



Roundtable

... with Louis C. Fink

New General Field Notes Editor

Because of new responsibilities pertaining to the inauguration of a graduate program in biology at UNC-Wilmington, James F. Parnell has resigned as General Field Notes Editor of *Chat* after more than 13 years on the staff. Dr. Parnell's resignation was reluctantly accepted by an Editor who greatly respects his knowledge as a biologist and his judgment in editorial matters. Fortunately, Jim will continue to serve the journal in an advisory capacity.

David S. Lee, curator of birds and mammals at the North Carolina State Museum, is the new GFN Editor. Parnell will complete work on items submitted prior to 1 December 1979, but all new notes pertaining to birds seen in North Carolina should be sent to Lee at P.O. Box 27647, Raleigh, N.C. 27611. South Carolina contributors should continue to submit notes to Julian R. Harrison.

Birding in Ashe County

Elsewhere in this issue Harry LeGrand and Eloise Potter report on a successful Breeding Bird Foray in Ashe County, N.C. They hope other bird students will provide additional records for the area. Ashe County offers visiting naturalists quiet country roads through woodlands, pastures, and fields and along the banks of the New River. The adventuresome can rent canoes in West Jefferson. There are campgrounds on the road to Mount Jefferson State Park and at the confluence of the North and South Forks of the New River. Motels and restaurants are found in Jefferson, West Jefferson, Shatley Springs, Glendale Springs, and Laurel Springs; but outside these towns even filling stations and country stores are scarce, and most of them are closed on Sundays.

The only tourist attraction in the county—other than enjoying the out-of-doors—is art. Three widely acclaimed contemporary religious frescoes adorn St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Beaver Creek. They are the work of Ben Long of Statesville, N.C., and Florence, Italy. A fourth, to be titled "The Last Supper," is planned for Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Glendale Springs.

If you want to vacation and study nature far from the tourist traps, Ashe County is your kind of place. Just remember that those who venture on the back roads are well advised to have a full tank of gasoline, a picnic lunch, and a county map.

CBC Members in Print

JAMES F. PARNELL and ROBERT F. SOOTS JR. are the authors of the *Atlas of Colonial Waterbirds of North Carolina Estuaries*, which was issued by the UNC Sea Grant Program in June 1979. Copies are available at \$7 each from UNC Sea Grant, 105 1911 Building, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C. 27650. The chief purpose of the atlas is to provide information on the presence, population levels, and nesting requirements of colonial nesting waterbirds so their needs can be considered by the various agencies working in the estuaries and on the barrier islands during the early stages of planning processes. Data in the atlas can be used to determine, for example, when and where to dump dredged materials

without disturbing the nesting colonies. Dr. Parnell, who is General Field Notes Editor of *Chat*, teaches in the Department of Biology at UNC-Wilmington. Dr. Soots teaches in the Biology Department at Campbell University, Buies Creek, N.C.

DENNIS M. FORSYTHE and WILLIAM BRUCE EZELL JR. edited the *Proceedings of the First South Carolina Endangered Species Symposium*. Among the authors of papers in this valuable report are JOHN E. CELY, MICHAEL R. LENNARTZ, ROBERT G. HOOPER, RICHARD F. HARLOW, GENE W. WOOD, PAUL B. HAMEL, DAVID F. URBSTON, DONALD N. MUDGE, and LEROY E. LEWIS. Copies are available by mail for \$7 (including handling charges) from the Nongame Endangered Species Section, S.C. Wildlife and Marine Resources Department, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, S.C. 29202. Checks or money orders should be made payable to the department.

The spring 1980 book list from the University of North Carolina Press includes two works of particular interest to CBC members. Authors of *Amphibians and Reptiles of the Carolinas and Virginia* are BERNARD S. MARTOF, WILLIAM R. PALMER, JOSEPH R. BAILEY, and JULIAN R. HARRISON III. Photographs are by JACK DERMID. The book is scheduled for release in April. *Birds of the Carolinas* by ELOISE F. POTTER, JAMES F. PARNELL, and ROBERT P. TEULINGS is scheduled for release in September. The approximately 300 photographs were contributed by about 50 photographers, mostly Carolina Bird Club members. Both books are listed at \$14.95.

New Ornithological Resource Now Available

The College of Charleston wishes to announce the publication of the *Wendell Mitchell Levi Library and Archives: Catalog of its Holdings* (70 p., Charleston, S.C., 1979). This catalog provides detailed bibliographic information for one of the world's leading collections of material on the pigeon and related topics. Copies are available at \$5 each (prepaid) from: Dr. Ralph Melnick, Robert Scott Small Library, College of Charleston, Charleston, S.C. 29401. Make checks payable to: The College of Charleston Library Associates.

BOOK REVIEWS

GUIDE TO THE NATIONAL REFUGES

Laura and William Riley. 1979. Anchor Press/Doubleday, 245 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 19917. 653 p. Illus. Index. \$14.95.

Ten of America's almost 400 national wildlife refuges lie within the Carolinas, and more than 60 are located in the Southeast or the nearby Middle Atlantic States. This guide tells where the refuges are located, how to get to them, where to camp or stay, the best times to visit, how to dress, what equipment to take, nearby points of interest, and where to write for more information. Birds, other animals, and plants of special interest are listed. Map end papers give the general distribution of the refuge system as a whole, and individual refuges are discussed in alphabetical order within the appropriate geographic division of the country. Each region has an introductory section that gives highlights of the refuges on a state-by-state basis and lists birds likely to be found at given refuges. The authors traveled more than 50,000 miles gathering information for their guide, and their personal experiences are reflected in some of the write-ups. This book contains a great deal of useful information for the traveling naturalist.—EFP