

- HOODED WARBLER:** An early individual was noted at Aiken, S.C., on 15 March, fide Anne Waters.
- YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD:** One was present for several days at Beaufort, N.C., in early May, observed by John Fussell, Norm Reigle and Ola Riddle.
- NORTHERN ORIOLE:** Nesting in Watauga County, N.C., is strongly indicated by Tom Haggerty's reported observations of several singing males and two females in the Triplett area on 12 and 14 May.
- BREWER'S BLACKBIRD:** Twelve were seen feeding in a pasture near Townville, S.C., on 18 March by Harry LeGrand. Both males and females were observed in the flock.
- TREE SPARROW:** Tom Haggerty noted one on the Appalachian State University campus in Boone, N.C., on 11 March.
- WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW:** One was observed on Core Banks on the North Carolina coast on 25 May by Skip Prange, a late and unusual spring record from that locality.

STAFF CHANGES

As many *Chat* readers already know, Robert P. Teulings has resigned as South Atlantic Regional Editor for *American Birds*. At the same time he relinquished the duty of compiling the "Briefs for the Files" for *Chat*. His final set of Briefs appears in this issue. Bob has held these dual posts since the summer of 1970, and we sincerely appreciate his unselfish service to bird study in the Carolinas and Georgia.

Taking Bob's place in both positions is Harry E. LeGrand Jr., of the Department of Zoology at Clemson University. Harry is well known to CBC members as our Bird Count Editor and a frequent guest compiler of the Briefs. He has served as guest editor of the regional report for *American Birds* and has written a number of papers for *Chat* and other journals. Harry's new responsibilities have forced him to resign as the Bird Count Editor of *Chat*.

John O. Fussell III of Morehead City, N.C., is the new Bird Count Editor. John assumes this post at a very trying time. The Executive Board of CBC has not yet decided how to handle future publication of the bird counts. Cost estimates are still being sought, and it may be early 1979 before a decision can be announced. John has compiled the table for the 1978 Spring Bird Count, but he did not want to publish the compilers' comments without the table in the present issue of *Chat*. A large number of count enthusiasts have requested that we run the count table and omit the compilers' comments, perhaps incorporating details of notable records into the Briefs. If a satisfactory method can be found for reproducing the count table from handwritten or typewriter copy, the counts could be published as a supplement to *Chat*. Other possibilities are being investigated. Please be patient while John and the other members of the Executive Board try to work out a practical and affordable method of making the bird count data readily available to the membership.

Harry and John are two of the most capable and enthusiastic bird students in the Carolinas. Since high school days they have been active in CBC, which John now serves as vice-president. Both hold M.S. degrees from North Carolina State University, and Harry is working toward a doctorate at Clemson. John and Harry bring to their new jobs a remarkable comprehension of the seasonal distribution of birds in the Carolinas and eastern North America. We are fortunate that they, like all the other members of our staff, are willing to volunteer their services to CBC.—EFP