## CLUB NOTES

Sixteen regular meetings were held in 1959 with an average attendance of 50, including an average of six guests at each meeting. Six informal summer meetings were well attended in spite of the sometimes tropical heat. Twelve new members were elected to the active list, and five members were reported having died during the year.

Ten field trips were taken, including week-ends at Montauk Point, N. Y. and Pocomoke and Ocean City, Md. Several members travelled far afield during the summer on business or vacation and returned with full reports on birds seen. Among these "tourists" were: Choate to Europe; Sehl to South Dakota; Thomas to Saskatchewan (AOU); Reynard to Haiti; Street to northern New Hampshire; Hebard to Maine.

The Club exchanged speakers with the Linnaean Society of New York and the Nuttall Club of Cambridge, Mass. on one occasion each.

Roughly estimated, 150 active members of DVOC participated in 18 Christmas Counts in five states from New York to Maryland. This number includes several repeaters who took part in two or more censuses.

Speaking of states, our present active and honorary membership represents 12 states and one other country. A few out-of-Valley addresses may be temporary, but this is the present break-down: Pennsylvania — 168; New Jersey — 51; Delaware — 3; New York — 2; and one each from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maryland, North Carolina, Florida, Indiana, Alaska, and South Africa. This membership includes the 57 Fellows elected from the Active Members in recognition "of the high quality of their ornithological work". Cassinia goes to libraries, individuals and exchanges from Maine to Florida and California and from Denmark to London and Venezuela.

The next issue of Cassinia will acknowledge the 70th anniversary of the Club with a brief look into our ornithological heritage.

Articles for publication in *Cassinia* should be original material of special interest and significance to bird students, and, except in rare instances, must have appeared in no other publication. Preference will be given to those items pertaining to immediate areas of interest to the D.V.O.C.

Manuscripts should be typewritten, double-spaced, generously-margined, and on one side of the paper. The title should be brief. Tables and graphs, if necessary (percentages are preferred), should be on separate pages. Bibliographies should be confined to references cited in the text. Summaries should be made only of long major articles, and should be brief.

Photographs, for best reproduction, should be glossy prints of good contrast. Sketches and line drawings should be in black ink on white board or paper, and should be at least twice the size of the anticipated printed size.

To identify an issue with its stated year, there must be a cut-off date for that issue's material. This will be December 31st. Dated items subsequent to that date will not be considered for publication in the issue at hand. Of course many items are timeless and this rule will not apply.

