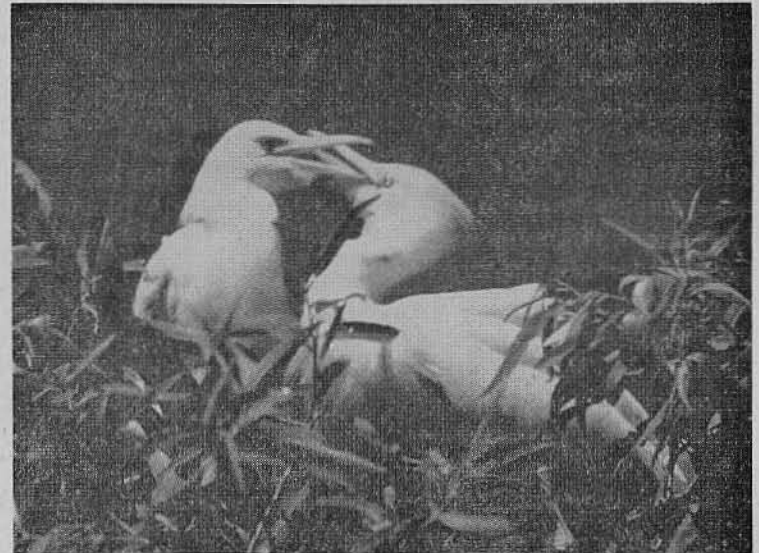


THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

On May 17, 1952, the Alabama Ornithological Society was organized. July 1, 1957, starts the fifth fiscal year of our organization. The past four years have been quite eventful as the society has grown from a few members in a few areas of Alabama to a much wider distribution in Alabama and several other states. Our constitution has undergone revision and each new president has had some special problem.

Our coming year will have its problems; at the moment I envision the opportunity for many accomplishments. At our recent meeting at Decatur we resolved to aid in the establishment of water bird sanctuaries of several of the islands in the Gulf. We also resolved to express our interest in the educational work the Alabama Department of Conservation is doing in its teaching collection of bird skins, by recommending that a certain type of mount be used. The outstanding study of the White Ibis and associated birds carried on by James E. Keeler and a number of collaborators will be continued and much amplified this year. Many of the members have their pet projects of banding or some other phase of ornithology which will result in additional knowledge of ornithology in Alabama.

Our greatest problems will be in increasing our membership and in reaching the interests of all of our members. I hope we will all recruit new members and subscribers to Alabama Birdlife. The newsletter has been added as an effort to continually stimulate our interest and to help unify the A.O.S. by letting us all share in each others projects and ornithological programs. With a little help from every member, there is no reason why the A.O.S. cannot make this fifth year the best we have had.



—Courtesy of Samuel A. Grimes

THE CATTLE EGRET