

recognized for his contributions many times, and in 1994 Dr. Quay was inducted into the NC Wildlife Federation's Conservation Hall of Fame.

Tom was also a birder and a long-time member of the Carolina Bird Club. He attended the 1938 Christmas Bird Count in Raleigh with T. Gilbert Pearson and the Brimley brothers, and did not miss another Raleigh CBC (other than the war years) through 2006. He was editor of *The Chat* from 1951–1953.

Mentoring students was very important to Dr. Quay and so in the 1990s an endowment entitled the Thomas L. Quay Wildlife and Natural Resources Undergraduate Experiential Learning Award was created to provide opportunities for undergraduates to experience research—he would want me to mention that to you, so that you can consider making a donation.

Fifty Years Ago in *The Chat*—September 1962

Evening Grosbeaks had been unknown in the Carolinas until a large irruption in the winter of 1951–1952. During the following decade a series of irruptions occurred, and in the September 1962 issue, B. R. Chamberlain summarized in great detail the 1961–1962 irruption, the fifth in the series. In this flight, Evening Grosbeaks reached Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. In the Carolinas, the first individuals appeared at the end of October but arrivals peaked in December, and birds remained into early May, with some being noted on spring counts.

Attention was being given to the rapid increase of Cattle Egrets, which had first appeared just a few years before. They too were noted on some spring counts, and field notes summarized records from a number of locations in North Carolina. They were reported as far north and inland as Durham and Raleigh, NC.

Also in the summary of spring counts, the Charleston, SC count once again reported a single Bachman's Warbler.

A Cinnamon Teal at Knott's Island, NC in April 1962 was the second sight record for the state. B. Rhett Chamberlain relayed a report of Prothonotary Warbler near Elkin, NC, with the comment "reports of Prothonotary Warbler above the fall line in the Carolinas are scarce". Mrs. Robert P. Holmes reported on two male and three female Pine Grosbeaks at Mt. Olive, NC, on 9–10 April 1962, "watched all day by groups of people which at times were large enough to obstruct traffic on the nearby street".

—*Kent Fiala, editor*