

are hunters and shells enough to constitute any serious present threat to waterfowl. The real threat is not in the number of ducks which might be shot this autumn but from war-time changes in policy which might seriously affect ducks in a post-war world.

As this issue of the *Wilson Bulletin* appears, the regulations for the new season are on paper. We have confidence in those who plan them. We are content to count officialdom among our members, as indeed it is; yet if we as ornithologists fail to put forward sound, democratic opposition to the sportsman pressure groups, we are no less responsible for imprudent changes in policy than the groups which forced them through. It is our responsibility, individually and collectively, to keep informed on the waterfowl situation just as we keep up to-date on developments in nomenclature or life history study. And it is our obligation through the remaining years of war and after the war to take an active part in the planning and maintaining of sound waterfowl policy.—Albert Hochbaum.

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
Frederick N. Hamerstrom, Jr., *Chairman*

#### REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

The Auditing Committee has checked the accounts of Gustav Swanson, Treasurer of the Wilson Club for 1942, and the financial report published in *The Wilson Bulletin* for March, 1943, and hereby expresses its approval of the state of these accounts.

Respectfully submitted,  
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#### AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

We are glad to report that the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology has recently voted to affiliate with us, and we hope to have an account of their organization in a later issue.

An increasing demand for news of the affiliated societies has come from the Wilson Club membership. Suggestions and data should be sent to Dr. Gordon M. Meade of Rochester, New York, Chairman of the Committee on Affiliated Societies. We present below brief accounts of the history and aims of the Virginia Ornithological Society and the Inland Bird Banding Association.

THE VIRGINIA SOCIETY OF ORNITHOLOGY was founded in December, 1929. Because of transportation difficulties the annual meeting was not held in 1942, and it is doubtful, for the same reason, whether it can be held this year. Activities therefore, have centered around the publication of the mimeographed bulletin *The Raven*, and the Society has such an enthusiastic group of members that the cancellation of the annual meeting has had no serious effects. Local groups in such cities as Norfolk, Richmond, and Roanoke continue to get together for meetings and for field trips.

The officers of the Society are: President, A. O. English, Roanoke; Vice-president, William B. McIlwaine Jr., Petersburg; Secretary, Dr. Florence S. Hague, Sweet Briar; Treasurer, T. L. Engleby, Roanoke.

In spite of the fact that bird observation in Virginia goes back through three centuries, only certain small areas of the state have been thoroughly worked. There is a great deal still to be learned about distribution in Virginia—even of some of the more common birds—and the chief task which the Society of Ornithology has set itself is the gathering of data on which an accurate and comprehensive publication on the birds of Virginia can be based.—Florence S. Hague, Secretary.

THE INLAND BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION held a meeting in conjunction with the Wm. I. Lyon Bird-banding Council at the Chicago Academy of Sciences on March 20, 1943. A full day and evening program on bird banding and other bird studies was given. The following officers were elected: president, C. C. Ludwig, Lansing, Michigan; vice-president and treasurer, M. J. Magee, Sault Ste Marie, Michigan; vice-president, Philip A. DuMont, Evanston, Illinois; vice-president, Paul A. Downing, Highland Park, Illinois; secretary, O. A. Stevens, Fargo, North Dakota.

A history of the Inland Association was published in the *Wilson Bulletin* for September, 1940. A news letter, *Inland Bird Banding News*, issued quarterly since 1929, was last year changed to a bi-monthly. Arrangements have been made with the Eastern Bird-banding Association whereby members of each association receive the news letters of both organizations. One feature of the *Inland News* during the past two years has been a series of summaries of the progress of banding in the various states of the Inland region.—O. A. Stevens, Secretary.

### NEW LIFE MEMBERS



MYRON T. STURGEON became interested in birds while an undergraduate at Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio. He majored in geology and paleontology, receiving the Ph.D. from Ohio State University in 1936. He is at present assistant professor of geology at Michigan State Normal College, Ypsilanti, where he gives courses in ornithology as well as in geology and general zoology. During the summers he assists with the class in Game Ornithology given by the Michigan Department of Conservation Training School at Higgins Lake, and serves as assistant geologist for the Geological Survey of Ohio.



GEORGE MIKSCH SUTTON graduated from Bethany College and received the Ph.D. from Cornell University. He was Assistant Curator of Birds at Carnegie Museum 1919-1924, and State Ornithologist of Pennsylvania 1925-1929. He has been a very active field man and has published many papers on the life histories, plumage, and taxonomy of birds, based on the data gathered during his expeditions to widely separated localities from northern Hudson Bay to southern Mexico. He is, of course, not only an ornithologist, but an outstanding painter of bird pictures. He has been Curator of Birds at Cornell since 1932 and is now on leave of absence serving as Captain in the U. S. Army Air Corps.