

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

The Treasurer of the Society, C. Chandler Ross, reports a most gratifying response to the appeal for new Life Memberships which accompanied the 1964 dues notices. Thirty-five persons responded affirmatively and the Society's Life Members now number 235.

The National Science Foundation announces that the next closing date for receipt of proposals for basic research in the Life Sciences is 1 May 1964. Proposals received prior to that time will be reviewed at the summer meetings of the Foundation's advisory panels, and disposition will be made approximately four months following the closing date. Proposals received after 1 May will be reviewed following the fall closing date of 15 September 1964.

Inquiries should be addressed to the National Science Foundation, Washington, D.C. 20550.

The interest and competence of WOS members extends beyond the field of ornithology as evidenced by two recent books. Andrew J. Berger of the University of Michigan, and a member of the *Bulletin* Editorial Advisory Board, has just published a book "Elementary Human Anatomy" (John Wiley & Sons, 1964) and Allen H. Benton of The State University of New York, Fredonia, New York is co-author of "Keys to the Vertebrates of the Northeastern States" (Burgess Publishing Company, 1964).

A sum of \$670.00 is available in the *Josselyn Van Tyne Memorial Fund* for research grants in 1964. Any student of birds is invited to apply. Young men and women just starting their careers or others not eligible for government grants are particularly encouraged to apply.

Applicants should prepare a brief but comprehensive description of their research project specifying the objectives and proposed plan of procedure. Particulars of the type and amount of financial assistance needed must be indicated. A brief statement of the applicant's ornithological background should be appended. Letters of recommendation from one or more recognized ornithologists would be helpful.

Applications should be submitted not later than 1 April 1964 to the Chairman of the A.O.U. Research Committee, John T. Emlen, Department of Zoology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.

It is with deep regret that we learn of the death of Dr. Arthur A. Allen, on 17 January 1964, at his home in Ithaca, New York. Dr. Allen, who was known to all American ornithologists as a teacher, writer, and photographer, had been a member of the Wilson Society since 1914.