

THE SEVENTIETH STATED MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION

BY ALBERT WOLFSON, SECRETARY

THE first meeting of the Union in the State of Louisiana was held at Baton Rouge, October 20 through 24, 1952, at the invitation of Louisiana State University and the Louisiana Ornithological Society. Headquarters were in Pleasant Hall on the campus of Louisiana State University. Business sessions were held in Pleasant Hall; public sessions were held in the Auditorium and Court Room of the Law Building and in the Auditorium of the Music and Dramatic Arts Building on the Campus.

BUSINESS SESSIONS

Business sessions were held as follows: (1) First Session of the Council, Monday, October 20, 9:00 a.m. to 12:35 p.m. Number in attendance, 17. (2) Second Session of the Council, Monday, 2:10 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. Number in attendance, 18. (3) Meeting of the Fellows, Monday, 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Number in attendance, 34. (4) Meeting of the Fellows and Members, Monday, 8:30 p.m. to 12:45 a.m. Number in attendance, 69 (Fellows, 39; Members, 30). (5) Third Session of the Council, Wednesday, October 22, 8:10 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. Number in attendance, 17.

Reports of Officers. The Secretary reported that the total membership of the Union was 2,877, as of October 20, 1952. Membership by classes was as follows: Fellows, 69; Fellows Emeriti, 2; Honorary Fellows, 16; Corresponding Fellows, 66; Members, 184; Associates, 2,517; and Student Members, 23. Since the last meeting, 566 persons had been proposed for associate membership. Their election at this meeting brought the total membership to 3,443, the largest in the history of the Union, and an increase of 268 over last year. The previous highest total membership was 3,269 in October, 1950. The Secretary received from Dr. A. W. Schorger, Chairman of the Committee on Biography, notices of the death of the following members:

James Lee Peters, Fellow, April 19, 1952, at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dorothea Minola Bate, Corresponding Fellow, January 13, 1951, at Essex, England.

Joseph Scattergood Dixon, Life Member, June 23, 1952, at Escondido, California.

Eugene Edmund Murphey, Member, April 13, 1952, at Augusta, Georgia.

Earle Amos Brooks, Honorary Life Associate, April 4, 1952, at Newton, Massachusetts.

Charles Bradley Isham, Honorary Life Associate, November 17, 1951, at Hyannis, Massachusetts.

Mrs. Helen Granger Whittle, Life Associate, August 4, 1951, at Hillsboro, New Hampshire.

Mrs. Harriet Chapman Battel, Associate, October 24, 1951, at Paoli, Pennsylvania.
 Donald Roland Bemont, Associate, March 28, 1951, at Ithaca, New York.
 Frank Weston Benson, Associate, November 14, 1951, at Salem, Massachusetts.
 Martin Joachim Burelbach, Associate, January 26, 1952, at Chattanooga, Tennessee.
 John Lindsay Clark, Associate, December 12, 1951, at New York, New York.
 Gus August Engeling, Associate, December 13, 1951, at Derden Wildlife Management Area, Anderson County, Texas.
 Mary Louise Fossler, Associate, January 22, 1952, at Pasadena, California.
 Victor Theodore Gaboriault, Associate, March 22, 1952, at Rigaud, Quebec.
 Harry Lee Harlee, Associate, February 22, 1952, at Florence, South Carolina.
 Edward King Hammond, Associate, September 29, 1950, at Chicago, Illinois.
 Marian White Little, Associate, May 29, 1952, at Guilford, Connecticut.
 Alice May MacQuarrie, Associate, January 23, 1951, at Pasadena, California.
 Angie Kumlien (Mrs. Herbert) Main, Associate, August 30, 1952, at Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin.
 Gertrude A. (Mrs. H. J.) Nunnemacher, Associate, October 31, 1950, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
 Walter E Rogers, Associate, October 5, 1951, at Appleton, Wisconsin.
 Samuel Robert Savage, Associate, January 31, 1952, at Overton, Texas.
 Charles Edwin Shawen, Associate, August 24, 1951, at Dayton, Ohio.
 Mrs. Lawrence P. Talley, Associate, July 29, 1951, at Brandywine Hundred, Delaware.
 James David Whitaker, Associate, January 28, 1952, at Wellesley, Massachusetts.
 Arthur Jason Woodward, Associate, March 18, 1952, at Clearwater, Florida.

The Treasurer gave his report, which will be published in the July issue of 'The Auk.'

Dr. Harvey I. Fisher, Editor of 'The Auk,' reported that there were enough manuscripts for the January number, but that in view of his pending resignation at the end of the current volume, he had been turning back manuscripts since last spring. Dr. Fisher expressed his appreciation of the generous assistance and cooperation of the members who had worked with him during his editorship, especially the members of the Committee on Illustrations, which has been under the Chairmanship of Dr. Milton B. Trautman since its inception two years ago. At the conclusion of his report Dr. Fisher submitted his resignation. The Council, in accepting his resignation, extended to him its deep appreciation for his fine work and four years of service.

Reports of Committees. The Chairman of the Committee on Endowment, Mrs. Betty Carnes, reported the following results: Life Members, \$975.00; Patrons, \$1,800.00; endowment funds transferred from the Canadian account, \$1,558.30; gifts, \$670.00—a total endowment increase of \$5,003.30.

The report of the Special Canadian Committee was given by Mr. Hoyes Lloyd, Chairman. By mid-January of 1951, the Canadian and United States dollars having reached equality, President Van Tyne, acting on the advice of the Finance Committee and this Committee,

asked that the funds in charge of this Committee be transferred to the Treasurer. The main transfer occurred on January 22, 1952. Total assets in Canada, as of August 15, 1952, were \$5.53. On recommendation of the Committee, the Council voted to reduce the Committee to one member, to serve until the Canadian account is closed in about six months, and to discontinue the work of the Committee after that time. The Council, in accepting the Committee's report expressed its thanks to Mr. Lloyd for his great service to the Union as Chairman of this Committee for the past several years.

Dr. Alexander Wetmore, Chairman of the Committee on Classification and Nomenclature of North American Birds, reported that the Committee prepared in draft form a revision of the ranges of the families Ploceidae, Icteridae, Thraupidae, and Fringillidae (through the genus *Loxia*) for circulation among its collaborators for criticism and comment. There remain 49 species in the Fringillidae of which about two-thirds have been completed. The Committee considered 48 cases of proposed change in scientific name or status, new forms, and revival of forms not currently recognized. Thirty-six changes were approved and were published in 'The Auk' (July, 1952) as the Twenty-seventh Supplement to the Check-List. The Committee continued to employ Mr. E. M. Reilly to assemble records from the files of the Fish and Wildlife Service and from the literature, for use in the preliminary preparation of range material. The cost of this service, which amounts to \$15,308.30 to date, has been met through research grants from the Smithsonian Institution. The expense involved in the typing, mimeographing, and mailing of range material to collaborators, and the considerable correspondence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were met also by the Smithsonian Institution.

According to Dr. Albert Wolfson, Chairman, the Committee on Research continued its established program and hoped to conclude two of its projects during the coming year, the publication of a list of unpublished theses in ornithology and a book on recent research in ornithology.

Following the procedure of previous years, the Committee on Education, under the Chairmanship of Dr. William H. Behle, distributed application blanks for student membership awards to 88 regional representatives. Dr. Behle reported that 23 applications were received. Since sufficient funds were available, all applications were granted. The list of recipients was published in the April (1952) issue of 'The Auk.'

Mr. C. K. Nichols, Editor of the 'Ten-year Index to The Auk,' reported that indexing has been completed with the exception of a

short list of reviews which require reference to the original source. Typing of the manuscript is under way and is expected to be completed during the coming year.

Work on the 'Handbook of North American Birds,' sponsored by the Union with Dr. Ralph S. Palmer as Editor, is progressing. Within a few months a preliminary outline for treatment of species will be circulated for comment and criticism. Dr. Palmer is trying to conclude his prior commitments as rapidly as possible in order to devote more time to the 'Handbook.' Dr. Palmer reported that the geographical area included in the Check-List is so large and diverse that it may be impossible to find anyone who is competent to cover one topic for all of the birds occurring in it. This means that more collaborators may be needed and may result in slower progress. It may be necessary, and it certainly is desirable, to obtain a grant from some foundation for financing certain aspects of the project.

The Award of the Brewster Medal. The 1952 Brewster Medal was awarded, by action of the Council, to Dr. John T. Zimmer of the American Museum of Natural History for his research on the systematics and distribution of South American birds, especially those of Peru. The Committee's report states: "His series of reports beginning in 1931 and continuing up to the present (nos. 51-61, 1946-1951) have appeared in the American Museum Novitates under the general title of 'Studies of Peruvian Birds.' They have embodied extremely thorough and sound taxonomic treatment of a large proportion of the genera of birds in South America. These reports are truly the foundation for the work of all other current students of the South American avifauna. They are characterized by precision, good taxonomic judgment, and comprehensiveness."

Next Stated Meeting. Fellows and Members, meeting together, accepted the invitation of the Los Angeles County Museum to hold the Seventy-first Stated Meeting in Los Angeles in October, 1953.

Amendments to the By-Laws. Three amendments to the By-Laws were given final approval by the Fellows. Associates may now be elected during the year as well as at the annual meeting, and ornithologists in the Americas outside of the United States and Canada may be elected to the classes of Fellows and Members. (For a detailed listing of the three amendments, see 'The Auk,' 69: 70, January, 1952.)

Miscellaneous Matters. The Committee on Education was renamed the Committee on Student Membership Awards and the Committee on Bird Protection was renamed the Advisory Committee on Bird Protection.

Mrs. Herbert E. Carnes of Tenafly, New Jersey, and Mrs. Carl Tucker of New York City became Patrons of the Union.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers were elected for 1952-53: *President*, Josselyn Van Tyne; *Vice-Presidents*, Alden H. Miller and Ludlow Griscom; *Secretary*, Albert Wolfson; *Treasurer*, R. Allyn Moser. *Elective Members of the Council*: Jean Delacour, Harvey I. Fisher, Herbert L. Stoddard.

The Council elected Robert W. Storer, *Editor* of 'The Auk'; Frederick V. Hebard (Chairman), G. Ruhland Rebmann, Jr., and Phillips B. Street, *Investing Trustees*.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS, MEMBERS, AND ASSOCIATES

FELLOWS—6

Emmet Reid Blake, Chicago, Illinois.
Paul Lester Errington, Ames, Iowa.
Elsie Margaret Binger Naumburg, New York, New York.
William Henry Phelps, Sr., Caracas, Venezuela.
Robert Winthrop Storer, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
Albert Wolfson, Evanston, Illinois.

CORRESPONDING FELLOWS—4

Armando Dugand, Colombia.
Jack William Davies Goodall, Santiago, Chile.
Alfred William Johnson, Santiago, Chile.
Rodulfo Amando Philippi B., Santiago, Chile.

MEMBERS—12

William J. Baerg, Fayetteville, Arkansas.
Andrew John Berger, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
William Bertram Cartwright, Manitoba, Canada.
Howard L. Cogswell, Berkeley, California.
Joshua Clifton Dickinson, Jr., Gainesville, Florida.
Harold Carsten Hanson, Urbana, Illinois.
Margaret Brooks Hickey, Madison, Wisconsin.
M. Brooke Meanley, Baltimore, Maryland.
Robert James Newman, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
Raymond Andrew Paynter, Jr., New Haven, Connecticut.
Phillips Borden Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
George Guion Williams, Houston, Texas.

ASSOCIATES—566

ATTENDANCE

Registration at the meeting showed an attendance of 195, composed of 4 Patrons, 38 Fellows, 46 Members, and 107 Associates. Represented were 33 states, the District of Columbia, one province of Canada (Ontario), Brazil, Puerto Rico, and Venezuela. Attendance of 93 guests brought total registration to 288.

PATRONS, FELLOWS, MEMBERS, AND ASSOCIATES PRESENT

PATRONS:—Betty Carnes, Hoyes Lloyd, Mrs. Dayton Stoner, Mrs. Carl Tucker.

FELLOWS:—John W. Aldrich, Dean Amadon, Oliver L. Austin, Jr., William H. Behle, Walter J. Breckenridge, Maurice Brooks, James P. Chapin, Jean Delacour, John Emlen, Harvey I. Fisher, Herbert Friedmann, Ira N. Gabrielson, James Greenway, Ludlow Griscom, Edwin R. Kalmbach, Frederick C. Lincoln, George H. Lowery, Jr., Alden H. Miller, Robert Cushman Murphy, Mrs. Margaret M. Nice, Harry C. Oberholser, Eugene P. Odum, Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr., William H. Phelps, Sr., Austin L. Rand, S. Dillon Ripley, Aretas A. Saunders, A. W. Schorger, Lester L. Snyder, Alexander Sprunt, Jr., Herbert L. Stoddard, Robert W. Storer, George M. Sutton, Josselyn Van Tyne, Lawrence H. Walkinshaw, Alexander Wetmore, Albert Wolfson, John T. Zimmer.

MEMBERS:—Anders H. Anderson, John H. Baker, A. Marguerite Baumgartner, Pierce Brodkorb, Ben B. Coffey, Jr., Allan Cruickshank, David E. Davis, J. C. Dickinson, Jr., Eugene Eisenmann, Albert F. Ganier, Stephen S. Gregory, Earle R. Greene, Samuel Grimes, Owen Gromme, William W. H. Gunn, Harry W. Hann, Frederick V. Hebard, Joseph Howell, Laurence M. Huey, P. P. Kellogg, Junea W. Kelly, Amelia R. Laskey, J. Stokley Ligon, Joe T. Marshall, Jr., Harold Mayfield, Robert McCabe, M. Brooke Meanley, Robert Mengel, Burt L. Monroe, R. Allyn Moser, Robert Newman, Ralph S. Palmer, Raymond A. Paynter, Jr., Harold S. Peters, William H. Phelps, Jr., Allan R. Phillips, Karl Plath, Richard H. Pough, William F. Rapp, Jr., Gustav A. Swanson, James T. Tanner, George J. Wallace, Dwain W. Warner, Francis M. Weston, George G. Williams, Lloyd R. Wolfe.

ASSOCIATES:

Alabama, 1—Mrs. Blanche E. Dean, Birmingham.

Arizona, 1—Lyndon L. Hargrave, Benson.

Arkansas, 2—Arnold J. Hoiberg, El Dorado; Howard Young, Fayetteville.

California, 7—Enid K. Austin, Oakland; Ethel M. Dixon, Escondido; J. B. Dixon, Escondido; Lynn Foree, Oakland; Thomas R. Howell, Los Angeles; William Sheffler, Los Angeles; Kenneth E. Stager, Los Angeles.

Colorado, 1—Paul Baldwin, Fort Collins.

Florida, 7—Marjorie Briggs, Gainesville; Robin Cooley, Gainesville; Conrad H. Ekdahl, Daytona Beach; Merritt Farrar, Winter Park; David Karraker, Gainesville; Henry M. Stevenson, Tallahassee; Louis A. Stimson, Miami.

Georgia, 1—Leon Neel, Thomasville.

Illinois, 4—Mrs. Harry L. Baldwin, Chicago; Karl E. Bartel, Blue Island; Donald Goodman, Urbana; Douglas James, Champaign.

Kentucky, 2—Leonard C. Brecher, Louisville; Mrs. F. W. Stamm, Louisville.

Louisiana, 30—William H. Baughn, Baton Rouge; Mrs. William H. Baughn, Baton Rouge; Leslie Brown, Baton Rouge; James Henry Bruns, St. Francisville; Fred J. Buchmann, Baton Rouge; Mrs. C. L. Casey, Shreveport; Joe Cleaton, New Orleans; Mary Cleaton, New Orleans; Hoyt Cragg, Baton Rouge; Frances R. Crews, Baton Rouge; Penny A. Daigne, Baton Rouge; J. L. Dorn, New Orleans; Francis B. Eastman, Mandeville; Marshall B. Eyster, Lafayette; Rose Feingold, New Orleans; G. Dale Hamilton, Shreveport; Ethel Hanchey, Baton Rouge; Horace Jeter, Shreveport; Kathleen Key, Pineville; Mrs. R. W. Krebs, Baton Rouge; Virgil Lapham, Pilot Town; Robert B. Lea, New Orleans; Robert B. Moore, Baton Rouge; Bertha H. Moreere, New Orleans; Rossiter D. Olmstead, New Orleans; J. Harvey Roberts, Baton Rouge; Charles R. Shaw, Pineville; Lonnie M. Sibley, Grand Chenier; Frederick Webert, Grand Chenier; H. Brainard Wright, Shreveport.

- Maine*, 1—F. Burton Whitman, Jr., Brunswick.
Massachusetts, 2—Dorothy E. Snyder, Salem; David K. Wetherbee, Worcester.
Michigan, 5—Philip Humphrey, Ann Arbor; Edith K. Frey, Jackson; Mrs. Josselyn Van Tyne, Ann Arbor; Harold F. Wing, Jackson; Ruth S. Wing, Jackson.
Mississippi, 2—Fannye A. Cook, Jackson; Gene Thompson Hendricks, Brookhaven.
Nevada, 1—Warren Pulich, Boulder City.
New Jersey, 1—Helen J. Williams, East Orange.
New York, 4—Winston Brockner, Buffalo; Ruth T. Chapin, New York City; Mrs. Grace E. Barstow Murphy, New York City; Jason A. Walker, Waterloo.
Ohio, 1—Betsy Tucker, Cincinnati.
Oklahoma, 7—Frederick M. Baumgartner, Stillwater; Joe C. Creager, Ponca City; Richard Graber, Norman; John C. Johnson, Jr., Norman; Dolores Mayfield, Norman; David Parmelee, Norman; Mrs. Lovie M. Whitaker, Norman.
Ontario, 2—Bertram A. Fauvel, Ottawa; Wilmot Lloyd, Ottawa.
Pennsylvania, 3—John Cairns, Scranton; Robert W. Glenn, Pittsburgh; Henry T. Underdown, Elkins Park.
Tennessee, 1—Mrs. E. W. Goodpasture, Nashville.
Texas, 11—Paul S. Baker, Dallas; L. Irby Davis, Harlingen; Keith L. Dixon, College Station; Pauline James, Kingsville; Edgar Kincaid, Austin; Mrs. T. C. Lacey, Nacogdoches; Charles H. McNeese, Houston; Mrs. Selby O'Neil Novah, Commerce; Bessie M. Reid, Silsbee; Whitfield Leggett Russell, Rhome; Frank G. Watson, Houston.
Virginia, 1—Ernest Edwards, Amherst.
Washington, D. C., 1—Charles H. M. Barrett.
Wisconsin, 5—Lois Almon, Eau Claire; John L. Kaspar, Oshkosh; Wesley Lanyon, Madison; Margarette E. Morse, Viroqua; Helmut C. Mueller, Milwaukee.
Brazil, 1—Margaret H. Mitchell, Rio de Janeiro.
Puerto Rico, 1—Virgilio Biaggi, Jr., Mayaguez.
Venezuela, 1—Kathleen D. Phelps, Caracas.

PUBLIC SESSIONS

Six public sessions were held, two on Tuesday, one on Wednesday, and three on Thursday. Four of these sessions were concerned entirely with the reading of papers. The session on Wednesday morning was devoted partly to papers and partly to a panel discussion; the session on Thursday afternoon was devoted entirely to the showing of motion pictures. An outline of the program is presented below. Titles marked with an asterisk were illustrated by lantern slides.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

- Welcome by GENERAL TROY H. MIDDLETON, President, Louisiana State University.
 Response on behalf of The American Ornithologists' Union.
 Report on the Business Meetings; Announcements of the Results of Elections and the Brewster Memorial Award.
 Announcements from the Local Committee on Arrangements.
 *A Venezuelan Reconnaissance, with Particular Reference to the Caribbean Islands.
 ROBERT CUSHMAN MURPHY, American Museum of Natural History, New York City.

Report on the Third General Assembly of the International Union for the Protection of Nature. RICHARD H. POUGH, American Museum of Natural History, New York City.

What Constitute Scientific Data for the Study of Bird Distribution? JOSSELYN VAN TYNE, University of Michigan Museum of Zoology, Ann Arbor.

*The Nature of the Pairing Bond in Certain Birds. JOHN T. EMLEN, JR., University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Progress Report on the Handbook of North American Birds. RALPH S. PALMER, New York State Museum, Albany.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

A Five-Year Study of Winter Harris's Sparrows. A. MARGUERITE BAUMGARTNER, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Incubation Periods Throughout the Ages MARGARET M. NICE, Chicago, Illinois.

*The Olfactory Senses of Cathartid Vultures. KENNETH E. STAGER, Los Angeles County Museum.

*Measurement of Territory Size in Birds. EDWARD J. KUENZLER, JR. and EUGENE P. ODUM, University of Georgia, Athens.

*Mechanically Recorded Nocturnal Unrest in Captive Songbirds. MARSHALL B. EYSTER, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Lafayette.

*The Effect of Diet on Photoperiod-Induced Fat Deposition in the White-throated Sparrow. EUGENE P. ODUM and JAMES C. MAJOR, University of Georgia, Athens.

The Occurrence and Regulation of the Refractory Period in the Gonadal and Fat Cycles of the Junco. ALBERT WOLFSON, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

*The Relative Importance of the Trans-Gulf and Circum-Gulf Spring Migrations. HENRY M. STEVENSON, Florida State University, Tallahassee.

*Racial and Sexual Differences in Migration in *Sphyrapicus varius*. THOMAS R. HOWELL, University of California, Los Angeles.

Can the Universal Interest in Aeronautics Be Made to Serve the Cause of Bird Protection? GRACE E. BARSTOW MURPHY, New York City.

The Cooperative Mourning Dove Study. HAROLD S. PETERS, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Atlanta, Georgia.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Painting Georgia Birds on Location. GEORGE MIKSCH SUTTON, University of Oklahoma, Norman.

*Seven More Milliseconds in the Lives of Common Birds. ARTHUR A. ALLEN, Laboratory of Ornithology, Cornell University, Ithaca.

*Habitat Types at Churchill, Manitoba. HAROLD MAYFIELD, Toledo, Ohio.

*Nesting of Sea-Ducks at Igiak Bay, Alaska. PHILIP S. HUMPHREY, University of Michigan Museum of Zoology, Ann Arbor.

PANEL DISCUSSION

COMPARATIVE BIOLOGY OF THE GENUS *Empidonax*

Chairman: DAVID E. DAVIS, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland.

Participants: ALLAN R. PHILLIPS, Tucson, Arizona; DAVID E. DAVIS; A. A. SAUNDERS, Canaan, Connecticut; JOHN W. ALDRICH, Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D. C.; PIERCE BRODKORB, University of Florida, Gainesville.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

SECTION A

- *Some Observations on the Population Changes in Birds from One Year to the Next. J. C. HOWELL, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
- Recent Changes in the Status of Certain Birds in Oklahoma. F. M. BAUMGARTNER, Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, Stillwater.
- Geographical Variation in the Songs and Calls of Birds. ARETAS A. SAUNDERS, Canaan, Connecticut.
- On the Possibility of Taxonomic Hints from Sound Recordings. L. IRBY DAVIS, Harlingen, Texas.
- Nesting of the Hooded Merganser. DAVID F. PARMELEE, University of Oklahoma, Norman.
- Notes on Birds of the Big Bend Country of Texas. LOVIE M. WHITAKER and LENA G. McBEE, Norman, Oklahoma and El Paso, Texas.
- History of Ornithological Work at the University of Oklahoma. JOHN C. JOHNSON, University of Oklahoma, Norman.
- *Censusing Southern Michigan Sandhill Cranes—1952. HAROLD WING and LAWRENCE H. WALKINSHAW, Jackson and Battle Creek, Michigan.
- *Roosting Behavior of Blackbirds in the Arkansas Rice Fields. BROOKE MEANLEY, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Stuttgart, Arkansas.
- A Distributional List, with Suggested English Names, for the Species of Middle American Birds. EUGENE EISENMANN, Linnaean Society of New York, New York.
- *The Duck Decoy Trap as a Technique in Waterfowl Research. ROBERT A. McCABE and NAN MULDER, Delta Waterfowl Research Station, Delta, Manitoba.

SECTION B

- A Fossil Hoatzin from the Miocene of Colombia. ALDEN H. MILLER, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley.
- *Daily Activity Periods of Birds in Relation to Light Intensity. MARJORIE A. BRIGGS, University of Florida, Gainesville.
- *The Plumage Cycle of the California Gull (*Larus californicus*). WILLIAM H. BEHLE and ROBERT K. SELANDER, University of Utah, Salt Lake City.
- *Variation with Day Length and Temperature of the Nesting Time of Juncos. James T. TANNER, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
- *Birds of Pine-oak Woodland in Arizona and Adjacent Mexico. JOE T. MARSHALL, JR., University of Arizona, Tucson.
- *An Analysis of the Avifauna of the Coastal Lowlands of Michoacan and Guerrero. ROBERT W. STORER, University of Michigan Museum of Zoology, Ann Arbor.
- The Manx Shearwater (*Puffinus puffinus*), a Species of Worldwide Distribution. ROBERT CUSHMAN MURPHY, American Museum of Natural History, New York City.
- *An Analysis of the Interbreeding of the Tufted and Black-crested Titmice in Texas. KEITH L. DIXON, Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, College Station.
- Migratory Birds of Relict Distribution—Some Inferences. DEAN AMADON, American Museum of Natural History, New York City.
- Comments on *Dendroica dominica stoddardi*. GEORGE MIKSCH SUTTON, University of Oklahoma, Norman.
- *Ecologic Aspects of Evolution in the Hawaiian Honeycreepers. PAUL H. BALDWIN, Colorado A. & M. College, Fort Collins.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

MOTION PICTURES

Behind the Flyways (U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service). FREDERICK C. LINCOLN, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D. C.

Wandorobo (By Edgar M. Queeny). JAMES P. CHAPIN, American Museum of Natural History, New York City.

The Pelicans of Last Mountain. FRED G. BARD, Provincial Museum, Regina, Saskatchewan.

Water Birds (Walt Disney Productions). KENNETH E. STAGER, Los Angeles County Museum.

OTHER EVENTS

On Monday evening, a dinner for the Fellows was given by the Local Committee in the Louisiana State University Faculty Club. Forty-four fellows attended. Following the dinner, Dr. and Mrs. Van Tyne entertained over 200 members and guests of the Union at a reception in the main lounge of the Faculty Club.

Approximately 275 ornithologists and their friends visited the Museum of Zoology on Tuesday evening as guests of the University and the Louisiana Ornithological Society. This event marked the official opening of an exhibit of recent paintings of southern birds, composed of the works of John Henry Dick and Richard Parks, together with George Miksch Sutton's illustrations for T. D. Burleigh's forthcoming "Birds of Georgia." Guests at this reception spent much time examining the research collections in the Museum.

An innovation at A.O.U. meetings was the interruption of the papers sessions on Wednesday afternoon to permit a field trip and general outing. Approximately 225 members and guests motored to the Audubon State Park at Oakley, 35 miles north of Baton Rouge, where a barbecue was served on the grounds of this beautiful ante-bellum home—the one-time abode of John James Audubon.

On Thursday evening, 224 members and guests attended the Annual Banquet in the Sky Room of the Heidelberg Hotel, in downtown Baton Rouge. Entertainment was provided by Mr. Justin Wilson, who is famous for his Cajun stories, and by Mr. Walt Kelly, creator of the celebrated *Pogo*.

Friday was devoted to a field trip to Grand Isle, on the coast of Louisiana. Chartered busses and private cars conveyed the exceptionally large aggregation of approximately 160 members and guests on this 330-mile trip, which was highlighted by a fine view of the famous Louisiana marshes and the picturesque bayou country. Species observed that were especially interesting to many visitors were the Arkansas Kingbird, Man-o'-war-bird, and the Cabot's Tern.

During the week numerous small groups of visiting ornithologists were taken to fields below the University campus where they were shown Yellow Rails and given demonstrations of the technique of catching the birds alive by hand. In all, six individuals were so captured on the various excursions during the week.

Special features for the wives of visiting ornithologists included a luncheon at the Esso Standard Oil Plant, a tour of the Louisiana State Capitol, and visits to historic southern homes in the vicinity of St. Francisville. They were also entertained by the First Lady of Louisiana, Mrs. Robert F. Kennon, at the Governor's Mansion.

RESOLUTIONS

At the meeting of the Council on Monday morning the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, that the Council of the American Ornithologists' Union in session at the Seventieth Stated Meeting at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, express formally to Dr. Theodore S. Palmer, long an honored Fellow of our Society, its sincere thanks for his valuable assistance, through further contribution of funds for the publication of *The Auk*. This particularly has enabled the editor of the Union to keep current the publication of useful biographical records on deceased members and has added importantly to the pages of our publication.

At the public session on Thursday afternoon, the following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, that we express the deep appreciation of The American Ornithologists' Union to William H. Baughn, Fred J. Buchmann, Robert W. Krebs, Mrs. Robert B. Moore, Robert B. Moore, Robert J. Newman, J. Harvey Roberts, O. W. Rosewall, and George H. Lowery, Jr., Chairman of the Local Committee on Arrangements, for the careful planning and considerable work that have made our first Louisiana meeting so successful.

Be it further resolved, that we express the gratitude of The American Ornithologists' Union to Louisiana State University for its gracious hospitality and the use of its excellent facilities, and to members of the Louisiana Ornithological Society for their great generosity and many kindnesses in arranging for the Seventieth Stated Meeting.

Be it finally resolved, that we express the thanks of The American Ornithologists' Union to the Louisiana Ornithological Society, the National Audubon Society, the Louisiana Wildlife Federation, and the Louisiana State Parks Commission for the superb barbecue served to our members and guests on the grounds at Oakley.

OFFICERS, TRUSTEES, AND COMMITTEES OF THE
AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION

Expiration of Term

Josselyn Van Tyne, <i>President</i>	1953
Alden H. Miller, <i>First Vice-President</i>	1953
Ludlow Griscom, <i>Second Vice-President</i>	1953
Albert Wolfson, <i>Secretary</i>	1953
R. Allyn Moser, <i>Treasurer</i>	1953
Robert W. Storer, <i>Editor of 'The Auk'</i>	1953

ELECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

W. J. Breckenridge.....	1953
George H. Lowery, Jr.....	1953
L. L. Snyder.....	1953
Dean Amadon.....	1954
Harrison F. Lewis.....	1954
Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr.....	1954
Jean Delacour.....	1955
Harvey I. Fisher.....	1955
Herbert L. Stoddard.....	1955
Frank A. Pitelka, <i>Cooper Ornithological Society Representative</i>	1953
Burt L. Monroe, <i>Wilson Ornithological Club Representative</i>	1953
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