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Here is a suggested form of bequest: "I give and bequeath a .....proportion of my estate to the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand (Inc), PO Box 631, Wellington, and I declare that the receipt of the secretary for the time being of the said Society shall be a complete discharge to my executors of the legacy hereby given to the Society."



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50th Anniversary  
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## INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR BIRD PRESERVATION

The ICBP announces the publication of two new books, Conservation of Island Birds (Editor P. J. Moors, price £16.50); and Status and Conservation of the World's Seabirds (Editors J. P. Croxall, P. G. H. Evans, R. W. Schreiber, price £26.90). ICBP says the books have been published by the Council itself, so as to keep the cost reasonable. Orders should be sent to ICBP, 219c Huntingdon Rd, Cambridge CB3 0DL, England.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 62nd annual general meeting of the Society will be held at the Student Union Building, Victoria University, Wellington, on Saturday 22nd June, at 9 am.

Note: The annual report and statement of accounts is enclosed as a supplement to this issue.

### COUNCIL MEETING:

A council meeting will follow, with the election of president, deputy president, treasurer, and ten executive councillors.

## HEAPHY ROAD OPPOSITION

The Organisation to Preserve the Heaphy Track is up and running again, ever since the recent Ministry of Works and Development decision to reassess the feasibility of a road through the track. The last time pressure was put on the Government was in the early and mid-70s; a big difference between then and now is the change of heart by locals to the prospect of a road. It's estimated by long-term Karamaea residents that about 60 percent of local people would be opposed to the idea of a road through this magnificent area of native bush.

Contact for the organisation is: Secretary/treasurer, Colin Fussell, 505 Harwood Rd, Christchurch 5. The spokesperson is Neil Fitzgerald.

## 1986 SUMMER CAMP

A camp for Society members will be held in January 1986 at Havelock North. Excellent facilities have been booked at Hereworth Private School, and plans for a full and interesting programme are already underway. For full details please write to

Alistair Donaldson  
38 Tokomaru Drive  
Havelock North.

## OBITUARY

Norman Eric Dalmer, who died on December 26, 1984, was National Treasurer of the Society from 1973-76 and Deputy President from 1976-1978.

Born in Cheshire, England on July 26, 1903, he came to New Zealand as a small boy in 1908. He attended schools in Canterbury and was a pupil of Waitaki Boys High School 1917-1919. His working career began in the Public Works Department, until in 1936 he joined the Industries and Commerce Department, where he rose to Assistant Director of Industry and during the war was seconded to the Reserve Bank as adviser on manufacturing.

In 1960 Norman Dalmer joined Royal Forest and Bird; in 1969 he formed the Horowhenua section, by then having become a councillor and executive member of the Society. Those close to him

remember him for his strength of character, loyalty, a fervour for service and good works, a loving and friendly nature, with over all a keen and incisive mind. He was steadfast and active, and when struck down so cruelly by a long, impairing illness, grit determination restored him again and again.

Norman Dalmer gave much to the Society: setting its finances in order, keeping people who wandered in committee on the track. He is succeeded by his wife, Florence Emily Dalmer, whom he married in 1928, three daughters, one son, 11 grandchildren and one great grandchild. The Society extends its sympathy to them in their bereavement.

(Footnote: Mrs Emily Dalmer and family would like to express sincere thanks to Society members at the Turangi summer camp for their telegram of sympathy).

David Collingwood