

THE SIXTIETH STATED MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION

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THE eighth meeting to be held in Philadelphia took place October 12-16, 1942. Headquarters were at the Hotel Warwick and most of the business sessions were held there. The public sessions were held in the auditorium of the Philadelphia Academy of Sciences.

Business Sessions.—The meetings on Monday, October 12, included two sessions of the Council, a meeting of the Fellows at 4 p. m. and a meeting of the Fellows and Members at 8 p. m. The evening business session was attended by 16 Fellows and 19 Members—a total of 35 present.

There were elected three Fellows, five Members, and 181 Associates. On November 15, 1942, vacancies in the various membership classes were as follows: Fellows, 1; Honorary Fellows, 5; Corresponding Fellows, 23; Members, 16.

The Treasurer's report was accepted and the meeting authorized the Finance Committee (acting without the Treasurer) to review and approve the final audited reports of the Treasurer and of the Board of Trustees.

The Treasurer commented on each item of expense that had increased or decreased as compared with the previous year. Various economy and efficiency measures during the past three years had disposed of nearly all outstanding obligations and given the A. O. U. a balanced budget. The returns from the Endowment Campaign, though not large, were quite satisfactory, and promised to be augmented by future gifts. In addition the campaign had resulted in the taking out of a half-dozen life memberships and several gifts, including a contribution of \$3000, distributed over a five year period, by Edward A. McIlhenny, toward publication of 'The Auk.' The Trustees' Report showed that the Endowment Funds, totalling \$31,175.48, were in good condition.

The Secretary's report indicated that on September 30, 1942, the paid-up members of the Union were as follows: Associates, 1,293; Members, 133; Fellows, 47; Patrons, 3; Emeritus Fellows, 1; Honorary Fellows, 23; Associate-elects, 93. Total, including 80 Corresponding Fellows, 1,586. In addition there were 176 subscribers. Fifty-six resignations had been accepted during the year and 181 Associates elected. Roll call was held for the 26 members deceased since the last

meeting: 3 Fellows, 1 Honorary Fellow, 1 Corresponding Fellow, 6 Members and 15 Associates.

The retiring members of the Council (Ludlow Griscom, Alden H. Miller and P. A. Taverner) were replaced for three-year terms by Arthur A. Allen, Rodolphe M. deSchauensee and Robert C. Murphy. Rudyerd Boulton was elected to the Council for two years to fill out an unexpired term. The new officers elected were as follows: President, James L. Peters; Vice-Presidents, George Willett and Hoyes Lloyd; Secretary, Lawrence E. Hicks; Treasurer, J. Fletcher Street.

A new amendment to the By-Laws, first proposed at the 1941 meeting, was given final and favorable action. This makes a change in Sec. 7, Art. VII to permit proposals for the class of Associates to be made to the Council through the Secretary by members of any class, including Associates. A second amendment, up for final action and which would have combined the two classes of Honorary and Corresponding Fellows, was tabled.

The Council voted to limit each edition of 'The Auk' to 300 copies in excess of current needs and to use no color plates in 'The Auk' in 1943 unless contributed.

The 1942 award of the Brewster Medal was made to Mrs. Margaret M. Nice in recognition of her publication on "Life History of the Song Sparrow."

George H. Stuart, 3rd, was re-elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees and the two vacancies created through the resignation of Mr. Riker and Mr. Gregory, were filled by the election of Julian K. Potter and James Savage.

The Union voted to accept the report of the Committee on Bird Protection (Victor Cahalane, William Finley, Clarence Cottam and Aldo Leopold). The full report appears in 'The Auk.'

The Council voted to have a list prepared of all A. O. U. members in War Service. Members are urged to forward to the Secretary at the earliest possible date full data on each man in the Service, so that a list can be published in an early issue of 'The Auk.'

The Council also instructed the Treasurer not to drop members for non-payment of dues who are in the War Service of the United Nations.

The Union adopted the report of the Resolutions Committee (A. A. Allen, Pierce Brodkorb and H. G. Deignan). This report read as follows:

Whereas the American Ornithologists' Union at its 60th stated meeting has received the most gracious hospitality and thoughtful

attentions from the Academy of Natural Sciences and from the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club, be it resolved that we hereby express our most sincere thanks and appreciation to the President of the Academy of Natural Sciences, Mr. Charles M. B. Cadwalader, for the use of the halls and all the facilities of the Academy for our meetings and to Mr. R. M. deSchauensee, the General Chairman of Arrangements, for his thoughtful planning for all the needs and conveniences of the Union at this meeting, and at the same time to offer them our congratulations upon the completion of the most attractive and original educational exhibits in Audubon Hall of the Academy; and be it further resolved that we express our appreciation to Mr. Henry T. Underdown and his Committee, John A. Gillespie, Charles Mohr, James Rehn and Edward S. Weyl, for their part in providing for the smooth and orderly arrangements which have contributed so much to the success of this meeting; and to Charles Mohr and his Committee of Joseph Cadbury, P. A. Livingston, Norman McDonald and Richard Pough, for their efforts in our behalf in arranging the interesting field trips to the Zoological Park and to the Witmer Stone Wildlife Sanctuary at Cape May; and to Freeman M. Shelly, the Director of the Philadelphia Zoological Society and Roger Conant, Curator, for the courtesies extended to the Union. And especially would we extend our thanks to James Bond and his Committee of Horace Groskin, J. Fletcher Street, George Stuart, 3rd, and Edward Woolman, for their careful planning of the entertainment at the buffet supper and the Annual Dinner, and to Mr. Richard E. Bishop for showing us his remarkable ultra-speed films of game birds in action.

Furthermore, we would express our appreciation to McCready Huston and his Committee on Publicity of P. A. Livingston and Julian K. Potter, for the dignified notices of the meeting which have been given to the press, to Mr. Cary Livingston for his untiring attentions to those members of the Union working in the bird room and to Mrs. Arthur Emlen for the loan of the material for the exhibit of memorabilia of Witmer Stone.

Public Meetings.—The public meetings opened on Tuesday morning with an address of welcome by Charles M. B. Cadwalader, President of the Academy of Natural Sciences, and a response by acting President James L. Peters. The program included 26 papers, five of which were read by title, and as usual covered a wide range of subjects, both popular and technical. Classified as to content the papers covered the following subjects: distribution and migration, 8; life history, 7; behavior, 5; anatomy and physiology, 4; faunal, 3; tax-

onomic, 3; bird banding, 2; bird song, 2; biography, 2; conservation or education, 2; populations, 2; techniques, 2; exploration, 1; nomenclature, 1; waterfowl, 1.

Social Events.—On Tuesday evening 146 persons attended a buffet supper and an open house at the Philadelphia Academy of Sciences. This event afforded a welcome opportunity for visits with friends while reviewing the interesting vertebrate collections and educational exhibits. Wednesday evening was occupied by the annual dinner at the Academy with 130 present. The highlight of the evening was an address by the "Argentinian Ambassador," impersonated by a local resident. Fewer than a baker's dozen failed to be "taken in" by his skilled performance. After some contests arranged by the local committee, some splendid color films were shown by Richard E. Bishop of Philadelphia. They included some unusual slow-motion shots of game birds. Wednesday noon a group photograph was taken of the 62 members present at that time.

Excursions.—Thursday afternoon a party of 48 took the train to Cape May, New Jersey. The evening was spent at the Hotel Macomber listening to an illustrated review of the natural history of the Witmer Stone Sanctuary area by Richard Pough, and bird-song imitations and color films of the southern Audubon refuges, presented by Allan Cruikshank. During the last seven years Christmas Censuses at Cape May averaged 107 species. Most members are well acquainted with the amazing concentrations of migrating birds which suitable combinations of weather and wind conditions may bring about near the water surrounding the Cape May tip of the New Jersey peninsula.

The A. O. U. party proved to be a group of enthusiastic observers, being stationed at various key positions by daybreak, in spite of an early drizzling rain. Few new bird arrivals came in, but the bird list of those present grew to at least 85 by train time in mid-afternoon. Many thousands of Tree Swallows, and more than sixty large flocks of White-winged Scoters were recorded, in addition to several groups of Canada Geese, Little Blue Herons, Willets, Plover, Sandpipers, Laughing and Great Black-backed Gulls and Myrtle Warblers. Many of the visitors were thrilled by excellent views of occasional Pigeon Hawks, Duck Hawks, or Ospreys.

THE PROGRAM

Papers are arranged in the order in which they were presented at the meeting. Starred papers were illustrated by lantern slides; those with a double star were illustrated by motion pictures.

TUESDAY MORNING

Welcome by CHARLES M. B. CADWALADER, President of the Academy of Natural Sciences.

Response by JAMES L. PETERS, Vice-President, American Ornithologists' Union.

Roll Call of Fellows and Members, Report of the Business Meeting, Announcement of the Result of Elections.

Report of the Local Committee on Arrangements. R. MEYER DESCHAUENSEE.

1. A Hawk Migration Along the North Shore of Lake Erie. W. E. SAUNDERS, London, Ontario.
2. Changes in Bird Life of the Northeastern States During the Last Twenty-five Years. LUDLOW GRISCOM, Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, Cambridge, Massachusetts.
3. Inconsistencies of Vernacular Bird Names. ROGER TORY PETERSON, National Audubon Society, New York City.
4. The Summer Cessation of Bird Song. ARETAS A. SAUNDERS, Fairfield, Connecticut.
5. In Memoriam: JOSEPH HARVEY RILEY. (Read by title.) ALEXANDER WETMORE, U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

6. The Vanishing Ivory-bill. BAYARD H. CHRISTY, Sewickley, Pennsylvania.
7. Warbler Songs, Illustrated with Phonograph Records. ARTHUR A. ALLEN, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.
8. *Further Notes and Observations on the Pileated Woodpecker. J. SOUTHGATE Y. HOYT, U. S. Army, Charleston, South Carolina.
9. **A New Source of Ornithological Interest. ALEXANDER SPRUNT, JR., Charleston, South Carolina.
10. Winter Returns of Slate-colored Juncos at Norristown, Pennsylvania. RAYMOND J. MIDDLETON, Norristown, Pennsylvania.
11. **Purple Sandpipers on the Massachusetts Coast and an Unusual Nesting of the Duck Hawk. (Read by title.) JOHN B. MAY, Cohasset, Massachusetts.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

12. Observations on Molting in Captive Falcons. (Exhibit of live Hawks—Duck Hawk, Pigeon Hawk and Goshawk.) ROBERT M. STABLER, Department of Zoology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
13. The First Recorded Observation on Bird Migration in America. T. S. PALMER, Washington, D. C.
14. The New Species of Birds Described in 1938–1941. JOHN T. ZIMMER and ERNST MAYR, American Museum of Natural History, New York City.
15. *Notes on Bird Protection in Latin America. T. GILBERT PEARSON, International Committee for Bird Protection, New York City.
16. **Through the Year with the Pileated Woodpecker—Exhibition of Live Woodpecker. J. SOUTHGATE Y. HOYT, U. S. Army, Charleston, South Carolina.
17. **Grebes and Gadwalls. CLEVELAND P. GRANT, Covington, Kentucky.
18. In Memoriam: CLINTON HART MERRIAM. (Read by title.) T. S. PALMER, Washington, D. C.

THURSDAY MORNING

19. Variation in Post-juvenile Wing Molt and Outermost Primary Covert Structure in the Galliformes; a Preliminary Report. GEORGE A. PETRIDES, National Park Service, Washington, D. C.
20. Winter Returns From Banded Tree Sparrows. RAYMOND J. MIDDLETON, Norristown, Pennsylvania.
21. *Ravens in the Shenandoah National Park. W. BRYANT TYRRELL, Takoma Park, Maryland.
22. *The Changing Abundance of Birds in Central New York State. ARTHUR A. ALLEN, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.
23. Climatic Change and Bird Distribution. DEAN AMADON, American Museum of Natural History, New York City.
24. The Generic Classification of the Swallow Family. ERNST MAYR, American Museum of Natural History, New York City, and JAMES BOND, Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia.
25. **Common Birds of Maine. (Read by title.) ALFRED O. GROSS, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine.
26. Further Observations on Swainson's Warbler in West Virginia. (Read by title.) MAURICE BROOKS, West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia.

ATTENDANCE

The 1942 meeting, the eighth to be held in the Philadelphia area, had a registered attendance of 102 members (all classes) and 90 visitors—a total of 192. The list of those present in 1942 included 1 Honorary Fellow, 18 Fellows, 21 Members and 62 Associates.

Members were present from 19 States and Provinces. Sixty-two members and 26 visitors registered from localities outside of Pennsylvania. Exclusive of visitors the 5 largest delegations were; Pennsylvania, 40; New York, 17; Washington, D. C., 12; New Jersey, 7; and Ohio, 4.

The 7 members traveling the greatest distances were: Charles A. Harwell, Berkeley, California; George Willett, Los Angeles, California; Elizabeth A. Oehlenschlaeger, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Jules A. Decarie, Montreal, Quebec; R. Allyn Moser, Omaha, Nebraska; Hoyes Lloyd, Ottawa; and W. E. Saunders, London, Ontario.

CALIFORNIA, 2—*Fellow*, George Willett, Los Angeles. *Associate*, Charles A. Harwell, Berkeley.

CONNECTICUT, 1—*Member*, Aretas A. Saunders, Fairfield.

KENTUCKY, 1—*Associate*, Cleveland P. Grant, Covington.

MARYLAND, 3—*Associates*, Gorman M. Bond, Elkridge; C. Haven Kolb, Baltimore; W. Bryant Tyrrell, Takoma Park.

MASSACHUSETTS, 3—*Fellows*, A. C. Bent, Taunton; Ludlow Griscom, James L. Peters, Cambridge.

MICHIGAN, 2—*Fellow*, J. Van Tyne, Ann Arbor. *Member*, Pierce Brodkorb, Ann Arbor.

- MISSISSIPPI, 1—*Associate*, M. L. Miles, Vicksburg.
- NEBRASKA, 1—*Associate*, R. Allyn Moser, Omaha.
- NEW JERSEY, 7—*Members*, B. S. Bowdish, Demarest; Charles H. Rogers, Princeton. *Associates*, Dorothy M. Compton, Princeton; Robert L. Haines, Merchantville; Edward R. Manners, Westville; Julian K. Potter, Collingswood; Richard H. Pough, Cape May.
- NEW YORK, 17—*Honorary Fellow*, Jean T. Delacour, New York City; *Fellows*, Arthur A. Allen, Ithaca; Robert C. Murphy, John T. Zimmer, New York City. *Members*, Lee S. Crandall, John T. Nichols, T. Gilbert Pearson, Roger T. Peterson, New York City; James Savage, Buffalo; Dayton Stoner, Albany. *Associates*, Dean Amadon, Carl Buchheister, Ruth T. Chapin, Allan D. Cruickshank, Eugene Eisenmann, New York City; Robert A. Johnson, Oneonta; Theodora Nelson, New York City.
- OHIO, 4—*Fellow*, Lawrence E. Hicks, Columbus. *Associates*, Robert J. Lebrecht, Columbus; Harold Mayfield, Toledo; George A. Smith, Cuyahoga Falls.
- ONTARIO, 2—*Fellows*, Hoyes Lloyd, Ottawa; W. E. Saunders, London.
- PENNSYLVANIA, 40—*Fellows*, W. E. Clyde Todd, Pittsburgh; Rodolphe M. deSchauensee, Devon. *Members*, William L. Baily, Haverford; James Bond, Philadelphia; Bayard H. Christy, Sewickley; Francis Harper, Swarthmore; J. Fletcher Street, Philadelphia; George H. Stuart, 3rd, Villa Nova. *Associates*, Francis L. Bacon, Chestnut Hill; Joseph M. Cadbury, Hampton L. Carson, Philadelphia; J. Frank Cassel, Wyomissing; Mrs. Francis H. Coffin, Scranton; Victor A. Debes, Prospect Park; George J. Free, State College; Walter A. Freyburger, Upper Darby; John A. Gillespie, Glenolden; Morris M. Green, Ardmore; Frances L. Groff, West Chester; Horace Groskin, Ardmore; Frederick V. Hebard, Philadelphia; Horace D. McCann, Paoli; Norman J. McDonald, Philadelphia; Philip P. Malley, Coatesville; Raymond J. Middleton, Norristown; Charles E. Mohr, Philadelphia; Edwin T. Moul, York; Mrs. T. F. Price, Huntingdon; George W. Pyle, Paoli; James A. G. Rehn, Philadelphia; William E. Roberts, Lansdowne; William J. Serrill, Haverford; Robert M. Stabler, Glen Mills; William S. Tallman, Jr., Sewickley; Samuel A. Tatnall, Philadelphia; John E. Trainer, Allentown; Harry T. Underdown, Elkins Park; Edward S. Weyl, Philadelphia; Harold B. Wood, Harrisburg; Edward Woolman, Haverford.
- QUEBEC, 1—*Associate*, Jules A. Decarie, Montreal.
- SOUTH CAROLINA, 2—*Member*, Alexander Sprunt, Charleston. *Associate*, J. Southgate Y. Hoyt, Charleston.
- VERMONT, 1—*Member*, Wendell P. Smith, Wells River.
- WASHINGTON, D. C., 12—*Fellows*, Herbert Friedmann, Frederick C. Lincoln, T. S. Palmer, Edward A. Preble, Alexander Wetmore. *Members*, John W. Aldrich, H. G. Deignan, S. Dillon Ripley. *Associates*, Phillip F. Allan, Charles H. M. Barrett, Malcolm Davis, R. Bruce Horsfall.
- WEST VIRGINIA, 1—*Associate*, J. Floyd Poland, Martinsburg.
- WISCONSIN, 1—*Associate*, Elizabeth A. Oehlenschlaeger, Milwaukee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers for 1942 resulted as follows: *President*, James L. Peters; *Vice-Presidents*, George Willett and Hoyes Lloyd; *Secretary*, Lawrence E. Hicks; *Treasurer*, J. Fletcher Street. *Members of the Council* (in addition to officers and ex-presidents) for three years,

Arthur A. Allen, Rodolphe M. deSchauensee and Robert C. Murphy; for two years, Rudyerd Boulton.

The Council elected John T. Zimmer Editor of 'The Auk'; J. Fletcher Street, Business Manager; George H. Stuart, 3rd, Julian K. Potter and James Savage, Trustees; and James L. Peters, J. Fletcher Street, Rudyerd Boulton, Lawrence E. Hicks and Ludlow Griscom, members of the Finance Committee.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS, MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES

FELLOWS, 3—Dr. Clarence Cottam, Washington, D. C.; Rodolphe M. deSchauensee, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Dr. Harrison F. Lewis, Ottawa, Canada.

MEMBERS, 5—Earle R. Greene, Key West, Florida; Harry W. Hann, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Robert C. Miller, San Francisco, California; Earle L. Poole, Reading, Pennsylvania; S. Dillon Ripley, Litchfield, Connecticut.

ASSOCIATES, 181—The names of the Associates who qualify will appear in the membership list published in this issue of 'The Auk.'

DECEASED MEMBERS

During the year the Union lost 26 members by death: 3 Fellows, 1 Honorary Fellow, 1 Corresponding Fellow, 6 Members and 15 Associates.

WILLIAM PLANE PYCRAFT, Honorary Fellow (1902), aged 74, died at London, England, May 1, 1942.

MRS. HAROLD HULME BRINDLEY, Corresponding Fellow (1920), aged 52, died at Cambridge, England, April 3, 1941.

DR. GLOVER MORRILL ALLEN, Fellow (1896), aged 63, died at Cambridge, Massachusetts, February 14, 1942.

DR. CLINTON HART MERRIAM, Founder, Patron, Life Fellow and Ex-President, aged 86, died at Berkeley, California, March 19, 1942.

JOSEPH HARVEY RILEY, Fellow (1897), aged 68, died at Falls Church, Virginia, December 17, 1941.

VERNON ORLANDO BAILEY, Member (1887), died in his 78th year at Washington, D. C., April 20, 1942.

BENJAMIN TRUE GAULT, Member (1885), aged 83, died at Glen Ellyn, Illinois, March 20, 1942.

WHARTON HUBER, Member (1915), aged 64, died at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 12, 1942.

HON. GEORGE SHIRAS, 3rd, Life Member (1907), aged 83, died at Marquette, Michigan, March 24, 1942.

EDWARD ROYAL WARREN, Member (1902), aged 81, died at Colorado Springs, Colorado, April 20, 1942.

DR. CASEY ALBERT WOOD,¹ Life Member (1917), aged 85, died at La Jolla, California, January 26, 1942.

GEORGE JOHN CLOUT, Associate (1939), died at St. Catherines, Ontario, May 11, 1941.

REV. FRANCIS H. CRAIGHILL, Associate (1938), died at Rocky Mount, North Carolina, October 14, 1941.

¹ For obituary notice, see *Auk*, 59: 611-612, 1942.

- HENRY CORBIN FULLER, Associate (1916), aged 63, died at New Haven, Connecticut, August 26, 1942.
- ROBERT A. GILBERT,² Associate, aged 71, died at Cambridge, Massachusetts, January 7, 1942.
- DR. ROBERT W. HEGNER,³ Associate (1901), aged 62, died at Baltimore, Maryland, March 11, 1942.
- DR. GEORGE STANFORD HENSYL, Associate (1941), died in his 56th year at Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania, July 27, 1942.
- ALVAH HENRY BEDELL JORDAN, Honorary Life Associate (1888), died in his 77th year, at Everett, Washington, May 31, 1942.
- DR. MARCUS WARD LYON, JR., Associate (1922), aged 67, died at South Bend, Indiana, May 19, 1942.
- JOHN SMITH MAIN, Associate (1926), aged 66, died at Madison, Wisconsin, November 1941.
- MRS., CHARLES WOODBURY MELCHER, Associate (1922), aged 67, died at Homosassa Springs, Florida, December 1941.
- ROBERT LEE MORE,⁴ Associate (1921), aged 68, died at Vernon, Texas, September 6, 1941.
- MRS. CHARLES KELLER (CARRIE S.) REED, Associate (1925), aged 90, died at Worcester, Massachusetts, in 1942.
- PROF. FRANK SMITH,⁵ Associate (1909), aged 85, died at St. Petersburg, Florida, February 3, 1942.
- ELLISON ADGER SMYTH, Honorary Life Associate (1892), died at Salem, Virginia, August 19, 1941.
- JAMES DOUGLASS TURNBULL, Associate (1927), died at Vancouver, British Columbia, November 7, 1941.

² For obituary notice, see Auk, 59: 467, 1942.

³ " " " " " 59: 612-613, 1942.

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