

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



On February 23, 1963 the second A.O.S. Executive Council meeting was held in Montgomery. The meeting was well worth while, and several problems and business matters were discussed, which we usually would not have the time or place to properly discuss at a regular meeting. I would strongly urge that the Executive Council meetings continue in the future.

In Tuscaloosa, April 20, the Spring meeting will bring about a change of officers. Let's give the new officers some good strong support in order that the A.O.S. will grow

and prosper.

In the past few years, some of the A.O.S. members have stayed in the background, so to speak, and were content to let a few others do the crowing. I think it's time active members became active. Several items will be brought up at the Spring business meeting, a large attendance and strong support of what you desire or dislike will be more than welcome.

One other point which I would like to stress is the problem of sending news, etc. to the Newsletter editor and of sending good interesting papers to the editor, to be published in Alabama Birdlife. In the past, some members have been active in this respect, others have not. This is one factor that will help tremendously to hold A.O.S. together and further its growth. There are any number of ways to participate, see if you can't find one.

I would like to express my appreciation to the other officers and members for their very fine support.

Bob Skinner

Dates to Remember

Alabama Ornithological Society annual Spring meeting will be held in Tuscaloosa, Ala., April 20-21, 1963.

The Wilson Club Meeting will be held on May 4-6, 1963 at Charleston, South Carolina.

The American Ornithologists Union Meeting will be held on August 12-14, 1963 in Gainesville, Fla.

A.O.S. HAS NEW VICE PRESIDENT



Mrs. Julian Dusi, Auburn, Alabama has been appointed Vice President, succeeding Mrs. Margaret Robinson who recently resigned.

Rosemary is a charter member and has worked faithfully in our organization since it was founded in 1952. She will serve as Vice President until our annual meeting to be held in Tuscaloosa April 20-21, 1963.

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ISSUES OF "ALABAMA BIRDLIFE" INDEXED



Dr. Julian Dusi has just completed indexing the first ten-year issues of Alabama Birdlife. This momentous task has taken months of exacting work and our organization is deeply indebted to him. Plans are being arranged to have it published; but before this can be done, it is necessary to know the approximate number to be printed. All members should place their order either with our president or Dr. Dusi.

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PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

A slight change has been proposed for membership action at the April A.O.S. meeting - under Article IV, Section 7, sub-head (d) would be deleted.

This change would permit each president to either prepare his own program or have authority to appoint a Program Chairman, instead of the Vice President being required to do so as presently written. There should be no serious objection to this minor change.

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Resignation of our Vice President, Margaret Robinson, was received with regrets. We wish her a speedy recovery.