

EDITORIAL

There will be no annual meeting of the Wilson Club this year. Our Council feels that the least we can do at this difficult time is to cooperate with the Government by saving gasoline and tires and simplifying transportation and housing problems in all possible ways. We shall miss the good fellowship of the meeting. We shall not hear our friends' reports on interesting work they have done and places they have visited. But our *Bulletin* will keep us informed and unified.

As for our business affairs, one item will demand our attention—the election of officers. This the Council feels may best be handled by (1) appointment, now, of a nominating committee; (2) preparation of a slate by this committee; (3) printing and distributing ballots to all members about the time the annual meeting would have been held; and (4) voting, by mail.

I hereby appoint Margaret Morse Nice, Herbert L. Stoddard and Jesse T. Shaver as our nominating committee.

Our secretary probably will not send out an annual letter this year, since that letter is concerned primarily with the numerous details of the annual meeting. In the December *Bulletin* there will be a report on the voting and other business.

Our Club is vigorous and full of good spirit, and cancellation of this year's meeting will not stop our growth. But there may be difficult times ahead. Many of our members already are serving in our country's armed forces and there is no telling how many more will go. The membership will have to be prepared to cancel the meeting in 1943 if necessary, and perhaps to get on with a smaller *Bulletin*. This may sound pessimistic, though I hope it does not. A possible advantage of war is that in the midst of the distress and bewilderment we suddenly perceive the true value of taken-for-granted things. If we were asked to put down in words what the United States is fighting for now, most of us would write 'democracy,' 'religious freedom,' 'the right of free speech,' and the like, but have in our minds and hearts all the while the investigations that are coming on so well but are only half-done, the manuscript that is almost completed, the plans for the expedition we want so much to make. Is it not, in the last analysis, the right to think and live and do the work that interests us, really what we are willing to give our lives in defending?—George Miksch Sutton.

New Federal regulations require that we turn in soon for scrap metal all old engravings which are no longer definitely needed for future publication. All engravings used in the *Bulletins* published at Ann Arbor are now in the Editor's files. Any author who wishes the engravings used in his contributions to the *Bulletin* should write immediately to the Editor and request that they be sent to him transportation collect. The only cost involved will be that of transportation.

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

We have received word that the following Wilson Club members are now in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps: Robert W. Allen, G. A. Ammann, F. S. Barkalow, C. Edward Carlson, Ben Coffey, Donald P. Duncan, R. P. Grossenheider, R. C. Hanson, Arthur S. Hawkins, Richard G. Kuerzi, Roger W. Lawrence, Robert B. Lea, Robert A. Lessard, Lester J. McCann, Frank J. Manz, Jr., Burt Monroe, W. R. Taylor, Leonard J. Uttal. James Boswell Young is now with the Department of Justice.

The Fish and Wildlife Service has moved to Chicago and set up temporary quarters in the Knickerbocker Hotel. Permanent quarters will be in the Merchandise Mart. The Section of Distribution and Migration of Birds, which includes the bird banding files, has been moved to the Patuxent Research Refuge at Bowie, Maryland. A liaison office is being kept in Washington, D. C.