

explained by the fact of his birth in Panama. More local activities are suggested by his former presidency of the Linnaean Society of New York and the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs.

LIVING PAST PRESIDENTS

1926-1929: Alexander Wetmore, one of the world's most distinguished ornithologists, was until recently executive head of the Smithsonian Institution. He has been president of the International Ornithological Congress. Remarkably productive, he has written on almost every phase of ornithology, contributing popular as well as technical books and articles. As Chairman of the committee that produced the 1957 A.O.U. Check-list, he had major responsibility for that book. If any specialities can be singled out, they are classification, avian paleontology, and neotropical bird distribution. Currently, Dr. Wetmore has been working on the avifauna of Panama, where every year he spends months in the field.

1937-1939: Herbert Friedmann is Curator of Zoology at the United States National Museum. He early achieved fame for his book on "The Cowbirds," and has continued the study of parasitic birds with many papers, including a recent monograph "The Honey-guides." He was author or co-author of the last three published volumes of "The Birds of North and Middle America," and co-author of the "Distributional Check-list of the Birds of Mexico." He is an authority on bird iconography.

1939-1942: James P. Chapin is Associate Curator Emeritus of Birds in the American Museum of Natural History. Though he has published on many subjects, his chief fame comes from the monumental four volume "The Birds of the Belgian Congo." After his retirement, he returned to live and do further field work in the Belgian Congo. He is now back in New York with a view to working up his new data.

1945-1948: Hoyes Lloyd, long an official of the Wildlife Division of the Department of Resources and Development of Canada, has played a leading role in conservation activi-

ties not only in Canada but on the international scene. He has served as Chairman of the Canadian Section of the International Committee for Bird Preservation and as Vice-President of the International Committee.

1948-1950: Robert Cushman Murphy is Lamont Curator Emeritus and former Chairman of the Bird Department of the American Museum of Natural History. He is the world's leading specialist on sea birds. His great work is the fascinating two volume "Oceanic Birds of South America." Dr. Murphy writes with extraordinary colour and charm; he has published popular books on his travels and is co-author of "Land Birds of America." He has been president of the National Audubon Society.

1953-1956: Alden H. Miller is professor of zoology at the University of California and director of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology. Perhaps his major contribution has been the training of ornithologists, not only as a university teacher but as editor of **The Condor**. Despite these duties, he continues much original research in the field as well as in the laboratory, currently on the factors controlling breeding cycles. Among his many important works are "Speciation in the Avian Genus **Junco**," "The Distribution of the Birds of California," and "Distributional Check-list of the Birds of Mexico," Part 2 (co-author and editor-in-chief). He served on the committee which produced the recent A.O.U. Check-list.

BIRDS OF THE SASKATCHEWAN RIVER

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