

EDITORIAL

No editor's job is an unrelieved bed of roses and few authors feel that it should be. Nevertheless, there are some very real compensations for the occasional periods of quiet frenzy. One such compensation is the bliss with which I use the antithetical "quiet frenzy" without fear of an alien red pencil. A more important compensation is the intense satisfaction one gets from the generous cooperation of others. So there may be no doubt that this help is appreciated, I take the occasion of my last issue as editor of *The Wilson Bulletin* to acknowledge gratefully the willing assistance over the past three years of my associate editors and many members of the Wilson Ornithological Club. We turn the editorship over to Dr. Keith L. Dixon with best wishes and the earnest hope that members of the Wilson Club will give him the fine cooperation I have received.—H.B.T.

1955 ANNUAL MEETING

Official announcement of the meeting, which will be held at Stillwater, Oklahoma, over Easter weekend, April 7-10, and call for papers will be mailed to the membership early in the year. A brief outline of the plans of Dr. Fred Baumgartner's Local Committee on Arrangements, however, is given here to encourage early planning to attend. Stillwater is located in the interesting zone where eastern forest and western plains birds meet and where there is also considerable overlap of species found characteristically in the midwestern and southeastern sections of the country. The Oklahoma Ornithological Society will be hosts at an informal gathering at the Student Union on Friday evening, and the Annual Dinner will be held Saturday evening. Early morning field trips may be arranged to Lake Carl Blackwell, 10 miles west of Stillwater, and to the Prairie Chicken dancing grounds on the Osage ranches. The Sunday field trip to the Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge will feature a typical western style barbecue lunch. A meeting in Oklahoma should be a memorable experience for our northern and eastern members and provides an opportunity for our western members to join actively in a Wilson Club annual meeting.

LOUIS AGASSIZ FUERTES RESEARCH GRANT

Application blanks for this annual award of \$100 can be obtained from the Chairman of the Research Grant Committee, Dr. Kenneth C. Parkes, Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania. Completed applications should be returned to Dr. Parkes by March 1, 1955. We urge all interested persons to apply for this grant, the purpose of which is to promote worthwhile ornithological research.