

## Resolution of Appreciation

From **H. G. Deignan**, Secretary, American Ornithologists' Union

RESOLVED, that the American Ornithologists' Union, here assembled in Regina, expresses its grateful appreciation to the sponsoring organizations: Regina College of the University of Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Natural History Society, the Regina Natural History Society, and the Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History of the Department of Natural Resources; to the Museum Director, Fred G. Bard; and to Robert W. Nero, Chairman of the Local Committee on Arrangements, and his efficient and hard-working committee members; Mrs. Marjorie Ledingham, Elmer Fox, Margaret Belcher, Frank Brazier, Joyce Dew, Richard Fyfe, Peter Gregg, Mrs. Jean Hodges, Bruce Knox, Fred W. Lahrman, George F. Ledingham, Max McConnell, James Millington, Gertrude Murray, and Bruce Shier.

The American Ornithologists' Union wishes also to thank all the many persons who have made possible the field trips, art and photography exhibits, tours, and other special events which have so hospitably accompanied the 77th Stated Meeting.

## Letters

**Editor's Note:** A great many complimentary letters were received by the Local Committee after the A.O.U. meeting in Regina in August, and we take pleasure in printing a small selection from them to show how generous our guests were in showing their appreciation.

October 2—"I saw Dr. Wetmore yesterday and he smiled nostalgically and said 'Didn't we have a good time in Regina?' People are still talking about it!" Helen Hays, The American Museum of Natural History, NEW YORK.

September 16—"The meeting in Regina will go down in ornithological history as one of the finest gatherings the Society has ever held." George H. Lowery, Jr., President, A.O.U., BATON ROUGE, La.

September 26—"I am compelled to write you to tell you how much my wife and I, and I think James Fisher, enjoyed the meetings in Regina. I have attended A.O.U. meetings since 1925—which is a long time now—but I can't recall ever enjoying a meeting more than this one. Partly I suppose it was because Saskatchewan was a new province to me. Regina is such a handsome city and has one of the loveliest small museums I have ever seen. As James Fisher said, it is impeccable. You are doing a very fine job and I can see how much the museum is doing to stimulate interest in natural history, and I imagine, conservation, in the Province of Saskatchewan. I was pleased to see the great concentration of cranes, and I do hope that the few stooks of grain they damage will be over-

looked. You must have the bulk of the cranes on the continent during migration, and it is important to keep them. Next time I come to Saskatchewan I hope it is in the late spring or early summer. I have never seen the northern prairies at that season. Thanking you again for a very pleasant visit and a successful convention." Roger T. Peterson, OLD LYME, Conn.

September 11—"Although I expressed to you personally my appreciation of the excellent work done by the local committee at the recent

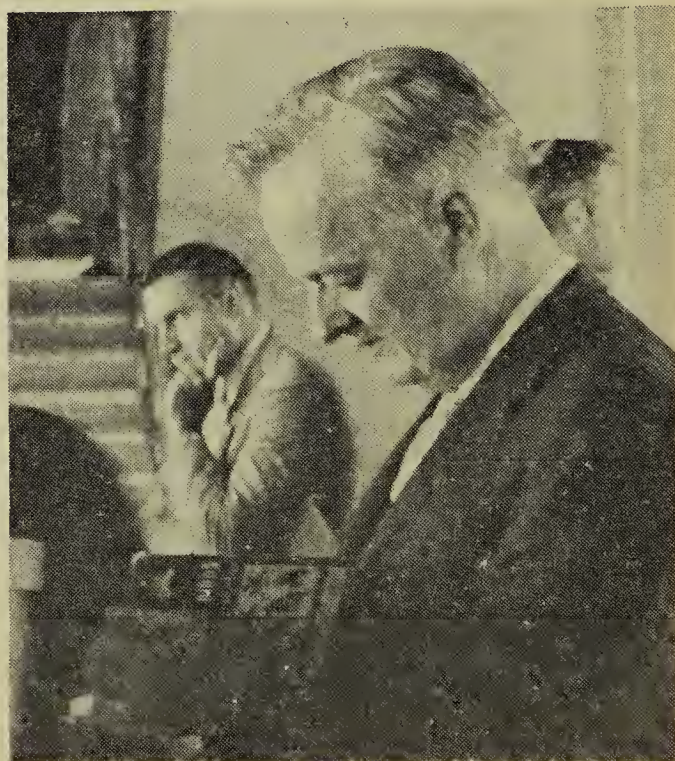


Photo by F. W. Kent  
**ROGER TORY PETERSON** autographing his field guide.

A.O.U. meeting, I want to repeat it more formally, so that you can pass it on to the others who did such a splendid job. I believe when I last talked with you it was a day or two before the excursion to the north end of Last Mountain Lake on Saturday, the 29th. This, too, went off in splendid style and I am sure that all of those who made the trip were equally appreciative of the fine arrangements that had been made. The show of Lesser Sandhill Cranes was the most magnificent bird spectacle that I have ever witnessed and it was one well 'stage managed'." F. C. Lincoln, Assistant of the Director, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

September 9—"We thought you would be interested in knowing that we had several carloads of birders on Sunday after the Regina meeting and a few visitors during the week. Each and every one had glowing comments to make about the organization, museum, hospitality, etc. They were also impressed with the pink and blue deals. We, too, want you to know how much we enjoyed the meeting. It was the best we have ever attended." Ann Gammell, KENMARE, North Dakota.

September 11—"Congratulations to you and that wonderful committee of yours on the way you handled the A.O.U. meeting. It was just one pleasant surprise after another. Everything went like clockwork. Excellent organization, planning, and such hospitality. For my money, it was the most memorable A.O.U. meeting I ever had the pleasure of attending and I know a lot of other people who feel the same way." W. Earl Godfrey, National Museum of Canada, OTTAWA.

September 9—"My sincere congratulations go to you and to your associates for the arrangements that you made so competently in connection with our A.O.U. meeting. You even seemed to have some stand-in with local weather control—the pleasant temperature was most welcome to us from Washington as the month of August has been one of the hottest on record in this city. The Regina meeting will remain an outstanding one in my memory because of the honor that came to me. It was also kind of the Government of the

Province to give me the fine souvenir in the form of the decorative ash tray that was presented to me at the dinner. Mrs. Wetmore asks that you convey to the ladies on the Local Committee her sincere appreciation and thanks for the friendly and patient manner in which they guided me, shall we say, fellow travellers! Especial thanks go to the ladies who were hostesses at the marvellous tea given on the afternoon of the trip to Qu'Appelle." A. Wetmore, WASHINGTON, D.C.

September 30—"I believe that I was the only Canadian at the meeting two years ago, and it gave me great pleasure then to speak up in favour of Regina. My favourable report has been fully justified. The Museum staff and all your co-workers, from the Premier down, deserve sincere thanks for their efforts." Hoyes Lloyd, OTTAWA, Canada.

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