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## EDITORIAL

The brightest spot in the whole summer trip, which the editor was privileged to make last summer, was the stay of his party at the Lake Okoboji McBride Lake Laboratory. It was not merely a haven of rest, after the four days of wallowing in the mud of the incomparably rich soil of Iowa, but as well a haven for study. Dr. Wylie, the Director, and Dr. Stephens, one of our ex-presidents, made our stay of three days the best three days of the whole trip. They were ably seconded by the other members of the staff of the Laboratory.

The short trip to Alaska, after the close of the automobile trip, through the Inside Passage to Skagway, and from there over the White Pass and Yukon railway to White Horse, Yukon Territory, by boat through the chain of Atlin lakes in northern British Columbia, was a fitting climax to the summer wanderings. The most notable birds seen on this trip were the swarms of short-billed gulls along the Inside Passage, and the Hudsonian chickadees and and Townsend's solitaire in the lodge-pole pine forests at White Horse. There was some evidence of a small nesting colony of herring gulls at the north end of lake Bennett. We were there between the visitations of the mosquitoes and the "noseeums," therefore our stay was a pleasant one. If there were migrations in progress no evidence of such could be seen. The weather was cool.

Never in the history of the Wilson Ornithological Club has such a wealth of good material been offered for publication. To the editor it is becoming not only clear but imperative that some plan should be devised immediately whereby more of these papers can be published. The most obvious plan would be to increase the number of pages to 64 per issue, and for this increase in value charge larger membership fees and subscription rates. There is no likelihood that publication prices will ever reach the pre-war rates, or even approach them, at least for some years to come. Reduction of the size of the Wilson Bulletin with membership dues and subscription rates remaining the same would be suicidal. Members should plan to be present at the next annual meeting and be prepared to reach a solution of this problem. It is vital.