

# NEWSLETTER

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We were saddened to hear of the death of Ural Maupin on November 21, 1963. Mr. Maupin had been a member of the Society since 1960. He will be long remembered by the Society for his excellent films on wildlife. Mrs. Maupin will be moving to 19700 Clara St., South Bend, Indiana in the near future.

The Midwinter Bird Counts are in. It looks as if it will be a good year for species and numbers although not a record for species. We were happy to have received so many bird counts from refuge managers and we wish to thank them.

There are several reports of Snow Buntings from Missouri and a possible sighting at Amelia Betts' feeding station at Baldwin. Unfortunately, the birds flew before she or Kathryn Kelly could get their binoculars. I suggest that birders be on the lookout for them. I am not sure when the last sighting was made in the State, but specimens in the University of Kansas collections were last taken in 1879.

This is also the year for you who have never seen a snowy owl to be on the lookout. Several have shown up on the Midwinter bird counts.

Members should remember that this is dues-paying month. We carry you through the March issue and then your name is put on the dead list until we receive payment. The Society is badly in need of sustaining members. We have a large number of student memberships and the sustaining members help to offset this loss of revenue. In 1962, expenses were higher than the normal income from \$2 per member could handle and the sustaining members help to offset this deficiency. This year our expenses will go up as the direct result of eight issues of this newsletter. I am sure the treasurer would welcome any income you care to donate, be it \$5-10 or \$100; this would be tax-deductible, of course.--The Secretary--

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Dingus are now in Florida for the winter. They have spent most of 1963 traveling with a house trailer from Texas to Arizona to California to Kansas and to Florida. As of December 18, 1963, they had a year list of 429 species!

We recently learned of the death of two eminent American ornithologists. Dr. Harry C. Oberholser passed away on December 25. Dr. Arthur A. Allen died suddenly in early January at his home in Ithaca, New York.

If anyone is interested in completing his set of the KOS bulletin, we advise you to send in your orders as the supply of some of the back numbers is very low. When a number is reduced to five copies we will no longer be able to provide you with an original. We will be able to have copies reproduced for you at cost. Back issues of the Newsletter will be kept for a year and then discarded.

The deadline for news in the February issue will be the 15th.  
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