

# News of AOS

*Photosynthesis is that miracle by which sunlight is used to manufacture carbohydrates and oxygen. It is the essence of life. If pollution cuts off the sun or any major part of its rays, the renewing process of Photosynthesis comes to a halt. If we thus black out the sun, the very source of plant and animal life is lost.*

...Rienews

*Already we have hung a veil of dirty air over the cities and much of the countryside that cuts off twenty percent of the sunlight.*

—Dr. Alfred Hulstrunk—

*Apart from death and the more dramatic forms of illness, pollution can produce extreme fatigue, irritability, headache, and Tension...*

—NYC Air Pollution Task Force—

## Alabama Entertains IBBA

A. O. S. was well represented at the Inland Bird Banding Association (IBBA) Meeting August 28–31 at Birmingham-Southern College. Members drove some distance to take part in the meeting. Out-of-state registrants were Curtis Kingsbery and Lloyd Clayton, from Pensacola, and Mike Bierly from Tennessee and Tuck Hayward from Mobile.

Hosts for the IBBA meeting were the Birmingham Audubon Society and Birmingham-Southern College. The college was ideally suited for the meeting. Due to the thoughtful planning of Dr. Dan Holliman and the staff of the college, bird banders and their guests were well fed and comfortably housed for the entire convention in air-conditioned rooms for \$26, including registration and banquet fees. Classrooms were convenient and well equipped for paper sessions. In a nearby exhibit room were displayed bird skins, slides, and banding equipment from Dr. Dan Holliman's biology department.

Thanks to Elberta Reid, and her committee, IBBA members and guests enjoyed an informal reception Friday night and an excellent banquet Saturday evening at The Club atop Red Mountain overlooking the city.

Bird banders viewed the Birmingham Area banding operations directed by Harriette Wright and Tom Imhof. At Lake Purdy some of the Midwesterners happily added new birds to their life such as the red-cockaded woodpecker, the brown-headed nuthatch, the pine warbler, and the wood ibis.

Bob Reid most ably coordinated programs, field trips, paper sessions and other facets of the 3-day meeting. Heading some of the host committees were AOS members Helen Kittinger, Margarette Persons, Russ Bailey, and Raymond Bates.

Bird-banders and birders had a good time and learned a lot. It was nice having IBBA in Alabama.

—Gussie Arnett—