

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTY-FOURTH STATED
MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION

BY HAROLD MAYFIELD, SECRETARY

THE Seventy-fourth Stated Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union was held from September 4 to 9, 1956, at the Denver Museum of Natural History and the University of Colorado. Business sessions were held on September 4, papers sessions on September 5, 6, and 7, and field trips on September 8 and 9.

BUSINESS SESSIONS

On September 4, the Council met throughout most of the day, the Fellows met in the late afternoon, and the Fellows and Elective Members met together in the evening.

1957 Meeting.—The Seventy-fifth stated meeting will be held at Cape May, New Jersey, in the week of September 9, 1957. Host organizations are the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences and the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club. M. Albert Linton and Philip A. Livingston are co-chairmen of the Local Committee on Arrangements.

1958 Meeting.—The Council favored holding the 1958 meeting in New York City in mid-October of that year. It was felt appropriate that this seventy-fifth anniversary meeting be held in the city of the founding and of the fiftieth anniversary meeting. Final decision on the 1958 meeting will be made at the 1957 meeting.

The Council also considered an attractive invitation from Regina, Saskatchewan, which will be considered again at a later date.

Awards.—The Brewster Memorial Award, by action of the Council, was presented to George H. Lowery, Jr., Louisiana State University, for his highly original and illuminating contributions to our knowledge of the nocturnal migration of birds, and in particular, his chief paper, "A Quantitative Study of the Nocturnal Migration of Birds," published in 1951 by the Museum of Natural History of the University of Kansas.

Marcia B. Tucker Awards in Ornithology were granted, by vote of the officers, to Judith Stenger, University of Toronto, and Russell Mumford, University of Michigan. These cash awards make it possible for promising young ornithologists to attend the annual meeting at a distance from their homes.

William H. Behle, Chairman of the Committee on Student Membership Awards, reported that "The Auk" is being sent free to 24 students, whose names were published in "The Auk" for April, 1956.

The Council voted to inscribe the names of two deceased Fellows as Patrons: James Lee Peters, in recognition of a gift in his memory by Mrs. Herbert C. Carnes; and T. S. Palmer, in recognition of his many generous gifts to the A.O.U. over a period of years.

Amendments to the By-Laws.—The Fellows gave final approval to an amendment to the By-Laws providing that one vice-president be elected each year for a two-year term, the first year to be served as Second Vice-President and the second year as First Vice-President. The full amendment is published in the Proceedings in the January, 1956, 'Auk,' (pp. 106-107).

No new amendments were proposed.

Reports of Officers.—The Secretary reported that 3072 copies of 'The Auk' were being mailed. The Treasurer's records showed members by classes, as of September 11, as follows: Fellows, 76; Fellows Emeriti, 2; Honorary Fellows, 20; Corresponding Fellows, 63; Elective Members, 198; Members, 2281; Student Members, 24. Other mailings go to institutional subscribers and to organizations with whom we are exchanging journals. Between October 1, 1955, and September 1, 1956, we enrolled 162 new members.

The report of the Treasurer, Charles G. Sibley, is published in full in this issue of 'The Auk.' The Auditing Committee (A. W. Schorger, Chairman; Hoyes Lloyd, William H. Behle) examined the books of the Treasurer and found them in good order. The Council approved the Treasurer's request to end the fiscal year on July 31 in order to allow a year-end report at annual meetings whether held in September or October.

In the absence of Stephen S. Gregory, Chairman, A. W. Schorger reported for the Investing Trustees. The appraised value of the endowment holdings as of August 15, 1956, was \$116,151, representing an increase in value of \$8,147 and additions to the fund of \$2,688 since September 30, 1955. The estimated income from the fund for the twelve months ending September 30, 1956, was \$3,979.

The Editor, Robert W. Storer, reported that 'The Auk' for the last year, beginning with the October, 1955, issue, contained 622 pages and 19 plates, not counting the 76 pages of Membership List distributed separately. Special thanks were expressed to Col. L. R. Wolfe for indexing the current volume, and to Frank McKinney for his work on the Recent Literature section.

The Council voted a resolution of thanks to C. K. Nichols for his diligent work on the Ten-year Index. The basic manuscript is completed but there is checking to be done, and the Committee on Publications is to study the various means of publication.

Handbook of North American Birds.—R. S. Palmer, Editor of the proposed Handbook, reported that substantial progress has been made on range maps and text. It is hoped that the manuscript of volume 1, loons through ducks, can be completed by December 1, 1957. There is a need for authors and financial assistance on this most important work in preparation.

Reports of Committees.—A. W. Schorger, Chairman of the Committee on Biography, reported that two memorials and three obituaries were published during the year ending with the July, 1956, issue of 'The Auk.' During the year the Committee received notices of the deaths of 17 Members and two Corresponding Fellows:

- Ivers Shepard Adams, Member, June 10, 1955.
- Stanley Crittenden Ball, Member, August 9, 1956.
- Esaie John Besson, Member, August 2, 1956.
- Clarence Duvall Brown, Member, June 29, 1956.
- Morris Miller Green, Life Member, May 26, 1955.
- George Leib Harrison, Life Member, November 21, 1955.
- Clara Louise Hershey, Member, September 16, 1955.
- John Townsend Sharpless Hunn, Honorary Life Member, October 2, 1954.
- Renwick Reeve Kerr, Member, March 15, 1955.
- John Francis McClure, Member, April 2, 1955.
- Robert Poncy, Corresponding Fellow, December 7, 1955.
- Charles James Rhoads, Life Member, January 2, 1956.
- Mrs. Winifred Sprague Sabine, Member, July 11, 1956.
- H. T. L. Schaanning, Corresponding Fellow, March 5, 1956.
- Jule R. Schmidt, Member, October 23, 1955.
- Anna Creighton Scott, Member, October 25, 1955.
- Carl Tucker, Life Member, July 29, 1956.
- Yens M. Welling, Life Member, December 8, 1955.
- Robert Weston, Member, June 4, 1955.

Mrs. Herbert E. Carnes, Chairman of the Endowment Committee, reported total additions to the endowment fund since October 1, 1955, of \$3,245.71. This amount included a donation of \$1000 from Mrs. Carnes, given in memory of the late James Lee Peters, with the request that he be listed hereafter as Patron.

Alexander Wetmore, Chairman of the Committee on Classification and Nomenclature, reported that the Fifth Edition of the Check-list is partially in type, and there is a reasonable expectation that it will be published by mid-year in 1957. The volume will contain about 750 pages and will be printed in 3000 copies. The price and other details will be published in 'The Auk' as soon as the information is available.

In the absence of Ira Gabrielson, Chairman, Hoyes Lloyd reported for the Committee on Bird Protection. The full report appears in this issue of 'The Auk.'

Frank A. Pitelka, Chairman of the Committee on Research, reported that the Committee has taken some preliminary steps toward a possible study of the spread of the Cattle Egret in this country and has conducted some correspondence on unpublished theses. This Committee expects to be of help to the Editor of the Handbook of North American Birds. Albert Wolfson, former Chairman, reported that the first printing of 1000 copies of "Recent Studies in Avian Biology" has been exhausted and a second printing of the same number has been produced. Advance sales by the A.O.U. exceeded the guarantee of 500 to the University of Illinois Press. At the present rate of sale the second printing will last about two years. Sales from the second printing will bring to the A.O.U. a royalty payment amounting to 15 per cent of the wholesale price.

Election of Officers.—At the meeting of Fellows and Elective Members, Ludlow Griscom was elected President. However, soon after the meeting he informed the Council that it would be necessary for him to resign because of ill health. Therefore, Ernst Mayr advanced from First Vice-President to President; George H. Lowery, Jr., advanced from Second Vice-President to First Vice-President; and, by mail vote of the Council, Austin L. Rand became Second Vice-President. The Treasurer, Charles G. Sibley, and the Secretary, Harold F. Mayfield, were re-elected. Four new members of the Council were elected.

The Council re-elected the Editor of "The Auk," Robert W. Storer, and re-elected the three investing trustees. The complete list of officers is shown on page 89.

ELECTION TO SPECIAL CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

FELLOW

Ralph S. Palmer, Albany, New York.

(There were no vacancies in the class of Honorary Fellow.)

CORRESPONDING FELLOWS

H. N. Kluyver, Arnhem, Netherlands.

William W. A. Phillips, Namunukula, Ceylon.

William H. Thorpe, Cambridge, England.

Charles M. N. White, Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia.

ELECTIVE MEMBERS

David Aird Munro, Ottawa, Canada.

William H. Partridge, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Frank W. Preston, Butler, Pennsylvania.

PATRONS

T. S. Palmer (deceased).

James Lee Peters (deceased).

ATTENDANCE

Registration at the meeting included 258 people from 34 states, Puerto Rico, Alaska, the District of Columbia, 4 provinces of Canada, and 3 other countries as follows:

ALASKA—*College*: Brina Kessel.

ARGENTINA—*Buenos Aires*: William H. Partridge.

CANADA—*British Columbia*: Mr. and Mrs. Theed Pearse, Miklos D. F. Udvary. *Manitoba*: Frank McKinney. *Ontario*: Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Allin, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyes Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. J. Murray Speirs, Judith Stenger. *Saskatchewan*: J. Bernard Collop, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Houston, George F. Ledingham, Robert W. Nero.

FINLAND—*Helsingfors*: Lars von Haartman.

GERMANY—*Wilhelmshaven*: Lorenz Kramer.

PUERTO RICO—*Mayaguez*: Virgilio Biaggi, Jr.

UNITED STATES—*Arizona*: Mr. and Mrs. Anders H. Anderson, James T. Bialac, Joe Marshall, A. R. Phillips, James R. Werner. *California*: Enid K. Austin, Richard C. Banks, A. Laurence Curl, Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, J. Delacour, William R. Fish, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Greene, Donald V. Hemphill, Hildegard Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Howell, Mrs. Junea W. Kelly, Jean M. Linsdale, Mr. and Mrs. Alden H. Miller, Sidney B. Peyton, Frank A. Pitelka, Jay Schnell, Catherine D. Shaw, Dorothy P. Sheffler, W. J. Sheffler, Kenneth E. Stager, Laidlaw Williams. *Colorado*: Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bailey, Paul H. Baldwin, L. M. Baylor, Richard G. Beidleman, Venold J. Bivans, Adrey E. Borell, Mrs. Gilbert L. Catlett, John L. Chapin, Mrs. Carl N. Collister, Mrs. A. H. Crow, L. D. Crowley, Laurence H. Field, Mrs. L. B. Field, Richard C. Funk, Joseph G. Hall, Mrs. Eleanor S. Hough, John N. Hough, Catherine A. Hurlbutt, A. S. Hyde, E. R. Kalmbach, Kathryn Kalmbach, Cecil C. Kersting, Owen A. Knorr, Robert R. Lechleitner, Thompson G. Marsh, Dorothy Mierow, Mrs. Noble J. Miller, Richard S. Miller, Johnson A. Neff, Robert J. Niedrach, Mrs. Lillian Noble, Dale W. Rice, Willis C. Royall, Jr., Mrs. Frank Sample, Horace G. Smith, Robina C. Storrie, Donald M. Thatcher, Oakleigh Thorne, II, Helen B. Thurlow, Claude A. Van Epps, Mrs. H. J. Wagner, C. S. Williams. *Connecticut*: Mr. and Mrs. S. Dillon Ripley, Reynolds Thompson. *Delaware*: William Baxter. *District of Columbia*: Herbert Friedmann, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Wetmore. *Florida*: Samuel A. Grimes, Louis A. Stimson. *Georgia*: H. L. Stoddard, Sr. *Illinois*: Ormsby Annan, Karl E. Bartel, Richard Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Kendeigh, Constance Nice, Margaret M. Nice, L. B. Nice, Karl Plath, A. L. Rand, Dave Seal, Melvin Traylor. *Indiana*: Mr. and Mrs. James B. Cope, Paul A. Davis, Val Nolan, Jr., Susan Smith, Dan Webster, Ronald J. Wolf. *Iowa*: A. Lang Baily, F. W. Kent, Peter Petersen, Jr., Fred J. Pierce. *Kansas*: Sydney Anderson, John William Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Mengel, Philip W. Ogilvie, Harrison B. Tordoff, Phillip M. Youngman. *Kentucky*: Nixon A. Wilson. *Louisiana*: William Belknap, Mrs. Ethel D. Jones, Douglas A. Lancaster, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Lowery, Jr., Brooke Meanley, Marcella Newman, Robert J. Newman, Stephen M. Russell, Ava R. Tabor, Edwin Willis. *Maine*: Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Pettingill, Jr.

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PUBLIC SESSIONS

Papers sessions were held in the morning and afternoon of each of the three days beginning Wednesday, September 5. The papers sessions on September 5 and 7 were held in Phipps Auditorium at the Denver Museum of Natural History and on September 6 in the Memorial Building of the University of Colorado at Boulder.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

The meeting was opened by an address of welcome by Carl A. Norgren, President of the Denver Museum of Natural History. Alden H. Miller, President of the American Ornithologists' Union, responded. Secretary, Harold F. Mayfield, summarized the results of the previous day's business sessions, including elections and awards.

Hybridization in Two Colombian Tanagers (*Ramphocelus flammigerus* × *R. icteronotus*) (Slides). CHARLES G. SIBLEY, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.
The Rediscovery of the Brazilian Merganser in Argentina (Slides). WILLIAM H. PARTRIDGE, Argentine Museum of Natural Sciences, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
Torpidity in the White-throated Swift, Anna Hummingbird, and Poor-will (Slides). THOMAS R. HOWELL, GEORGE A. BARTHOLOMEW, JR., and TOM J. CADE, Department of Zoology, University of California, Los Angeles, California.
The Breeding Biology of the Kirtland Warbler (Slides). JOSSELYN VAN TYNE, University of Michigan Museum of Zoology, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

A Trail Census at Itasca Park, Minnesota (Slides). S. CHARLES KENDEIGH, Department of Zoology, University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois.

- The Ecology, Behavior and Systematic Relationships of *Xenospiza baileyi* (Slides). DWAIN W. WARNER, Museum of Natural History, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- A Revision of the Botteri Sparrow, with Remarks on the Mexican Grasslands (Slides). J. DAN WEBSTER, Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana, and California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, California.
- Stream Valley Birds in Relation to Elevation and Habitat near Gunnison, Colorado (Slides). A. SIDNEY HYDE, Western State College, Gunnison, Colorado.
- The Importance of Cottonwood Woodland for Colorado Plains Birds (Slides). RICHARD G. BRIDLEMAN, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado.
- Notes on the Singing and Nesting Cycle of *Brachospiza capensis* (Slides). GEORGE J. WALLACE, Department of Zoology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.
- The Beard of the Wild Turkey (Slides). A. W. SCHORGER, Department of Forestry and Wildlife Management, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.
- Ecological and Distributional History of Certain North American Bird Groups (Slides). M. D. F. UDVARDY, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B. C.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

- Annual Pattern of Returns and Mating Combinations of the Chimney Swift (Slides). RALPH W. DEXTER, Department of Biology, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.
- Behavior of Yellow-billed Magpies. JEAN M. LINSDALE, Hastings Reservation, Carmel Valley, California.
- Innate Differences in Reproductive Physiology in Subspecies of White-crowned Sparrows. ALDEN H. MILLER, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley, California.
- Timing of Molt in Steller Jays of the Queen Charlotte Islands, British Columbia (Slides). FRANK A. PTELKA, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley, California.
- A Study of a Catbird Population. R. A. McCABE, Department of Forestry and Wildlife Management, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.
- The Birds of Fort Carlton—In 1827, 1858, and 1956 (Slides). STUART HOUSTON, Yorkton, Saskatchewan, Canada.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

- Races of the Mourning Dove—Their Distribution and Migration. JOHN W. ALDRICH and ALLEN J. DUVAL, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D. C.
- Distribution, Feeding Habits, and Food of the Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*) in Puerto Rico. VIRGILIO BIAGGI, JR., College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.
- Notes on the Horned Coot, *Fulica cornuta* Bonaparte. S. DILLON RIPLEY, Peabody Museum of Natural History, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.
- A Gigantic Fossil "Toothed" Bird (Slides). HILDEGARDE HOWARD, Los Angeles County Museum, Los Angeles, California, and (honorary) Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, Santa Barbara, California.
- The Evolutionary History of the Loons (Slides). ROBERT W. STORER, University of Michigan Museum of Zoology, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- The Distribution of the Western Red-bellied Woodpecker in the Missouri River Valley (Slides). WILLIAM F. RAPP, JR., Crete, Nebraska.

- The Nesting of the Wandering Tattler in the Brooks Range, Alaska, 1956 (Slides). SIDNEY B. PEYTON, R. D. No. 2, Fillmore, California.
- Nesting Behavior of the Golden-crowned Kinglet (Motion Picture). ROBERT GALATI, 345 Leicester Avenue, Duluth, Minnesota.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

- Adaptations in Hole-Nesting Birds (Slides). LARS VON HAARTMAN, Zoological Institute, University of Helsingfors, Finland.
- Variation in Temporal Breeding Rhythm in Certain Californian Birds (Slides). RICHARD F. JOHNSTON and FRANK A. PITELKA, New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, State College, New Mexico, and Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley, California.
- The Nature of Feigning. FREDERICK V. HEBARD, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Nesting Habits of the Acadian Flycatcher. RUSSELL E. MUMFORD, University of Michigan Museum of Zoology, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- Awakening Song of the Spotted Towhee (Slides). JOHN DAVIS, Hastings Reservation, Carmel Valley, California.
- Studies of Bird Repellents (Slides). JOHNSON A. NEFF, Wildlife Research Laboratory, Denver, Colorado.
- The New York State Standards for Recording Abundance, Frequency, and Seasonal Occurrence of Birds (Slides). ROBERT S. ARBIB, JR., Federation of New York State Bird Clubs, Freeport, New York.
- Studies of the Error in Bird Counting (Slides). ROBERT J. NEWMAN and STEPHEN M. RUSSELL, Louisiana State University Museum of Zoology, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

SYMPOSIUM ON STUDIES OF BIRD SONG BY ELECTROMECHANICAL RECORDING
AND ANALYTICAL METHODS (RECORDINGS AND SLIDES)

WILLIAM R. FISH, COORDINATOR

- Analysis of Vocalizations in Eastern and Western Meadowlarks. WESLEY E. LANYON, Department of Zoology, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.
- Standards in Natural History Sound Recording. PETER PAUL KELLOGG, Laboratory of Ornithology, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.
- Song as an Isolating Mechanism in *Empidonax*. ROBERT STEIN, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.
- Species Recognition in Certain Thrushes. WILLIAM C. DILGER, Laboratory of Ornithology, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.
- Studies of the Song of the Bewick Wren. WILLIAM R. FISH, 608-A Kearsarge Avenue, China Lake, California.

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- An Avifaunal Survey of the Upper Headwaters of the Rio Tocantins, Central Goias, Brazil (Slides). KENNETH E. STAGER, Los Angeles County Museum, Los Angeles, California.
- Species Limits in the Genus *Campylorhynchus*. ROBERT K. SELANDER, University of Texas, Austin, Texas.
- Territory of the Ovenbird as Related to the Food Supply. JUDITH STENGER, University of Toronto, Ontario.

Comparison of Courtship Display of Prairie Chicken and Black Cock. FREDERICK and FRANCES HAMERSTROM, Wisconsin Conservation Department, Plainfield, Wisconsin.

SOCIAL EVENTS

The Fellows and Council Members met for dinner on September 4. Members and guests were entertained at a reception in the Denver Museum of Natural History on the evening of September 6; motion pictures were shown: "Birds of Western New South Wales" by Patricia Witherspoon, and "Birds of Canton Island" by Alfred M. Bailey; these were followed by the traditional President's Coffee Hour.

The Annual Banquet was held on September 6 in the Memorial Building of the University of Colorado. Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr., University of Michigan Biological Station, Cheboygan, Michigan, showed a motion picture, "The Shags of the Falkland Islands." Also a sound motion picture on European Woodpeckers was presented; the photography was by Heinz Sielmann and the commentary was by James Fisher, neither of whom was present.

FIELD TRIPS

On Saturday, September 8, visitors were taken by private cars through some of the high country of Colorado and up the highest auto road in the United States to the summit of Mount Evans, where many people saw White-tailed Ptarmigan and Rosy Finches. On Sunday, September 9, the group visited the Colorado prairies.

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, The Whooping Crane, one of the most remarkable and spectacular birds of North America, is in imminent danger of extinction;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the American Ornithologists' Union at its 74th Stated Meeting at Denver, Colorado, does hereby urge the United States Department of the Interior and the Congress of the United States to provide ample funds and facilities to permit full investigation of all methods whereby this bird may be saved from extinction; and

Be It Further Resolved, that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, and to the respective Chairmen of the Senate and House committees on Interior and Insular Affairs.

Resolved, that the American Ornithologists' Union, assembled for its 74th Stated Meetings, takes this opportunity to express its deep appreciation of the kind hospitality shown and the careful, thorough planning of this very successful meeting by the Local Committee on Arrangements and by our three host organizations: the Denver Museum of Natural History, the Colorado Bird Club, and the University of Colorado Museum. Members of the Local Committee were as follows:

Denver Museum of Natural History: Alfred M. Bailey, Robert J. Niedrach, Fred Brandenburg, Ilva Jones.

Colorado Bird Club: Donald Thatcher, Dr. John L. Chapin, John Flavin, Jr., Ferd Kleinschnitz.

University of Colorado Museum: Dr. Hugo Rodeck, Dr. Gordon Alexander, E. R. Kalmbach.

Exhibits: William Traher, C. Waldo Love, Armintha Neal.

Finance: E. R. Kalmbach, Hugo Rodeck, Alfred M. Bailey.

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