

Since war time regulations again prevent our holding a regular Annual Meeting, President Kendeigh has asked the Council and the Chairmen of standing committees to meet August 20 at Jackson Mill, West Virginia, to carry on the necessary business of the Club. He asks that members write to the Secretary about any business which they would like to have brought up at the meeting.

Generous support of the Club through difficult years has enabled us to continue the subscriptions of members prevented by war conditions from paying their dues. We were very happy to receive a letter recently from an English member who had finally obtained a permit and was sending dues for 1942 through 1945. "It was pleasant when coming home on leave," he says, "to find Wilson Bulletins awaiting me. . . . Kind regards and all good wishes to the W.O.C."

The Wilson Ornithological Club Library is enjoying a steady increase in size and in use. In spite of the undoubted decrease in ornithological research caused by the war, more requests have come to the Library in the past few months than ever before. Added experience in administering the Library has demonstrated very clearly the value of the reprint collection. From that collection the librarian is often able to supply the needs of a borrower by sending several small reprints from periodicals, thus saving the bird student considerable postage expense and keeping the bound volumes available for other workers. We therefore urge members to send in to the Library as complete a set of their reprints as possible—including reprints from even the most generally available publications.

There is another easily overlooked need of the Library, namely, the need for recently published books on ornithology and related subjects. The Club has no funds for the purchase of new books, and yet many of the calls that come to the librarian are for the latest publications. Perhaps the need could largely be met by our members sending in recent books which they have read and do not need for reference in their libraries. We are sure that some members, when they know of this problem, will want to send to the Library copies of recent books which they especially admire and would like to have other members read.

We should be glad of the members' assistance in compiling the Bibliography section of the *Bulletin*. When you have read an article dealing with birds or related subjects—particularly when it appears in a non-ornithological journal—which you think should be called to the attention of the other members of the Club, please send the title, with complete reference (preferably in the form used in the Bibliography), to the Editor. A brief statement of the contents of the article would be doubly helpful. It is perhaps not necessary to remind our readers that such articles (or reprints of them) would be a valuable addition to the Wilson Ornithological Club Library.

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

Mr. John H. Baker, President of the National Audubon Society, has been good enough to give us some details of a cooperative project for investigating the status of the Whooping Crane. The Society and the Fish and Wildlife Service have agreed to jointly sponsor field investigation and research on the numbers, breeding localities, and life history of this crane in order to determine what steps may reasonably be

taken toward further protection and restoration of the species. The Society has undertaken to finance the first year's expenses of the project, and a final report will be published as one of the series of Audubon Research Reports.

Mr. C. L. Broley of Winnipeg, Manitoba, has organized sources of information on this year's nesting Whooping Cranes in western Canada and assured the cooperation of the Mounted Police, the airlines, Hudson's Bay Company, Radio Station CBC in Winnipeg, and Ducks Unlimited, as well as that of several publications and Provincial Departments. Mr. Fred G. Bard, Curator of the Provincial Museum of the Department of Reconstruction and Rehabilitation at Regina, Saskatchewan, has been engaged as field investigator for the nesting season of 1945. The U. S. Army Air Force will cooperate by providing planes and crews to aid in making field surveys. Our First Vice-President, Dr. Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr., has been engaged as Audubon Research Fellow on the project, beginning September 15, 1945; he has been granted leave of absence by Carleton College for the duration of the investigation.

Further details on the project will be published in the May-June number of the *Audubon Magazine*.

Houghton Mifflin have reissued Roger Tory Peterson's "A Field Guide to the Birds," which has been out of print for some time.

It has been announced that James L. Peters, Curator of Birds at the Museum of Comparative Zoology, has been elected Vice-President of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, to succeed the late Dr. C. W. Stiles of the Smithsonian Institution.

Aldo Leopold has an interesting note on administration *versus* research in the *Wartime Newsletter* (Feb. 1, 1945, page 3) of the Wildlife Society. He reports that the Wisconsin Conservation Department plans to "protect . . . the technical initiative" of those men now needed in administrative positions whose work has previously been chiefly in research, by guaranteeing them a "certain proportion of their time for the continuance of research" and giving them the "necessary assistance to make this guarantee feasible of execution."

NEW LIFE MEMBER



MAURICE GRAHAM BROOKS, member of the Wilson Ornithological Club since 1926 and Secretary since 1941, received the A.B. and M.S. degrees from the West Virginia University and is now Associate Professor of Wildlife Management there. He is a Member of the American Ornithologists' Union and represents our organization on its Council. As editor of the *Redstart* and Chairman of the West Virginia Biological Survey, he is taking an important part in the investigation of his special field of interest—the ecology of the birds and plants of the Appalachian Mountains.