

THE SEVENTY-SECOND STATED MEETING OF THE
AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION

BY HAROLD MAYFIELD, SECRETARY

THE Seventy-second Stated Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union was held in the period from September 8 to 12, 1954, at Madison, Wisconsin. All sessions were held in the Memorial Union Building of the University of Wisconsin.

BUSINESS SESSIONS

All business sessions were held on Wednesday, September 8. (1) The Council met from 9:00 A.M. through most of the day, with 19 members and five committee chairmen present. (2) The Fellows met at 4:00 P.M., with 34 Fellows present. (3) The Fellows and Elective Members met at 8:00 P.M., with 60 people present.

Reports of Officers. The Secretary reported that the mailing list of 'The Auk' as of September 1, 1954, contained 3234 names distributed as follows: Fellow Emeritus, 1; Honorary Fellows, 17; Corresponding Fellows, 66; Fellows, 75; Elective Members, 190; Student Members, 14; Members, 2533; Exchanges, 71; Subscriptions, 268. During the year 274 new members were added to the rolls.

The report of the Treasurer, Charles G. Sibley, will be published in a later issue of 'The Auk.' The Council voted to increase the subscription rate for 'The Auk' to \$6.00 when placed through subscription agencies but to leave the rate unchanged when the subscriber deals directly with the A.O.U.

The Editor, Robert W. Storer, reported that future issues of 'The Auk' would contain several items of unusual interest, including papers on the following subjects: the breeding biology of the Gambel's Sparrow, fat deposition in the White-throated Sparrow, the breeding biology of the Coot, North American migrants in Veracruz, life-history of one of the Tody Flycatchers, and a review paper on the ear and hearing of birds. Col. L. R. Wolfe has consented to take over the indexing of the current volumes of 'The Auk.' The next Ten-year Index may be finished by the fall of 1955.

Reports of Committees. Mrs. Betty Carnes, Chairman of the Committee on Endowment, presented the report of her committee. It will appear in a later issue of 'The Auk.'

During the year, A. W. Schorger, Chairman of the Committee on Biography, received notification of the deaths of 4 Fellows, 3 Corresponding Fellows, 1 Elective Member, and 15 Members.

Forty-six obituaries were published in 'The Auk' during the year. T. S. Palmer has published a volume, "Biographies of Members of the American Ornithologists' Union," in which he has collected biographies that have appeared in 'The Auk' from 1884 through No. 1 of 1954. This volume is available from the Treasurer for \$5.00 cloth-bound and \$4.00 paper-bound, the proceeds to go to the publication fund. A special vote of appreciation to Dr. Palmer was passed.

Douglas S. Miller, Chairman of the Committee on Nomination of Associates, reported that his committee had been expanded to 52 members in order to give representation to the principal population areas of the United States and Canada.

William H. Behle, Chairman of the Committee on Student Awards, reported by mail that information had been supplied to 87 individuals and institutions, and that 14 applications had been received, all of them approved. The list of recipients was published in 'The Auk' for January, 1954.

Alexander Wetmore, Chairman of the Committee on Classification and Nomenclature of North American Birds, reported that the Committee has been engaged in the preparation of the final manuscript of the Fifth Edition of the Check-List, with the help of the following men who are not members of the Committee: W. H. Behle, E. R. Blake, John Davis, Hoyes Lloyd, K. C. Parkes, and L. L. Snyder. The typing of the manuscript is being handled through the office of Frederick C. Lincoln in the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and other secretarial service and cost of postage are being supplied by the Smithsonian Institution through the offices of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Paul H. Oehser, Chief of the Editorial Division of the Smithsonian Institution, has agreed to handle the manuscript through the press. On recommendation of the Council, the Meeting of Fellows and Members voted to authorize the use of a sum not to exceed \$15,000 for the publication of the Fifth Edition of the Check-List. During the year, the Committee considered 24 proposals for modifications in the Check-List and published 18 changes in 'The Auk' for July, 1954.

Ira N. Gabrielson presented the report of the Committee on Bird Protection. The text of this report appears on pages 110 to 112.

Frank A. Pitelka, Chairman of the Committee on Research, reported that his committee is considering (1) continuation of the listing of unpublished theses; (2) a volume on recent research; (3) a volume on biology of birds; (4) support of regional research projects, such as coordinated observation of migration; (5) assistance to the editor of the proposed Handbook.

Albert Wolfson, former Chairman of the Research Committee, reported that the volume on recent research in avian biology, previously announced, will be issued early in 1955. Advance subscriptions exceed 500, more than enough to fulfill the guarantee of the Union to the publisher.

Maurice Brooks submitted the written report of Gustav Swanson, Chairman of the Committee on Vocational Information. This report urged that vocational information be made available to people interested in birds while in high school and the undergraduate years of college. The information should point out the relatively small number of positions of a strictly ornithological nature but the large number of positions in which ornithology can be a part. Such students should be counseled to build an educational foundation in science, mathematics, and one or more foreign languages. The Committee noted at least 26 American and Canadian universities emphasizing ornithology sufficiently to permit students to conduct their thesis research in this field.

R. S. Palmer, Editor of the proposed 'Handbook of North American Birds,' reported that work on the project is progressing satisfactorily. Any royalties eventually received from this work will be used primarily for later revisions in it, or, if not required for that purpose, will be used for other publications deemed important by the Council.

Marcia B. Tucker Student Award in Ornithology. The sum of \$250.00, donated by Marcia B. Tucker, was awarded by vote of the officers to Robert K. Selander of the University of California to permit him to attend the annual meeting at Madison.

Brewster Memorial Award. The 1954 Brewster medal was awarded, by action of the Council, to James Bond for his publications on the birds of the West Indies.

Next Stated Meeting. The Fellows and Members accepted the invitation of several Massachusetts organizations to hold the Seventy-third Stated Meeting at Boston in 1955. Russell Mason, Chairman of the Local Committee, later informed the Secretary that the dates would be October 25 to 30, 1955.

The Council recommended that the Meeting in 1956 be held in Denver. The sponsoring group at Denver has tentatively suggested the dates of September 5 to 8, 1956.

The Secretary would welcome suggestions for 1957.

Amendments to the By-Laws. Two amendments to the By-Laws were adopted by the Fellows, as proposed on October 21, 1953, at Los Angeles, and published in 'The Auk' for January, 1954. These amendments have the effect of (1) changing the class of member

formerly called "Associate" to "Member," and (2) changing the class formerly called "Member" to "Elective Member." This action requires a substitution of the new titles in the following places: Art. I, Sects. 1, 6, 7; Art. II, Sects. 1, 3; Art. III, Sects. 2, 4; Art. IV, Sects. 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12; Art. V, Sects. 1, 3, 5, 7.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the Meeting of Fellows and Members, the officers of the previous year were re-elected, and three new members were elected for three-year terms to the Council (as shown on p. 77) to take the place of Dean Amadon, Harrison F. Lewis, and Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr., whose terms expired in 1954.

The Council re-elected the Editor of 'The Auk' and the Investing Trustees.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS

FELLOWS—4

W. Earl Godfrey, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Joseph J. Hickey, Madison, Wisconsin
Howard L. Mendall, South Brewer, Maine
Charles Vaurie, New York, N. Y.

HONORARY FELLOWS—2

Finn Salomonsen, Copenhagen, Denmark
Yoshimaro Yamashina, Toyko, Japan

CORRESPONDING FELLOWS—4

Constantine Walter Benson, Kasama, Northern Rhodesia
F. Bourlière, Paris, France
Rene Verheyen, Brussels, Belgium
Lars von Haartman, Helsinki, Finland

ELECTIVE MEMBERS—10

Herbert H. Beck, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
E. Alexander Bergstrom, W. Hartford, Conn.
Irvin Otto Buss, Menomonie, Wisconsin
Nicholas E. Collias, Ithaca, New York
Ernest P. Edwards, Amherst, Virginia
Brina Kessel, College, Alaska
Chester C. Lamb, Guanajuato, Mexico
Louise de Kiriline Lawrence, Rotherglen, Ontario, Canada
Henry M. Stevenson, Tallahassee, Florida
Howard Frederick Young, Macomb, Illinois

ATTENDANCE

A registration fee was paid by 317 people. This group included one Honorary Fellow, 39 Fellows, 43 Elective Members, 118 Members, and 116 guests. These people represented 32 states, Alaska and the

District of Columbia, 4 provinces of Canada, and 3 other countries. People known to have been in attendance at some part of the meeting were as follows:

ALASKA—Brina Kessel.

CANADA—*Alberta*: Peter Hearne Thompson. *Manitoba*: Dr. and Mrs. Frank McKinney. *Northwest Territories*: W. A. Fuller. *Ontario*: C. H. D. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Devitt, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Earle, R. D. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyes Lloyd, D. S. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Snyder.

GERMANY—*Buldern*: Konrad Z. Lorenz. *Wilhelmshaven*: Ursula von Saint-Paul.

NEPAL—Robert L. Fleming.

SCOTLAND—Benjamin R. Feaver.

UNITED STATES—*Alabama*: O. L. Austin, Jr. *California*: Mrs. Enid Austin, John Davis, Jean Delacour, C. Lint Kenton, Dr. and Mrs. Carl Koford, Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Miller, Frank A. Pitelka, Robert K. Selander. *Colorado*: Dr. and Mrs. E. Gordon Alexander, Richard G. Beidleman, John L. Chapin, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Kalmbach. *Connecticut*: Aretas A. Saunders. *District of Columbia*: H. G. Deignan, Allen J. Duvall, Herbert Friedmann, Ira N. Gabrielson, Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Lincoln, Alexander Wetmore. *Florida*: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Grimes, R. J. Longstreet. *Georgia*: Herbert L. Stoddard, Sr. *Illinois*: Ormsby Annan, Karl Bartel, William J. Beecher, Emmet R. Blake, Marion Clow, Dr. and Mrs. Nicholas Collias, Mrs. Harvey Davids, Paul E. Downing, Ralph M. Eiseman, Mrs. L. H. Gelatis, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen S. Gregory, Charles Hartshorne, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Helmer, Harvey I. Fisher, Lee G. Johnson, Thomas Kemper, S. Charles Kendeigh, Charles W. Kossack, Mrs. A. W. Lilly, Milton Mahlburg, Mrs. R. L. Mannette, Nelda J. McQuate, Mrs. John Morrow, Jr., Constance Nice, L. B. Nice, Margaret M. Nice, Theodore J. Nork, Paul W. Parmalee, Karl Plath, Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Rand, Dennis Sheets, Ellen Thorne Smith, Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Strong, Albert Wolfson, Howard Young, Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Zimmerman. *Indiana*: James B. Cope, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Grow, Robert A. Johnson, Russell E. Mumford, Val Nolan, Jr. *Iowa*: A. Lang Baily, J. H. Ennis, Dr. and Mrs. Paul L. Errington, Norwood C. Hazard, Peter Petersen, Jr., Emil Witschi. *Kansas*: H. B. Tordoff. *Kentucky*: Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Stamm. *Louisiana*: Dr. and Mrs. George H. Lowery, Robert J. Newman. *Maine*: Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr. *Maryland*: Roger Tory Peterson, Chandler S. Robbins. *Massachusetts*: Mr. and Mrs. Ludlow Griscom, Joseph A. Hagar, Ernst Mayr.

Michigan: A. J. Berger, Laurence C. Binford, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph M. Branch, Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Cottrille, Nicholas L. Cuthbert, Robert Fleming, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. Harry W. Hann, Frank J. Hinds, Mr. and Mrs. Philip S. Humphrey, Irene F. Jorac, Mrs. Mary Spear Ross, Haven H. Spencer, Arthur E. Staebler, Robert W. Storer, Dr. and Mrs. Josselyn Van Tyne, Lawrence H. Walkinshaw, Dr. and Mrs. George J. Wallace, Mary Elizabeth Whelan, Dr. and Mrs. Leonard W. Wing. *Minnesota*: James R. Beer, W. J. Breckenridge, Mrs. Wm. F. Davidson, Jean DeBell, Beth Doeringsfeld, Dr. and Mrs. P. B. Hofslund, Mrs. H. A. Northrop, Dwain W. Warner. *Missouri*: Dr. and Mrs. William H. Elder. *Nebraska*: William F. Rapp, Jr. *Nevada*: Frank Richardson. *New Jersey*: Mrs. Herbert E. Carnes, Edward L. Chalif. *New York*: Arthur A. Allen, Elsa G. Allen, Dean Amadon, John H. Baker, Mrs. Albert R. Brand, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Brockner, Howard Cleaves, William C. Dilger, Stephen W. Eaton, Thomas E. Gilliard, David G. Greene, Edith A. Greene, James Mott Hartshorne, Mrs. Southgate Hoyt, Lois J. Hussey, Dr. and

Mrs. P. P. Kellogg, Dr. and Mrs. Heinz Meng, Martin Moynihan, Theodora Nelson, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Palmer, Catherine M. Pessino, Richard H. Pough, Edward L. Seeber, Charles G. Sibley, Mrs. Dayton Stoner, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Vaurie, Robert G. Wolk. *North Carolina*: Merrill P. Spencer. *Ohio*: Robert E. Ball, Irving Kasscy, Harold F. Mayfield. *Pennsylvania*: Robert W. Glenn, Frederick V. Hebard, Mrs. Harold Hibbert, Kenneth C. Parkes, W. E. Clyde Todd, Dr. and Mrs. Harold B. Wood. *South Dakota*: Mr. and Mrs. Herman F. Chapman. *Tennessee*: Albert F. Ganier, Joseph C. Howell, Mrs. Amelia R. Laskey. *Texas*: Dr. and Mrs. Keith L. Dixon, Col. L. R. Wolfe. *Utah*: George A. Allen. *Vermont*: Thomas Foster. *West Virginia*: Maurice Brooks, Earl N. McCue.

Wisconsin: Avis Anderson, Florence Anderson, Bernice Andrews, H. Grace Baird, Clara Barger, Ruby Bere, Daniel D. Berger, Margaret S. Bergseng, Dagny Borge, Mr. and Mrs. George Brahender, Robert P. Breitenbach, Helen M. Brown, Charlotte Chamberlin, Charlotte Churchill, Bob Cook, Mr. and Mrs. David J. Cox, Catherine Oppel Crocker, Esther E. DeBoos, Mary Decker, Mr. and Mrs. George E. DeCoursey, Jr., Warren P. Dettmann, John L. Diedrich, Gilbert H. Doane, Mary F. Donald, Janet S. Ela, Robert S. Ellarson, Dr. and Mrs. John T. Emlen, Jr., Alice J. Fosse, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Foster, C. P. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Carl P. Frister, Rachel Gard, Mr. and Mrs. Grange Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Greeley, Dr. and Mrs. F. N. Hamerstrom, M. S. Harding, Helen Hays, Mrs. T. S. Dillon, Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Hickey, Ruth L. Hine, Ellen Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hoffmann, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred O. Holz, Richard A. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Hussong, Zida C. Ivey, Laurence R. Jahn, S. Paul Jones, Dorothy Joslyn, Joy E. Joslyn, C. S. Jung, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Kaiman, John L. Kaspar, Alan S. Keitt, Esther King, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Koenig, Adele Koto, Chester G. Krawczyk, Frank Kuhlman, Dorothy Young Lacey, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lanyon, Mrs. Aldo Leopold, Herbert W. Levi, Lillian M. Lagemann, Mrs. R. H. Lound, Florence LeTendre Lunde, David W. Lupton, Harold Mathiak, Melva Maxson, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Mayer, Mrs. E. A. McKenna, Mrs. Eleanor B. Miles, Mrs. Lotus Simon Miller, Margarette E. Morse, Dr. and Mrs. Robert A. McCabe, Mr. and Mrs. Archie S. Mossman, Helmut C. Mueller, Charles E. Nelson, Jr., Mary H. Nelson, Robert Nero, Helen Northup, Gordon H. Orians, Ollie Owen, Gordon Paeske, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Peirce, Eleanor Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Potts, R. W. Poulter, James L. Quinn, Andrew R. Ragatz, Florence B. Riegel, Samuel Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Roberts, Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Schorger, Helen Schroeder, Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Scott, Mrs. W. Simmons, Judge J. A. Simpson, Mrs. H. A. Skuldt, Tom Soulen, Ruth A. Stillman, Elmer W. Strehlow, Grace Swensen, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin L. Throne, Mildred Van Vonderen, Florence H. J. Vilas, Gerald A. Vogelsang, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wagner, Russell O. Wagner, Mrs. R. A. Walker, J. Carl Welty, Keith L. White, Mrs. H. M. Williams, Harold C. Wilson, Richard G. Wills.

PUBLIC SESSIONS

Papers Sessions were held in the morning and afternoon of each day beginning Thursday, September 9, and continuing through Saturday, September 11. Titles marked with an asterisk were illustrated by slides.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Welcome by President E. B. FRED, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.
Response by ALDEN H. MILLER, President, American Ornithologists' Union.

Report on the Business Meetings; announcement on the results of elections and the Brewster Memorial Award.

- *An Analysis of House Wren Egg Characteristics. S. CHARLES KENDEIGH, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois.
- *Some Results of a Five-year Banding Project of Canada Geese. ARTHUR E. STAEBLER, Michigan State College, Hickory Corners, Michigan.
- *Nocturnal Flight-call Counts and the Hour-to-hour Pattern of Migration. ROBERT J. NEWMAN and GEORGE H. LOWERY, JR., Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- *Dates of Egg-laying of the European Starling in Relation to Environmental Factors, Especially Temperature. BRINA KESSEL, University of Alaska, College, Alaska.
- *Factors Affecting Contact between Races of the Rufous-naped Cactus Wren in Southern Mexico. ROBERT K. SELANDER, University of California, Berkeley, California.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

- *The Formation of Crèches in Colonies of the Rockhopper Penguin. OLIN SEWALL PETTINGILL, JR., University of Michigan Biological Station, Cheboygan, Michigan.
- *Remarks on the Adaptive Value of Subspecific Characters. DEAN AMADON, American Museum of Natural History, New York.
- Problems in the Preparation of a Check-list of Birds of the Palearctic Region. CHARLES VAURIE, American Museum of Natural History, New York.
- Anophthalmia (eyelessness) in the Robin. GEORGE J. WALLACE, Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan.
- *The Trachea of the Sea Ducks. PHILIP S. HUMPHREY, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- *The Nature of Cycles. LEONARD W. WING, Foundation for the Study of Cycles, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- *The Fossil Loon *Colymboides*. ROBERT W. STORER, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- *Measuring Avian Habitats in Central Africa. JOHN T. EMLEN, JR., University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.
- Comments on the Avifauna of the Sepik River and Victor Emanuel Mountains, New Guinea (motion picture). E. THOMAS GILLIARD, American Museum of Natural History, New York.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

- *New Findings in the Life and Work of John Abbot of Georgia. ELSA G. ALLEN, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.
- The Monotony Threshold in Singing Birds. CHARLES HARTSHORNE, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.
- The Songs and Calls of the Veery. ARETAS A. SAUNDERS, Canaan, Connecticut.
- Voices of Birds of Timberline and Tundra (recording). PETER PAUL KELLOGG and ARTHUR A. ALLEN, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.
- *Hybridization in Birds: Occurrence, Significance, and Analysis. CHARLES G. SIBLEY, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.
- *Elements in the Mechanism of Breeding Cycles in Tropical Birds. ALDEN H. MILLER, University of California, Berkeley, California.
- *The Measurement of Kinetics in the Avian Skull. HARVEY I. FISHER and DONALD C. GOODMAN, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois.

Factors Influencing Ecologic Distribution of the Brown and Spotted Towhees.
JOHN DAVIS, Hastings Reservation, Carmel Valley, California.

*Breeding Season in Relation to Insect Abundance Near Point Barrow, Alaska.
FRANK A. PITELKA, University of California, Berkeley, California.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

*Iridescence in Feathers. R. M. STRONG, Chicago Natural History Museum,
Chicago, Illinois.

SYMPOSIUM ON BIRD BEHAVIOR

Moderator: JOHN T. EMLÉN, JR.

Some Aspects of Hostile Behavior in Gulls. MARTIN MOYNIHAN, Cornell University,
Ithaca, New York.

An Analysis of the Display Movements of the Eider. D. FRANK MCKINNEY, Delta
Waterfowl Research Station, Delta, Manitoba.

Observations on Family Integration in Ducks. NICHOLAS E. COLLIAS and ELSIE
C. COLLIAS, Illinois College, Jacksonville, Illinois.

The Problem of Ritualization (Motion Picture). KONRAD Z. LORENZ, The Max-
Planck-Institut for Ethology, Buldern, Westfalen, Germany.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

SYMPOSIUM ON HOW THE AMATEUR CAN CONTRIBUTE
TO ORNITHOLOGICAL SCIENCE

Moderator: JOHN DAVIS

Life History Studies. CARL KOFORD, University of California, Berkeley, California.

Bird Population Studies. CHANDLER S. ROBBINS, Patuxent Research Refuge,
Laurel, Maryland.

Sight Records. LUDLOW GRISCOM, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

*The Nature of Changes in Bird Populations. JOSEPH C. HOWELL, University
of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee.

*A Bird Population Survey Method. A. LANG BAILY, Davenport Public Museum,
Davenport, Iowa, and JOHN L. CHAPIN, University of Colorado Medical School,
Denver, Colorado.

Development of Behavior in Three Rails. MARGARET M. NICE, 5725 Harper Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

*The Use of Sound Recordings in Censusing and Studying Birds (recording). PETER
PAUL KELLOGG, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

*A Strange Jay from the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. FRANK A. PITELKA and ROBERT
K. SELANDER, University of California, Berkeley, California and MIGUEL
ALVAREZ DEL TORO, Instituto Zoologico, Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas, Mexico.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

*Winter Species Association Groups Among Birds. RICHARD G. BEIDLEMAN,
Colorado Agricultural and Mechanical College, Fort Collins, Colorado.

*Some Observations on Territorial Behavior of the Carolina Chickadee. KEITH
L. DIXON, Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, College Station,
Texas.

Cowbird Parasitism of the Northern Yellowthroat. PERSHING B. HOFSLUND,
University of Minnesota, Duluth, Minnesota.

*The Vulture Problem in Texas. PAUL W. PARMALEE, Illinois State Museum,
Springfield, Illinois.

The Cooper's Hawk. (Motion Picture) HEINZ MENG, State University of New York, New Paltz, New York.

Churchill Revisited (Motion Picture). ARTHUR A. ALLEN, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

Birds of the Bering Sea. (Motion Picture). ROGER TORY PETERSON, Glen Echo, Maryland.

GENERAL EXHIBITS

The original paintings by Owen J. Gromme for *The Birds of Wisconsin* were exhibited in the Union Library. Here also the engraving plates for this work were shown, and on Thursday evening Richard A. Shilbauer of the Mueller Engraving Company explained technical aspects of the engraving process.

Specimens of hybrid birds, oils by staff members of the Milwaukee Public Museum, and archaeological artifacts of interest to ornithologists were on display in the Main Lounge.

In the Men's Lounge there were three displays: bird books available through the Wisconsin Society of Ornithology; ornithological works published by university presses, arranged by the University of Wisconsin Press; and ornithological miscellanies exhibited by Mrs. Herbert E. Carnes.

In the halls there were black-and-white pictures of birds by Wisconsin photographers, ornithological bookplates, and kodachrome slides displayed by automatic projectors supplied by the Wisconsin Conservation Department.

Rare bird books and ornate examples of ornithological illustration were made available for inspection in the Rare Book Room of the Memorial Library.

OTHER EVENTS

On Wednesday evening a dinner was given for the Fellows and Council by the Local Committee in the Round Table Room. Following the dinner period, all members and guests were invited to after-dinner coffee in the Main Lounge.

On Thursday evening, members and guests were invited to a reception in the Main Lounge as guests of the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology and the Madison Audubon Society. Later in the evening a portrait of Aldo Leopold was unveiled and presented to the University by Mrs. Leopold and former students of the late Professor Leopold.

On Friday evening a special display showing the fall plumages of local birds was available for viewing in the Main Lounge. In the Play Circle Theater two moving pictures in color were shown: Jean Delacour presented "Ornithology in the Los Angeles County Museum"; and Frederick C. Lincoln presented "Whooping Cranes."

Nearly 300 people attended the annual banquet on Saturday evening and heard an address with color slides by Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr., entitled "Five Months in the Falkland Islands."

A short field trip to the University of Wisconsin Arboretum was offered before breakfast on Saturday morning. An all-day field trip on Saturday carried visitors to the Horicon Marsh area some 50 miles northeast of Madison.

RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, The total population of the Ross's Goose is believed to be about 4000 birds, and

WHEREAS, It is known that each year many of these geese are killed either by accident or intent, the total loss during the 1953 hunting season being in excess of 1000, and

WHEREAS, The Ross's Goose winters almost entirely in the Sutter Buttes area in California in which the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge is located, therefore be it

Resolved, That the American Ornithologists' Union at its 72d Stated Meeting, held at Madison, Wisconsin, does hereby commend the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and its Director, Colonel John L. Farley, for resisting pressure in California to open any part of the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge to sport hunting, and be it further

Resolved, That the American Ornithologists' Union pledges its support to the Fish and Wildlife Service to maintain the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge inviolate for all time, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Colonel John L. Farley, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

WHEREAS, We, members of The American Ornithologists' Union, are about to adjourn the Seventy-second Stated Meeting, our first official gathering in Wisconsin; therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend to the members of the Local Committee on Arrangements, namely:

A. W. Schorger, *General Chairman*

John T. Emlen, Jr.

John L. Kaspar

James H. Zimmerman

Walter E. Scott

Gilbert H. Doane

Robert W. Nero

Robert Norris

G. W. Foster, Jr.

Miss Ruth L. Hine

James A. Larsen

Clay Schoenfeld

Mrs. Walter E. Scott

Mrs. Frederick Greeley

Miss Helen Northup

Joseph J. Hickey

W. E. Lanyon

Laurence R. Jahn
 Harold Mathiak
 Frederic H. Wagner
 Robert A. McCabe
 Robert S. Ellarson
 James B. Hale
 Mrs. Joseph J. Hickey

Richard R. Bond
 Frederick Greeley
 Mrs. A. W. Schorger
 Mrs. Eleanor B. Miles
 Mrs. Robert A. McCabe
 Mrs. Gilbert Doane
 Mrs. Aldo Leopold

Mrs. John Emlen

the deep appreciation and gratitude of the Union for their tireless efforts in preparing for this highly successful meeting, for their efficient direction and patient attention to details, and for their many personal kindnesses; and be it further

Resolved, That we express the thanks of the Union to the University of Wisconsin for the use of its superb facilities in the Memorial Union Building and to President E. B. Fred and Vice-President Ira L. Baldwin of the University for various courtesies extended.

Be It Finally Resolved, That we express the sincere thanks of the Union to the Kumlien Club, the Madison Audubon Society, and the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology for their very pleasant social arrangements and warm hospitality, to the Milwaukee Public Museum for the splendid art exhibit, and to the Wisconsin Conservation Department for the fine kodachrome exhibits.