since the Canadian dollar has now come to parity, or better, with the United States dollar, the need has vanished for the Club to have a Canadian bank account and a Canadian assistant to the Treasurer for the service of Canadian members. The Council authorized discontinuance of the Canadian account. William W. H. Gunn, who served as Canadian assistant to the Treasurer, was thanked by the Council for helping out in this financial problem which existed only a few months ago.

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The Illinois Audubon Society has established recently a Junior Wildlife Management Award. This will be awarded not only for a good plan for sound management practices but also for results obtained through putting the practices into effect.

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Members are reminded again of the Club's urgent need for extra copies of the March, June, and September issues of *The Wilson Bulletin* for 1951. These copies should be sent to the Wilson Ornithological Club Library, Museum of Zoology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. If you don't keep a file of the *Bulletin*, please help out the Club in this way.

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Psittacosis at Cape Cod.—A recent article in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (Chapman, 1951:1343-1344) reports a case of psittacosis in a human at Cape Cod, Massachusetts. The patient had had no direct contact with birds, but had twice cleaned a bird-feeding station; each time she had brushed disintegrated bird-droppings toward her with a whisk broom. "During the period when infection might have occurred, a family of purple finches were frequent visitors to the station. Finches are known to be carriers of psittacosis. In the course of the summer a catbird, a robin, and a finch were found dead but showed no signs of injury" (p. 1344).

The disease was characterized by a prolonged convalescent period after the disappearance of fever.—K.R.K.

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### REPORT OF TREASURER FOR 1951

Balance as shown by last report, dated December 31, 1950.....\$1,560.87

#### RECEIPTS

Dues:	
Associate .....	1,564.00
Active .....	2,287.00
Sustaining .....	775.00
Subscriptions to "The Wilson Bulletin" .....	222.50
Sale of back issues and reprints of "The Wilson Bulletin" .....	195.26

Gifts: Color Plate Fund.....	250.50
Mrs. Sarah L. Hilton Gift for Dr. David Clark Hilton Memorial Color Plate Fund.....	1,898.00
Henry J. Nunnemacher Gift for December Gertrude A. Nunne- macher Memorial Issue.....	1,250.00
Miscellaneous .....	67.41
Proceeds of auction of paintings at Davenport, Iowa, meeting.....	399.96
Transferred from Endowment Fund (interest on bonds, etc.).....	191.25
 Total receipts.....	 \$10,661.75

DISBURSEMENTS

"The Wilson Bulletin"—printing, engraving, mailing.....	\$5,408.99
Color plates for "The Wilson Bulletin".....	2,430.64
Editor's expense—printing, postage, secretarial aid.....	146.75
Secretary's expense—printing, postage, clerical aid.....	23.41
Treasurer's expense—printing, postage, clerical aid.....	427.49
Membership Committee expense—printing, postage.....	45.69
Annual Meeting expense.....	110.73
Purchase of books from Book Fund.....	5.50
Bank charges, foreign exchange, corporation papers and miscellan- ous expenses.....	8.64
Transferred to Endowment Fund a/c Edward L. Chalif and Special Research Grants.....	300.00
 Total disbursements.....	 \$ 8,907.84
Balance on hand in Citizens Fidelity Bank and Trust Company, Louis- ville, Kentucky, December 31, 1951.....	\$ 1,753.91

ENDOWMENT FUND

Cash balance in Savings Account December 31, 1950.....	\$ 668.65
<i>Received during year:</i>	
Interest on U. S. Bonds and on Savings Account.....	\$ 171.70
Life Membership payments.....	1,100.00
Gift of Edward L. Chalif for Research Grant.....	200.00
Transfer of Special Research Grants from checking account.....	100.00
Transfer of reserve from Louis Agassiz Fuertes Research Grant Fund (1951).....	100.00
 Total receipts.....	 \$2,340.35
<i>Disbursed during year:</i>	
Transferred to checking account (interest on bonds, etc.).....	\$ 191.25
Louis Agassiz Fuertes Research Grant payment.....	100.00
Edward L. Chalif Research Grant payment.....	200.00
Bank charges a/c State Tax.....	1.81
 Total disbursements.....	 \$ 493.06
Balance cash in Savings Account, December 31, 1951.....	\$1,847.29
<i>Securities Owned**</i>	
U. S. Postal Savings Coupon Bonds, dated July 1, 1935.....	\$ 780.00
U. S. Savings Bonds, Series "G", dated September 1, 1943 (matur- ity value \$1,000.00).....	967.00

U. S. Savings Bonds, Series "G", dated September 20, 1944 (maturity value \$1,500.00) .....	1,441.50
U. S. Savings Bonds, Series "G", dated June 1, 1945 (maturity value \$500.00) .....	479.00
U. S. Savings Bonds, Series "G", dated July 1, 1945 (maturity value \$900.00) .....	862.20
U. S. Savings Bonds, Series "G", dated October 1, 1945 (maturity value \$1,400.00) .....	1,337.00
U. S. Savings Bonds, Series "F", dated February 1, 1947 (maturity value \$2,000.00) .....	1,572.00
U. S. Savings Bonds, Series "F", dated April 1, 1948 (maturity value \$2,000.00) .....	1,534.00
U. S. Savings Bonds, Series "F", dated October 1, 1948 (maturity value \$1,450.00) .....	1,102.00
U. S. Savings Bonds, Series "F", dated April 1, 1950 (maturity value \$1,000.00) .....	745.00
<b>Total securities owned**</b> .....	<b>\$10,819.70</b>
<b>Total Endowment Fund</b> .....	<b>\$12,666.99</b>

\*\* Bonds carried at redeemable value December 31, 1951.

## In reserve:

Louis Agassiz Fuertes Research Grant Fund (special gift) .....	\$ 125.00
S. Morris Pell Fund (special gift) .....	75.00

Respectfully submitted,  
LEONARD C. BRECHER, *Treasurer*

December 31, 1951

Approved by Auditing Committee:

BURT L. MONROE

MRS. HERBERT E. CARNES

FREDERICK V. HEBARD, *Chairman*.

## THE WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB LIBRARY

The following gifts have been recently received. From:

Elizabeth B. Beard—1 reprint	Margaret M. Nice—1 book, 8 reprints, 4 magazines
William H. Behle—8 reprints	Frank A. Pitelka—2 books, 11 reprints
Ivan L. Boyd—6 magazines	Hustace H. Poor—22 magazines
John Davis—49 reprints	T. Wayne Porter—1 reprint
Ralph W. Dexter—7 reprints	Georg Steinbacher—11 reprints
Eugene Eisenmann—1 pamphlet	Josselyn Van Tyne—1 book
Betty Carnes—1 book	Alexander Wetmore—5 pamphlets
Henry S. Fitch—1 book	L. R. Wolfe—21 pamphlets and reprints
F. J. Freeman—9 magazines	Howard Young—3 reprints
Richard Graber—2 reprints	Dale A. Zimmerman—1 reprint
Karl W. Haller—1 book, 1 bulletin	
Wm. A. Lunk—1 translation (of article from a German serial)	