

interesting sight. The entire lake was covered with a sheet of ice, with the exception of an opening possibly ten feet across, that I am confident was only prevented from freezing over by the untiring activity of the Old-squaw. There was certainly no other reason why there should have been any open water, for the ice was tested near the shore and found to be almost half an inch thick. While I watched the bird, and it showed remarkably little fear of me, it was continually diving and coming up where the thin ice was forming at the edge of the open water and breaking it off, in this way unquestionably keeping itself from being gradually frozen in and forced to hunt other open water. Undoubtedly the desire for food was responsible for much of this activity, but it was interesting to note that it never came up except where the thin ice was forming. It was a losing fight, however, for the temperature dropped even lower that night, and the following morning I found the lake finally frozen over and the bird gone. Almost three months later, on the 10th of April, there occurred here an unusual and unexpected flight of Red-breasted Mergansers (*Mergus serrator*), flocks appearing that day on practically all the bodies of water of any size about Athens, and in one flock resting on the city reservoir I was very much interested to see a female Old-squaw. I had no way of knowing of course that this was the same bird that I saw in December.—THOS. D. BURLEIGH, *Athens, Clarke Co., Georgia.*

Canada Goose Migration at Saginaw, Mich.—Just for the purpose of recording date of migration I have the following to tell about the southward movement of Canada Geese over the Saginaw, Michigan, district:

A great many residents of Saginaw were awakened shortly after midnight the morning of October 29, 1927, by the calls of Wild Geese. The early part of the night was clear, but shortly after midnight a thunder storm came up. Whether the Geese were confused by electric lights of the city is a question, but from all parts of the city came reports of these circling Geese and their calling. These Geese were reported from so many different parts of the city that an unusual number of them must have been circling the town over a wide area.

Saturday morning, October 29, I went to see if I could find a Woodcock or two, and drove forty miles north of Saginaw to the headquarters of the Kawkawlin River. There two farmers told me the same story about Geese calling in the night and quantities passing there. It was just 9:00 A.M. and I could still hear Geese calling and see them high in the sky in flocks of a hundred, two hundred or three hundred passing south, so there must have been a very large migration extending over a wide pathway.—W. B. MERSHON, *Saginaw, Mich.*

Whistling Swan at Marthas Vineyard, Mass.—On July 28, 1927, eight white Swans, probably *Olor columbianus*, were seen off Marthas Vineyard, Massachusetts. They were on the ocean about two miles to the southwest of Gay Head, between that promontory and the island of