

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANNUAL MEETING

NOTE: This is the official announcement of the annual meeting. In previous years the announcement has been issued in the form of a letter from the Secretary, mailed individually to members.

*Place and Time.* The Thirty-first Annual Meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Club will be held at Jackson's Mill, West Virginia, Friday and Saturday, April 28-29, 1950. On Thursday, April 27, there will be a meeting of the Executive Council, and on Sunday, April 30, there will be organized field trips.

*Jackson's Mill and How to Reach It.* Jackson's Mill is the site of the West Virginia 4-H Camp, a nationally known youth center and meeting place. The Camp has some thirty permanent buildings, on a tract of five hundred acres. It is four miles north of Weston, and twenty miles south of Clarksburg. It is reached by surfaced highway, which leaves U. S. Route 19 near the city limits of Weston. At Jackson's Mill "Stonewall" Jackson lived as a boy, and the old grist mill built by his grandfather is still standing.

*Attractions.* It would be difficult to imagine a more pleasant place for a meeting than the southern Appalachians in late April. Jackson's Mill is in hilly wooded country just west of the Allegheny ridges. Redbud and early dogwood should be in bloom along the roadsides, and there will be much of outdoor interest. Depending somewhat on the season, there should be heavy migration of birds at this time. At the Camp, field trips begin at your cottage door. The group in attendance will live and dine together, with no outside distractions. Plans for the meeting include a series of papers on birds of the Appalachian region on Friday afternoon, an informal gathering after the Annual Dinner on Friday evening, and a motion picture session on Saturday afternoon. On Saturday night Mr. H. P. Sturm will show his outstanding color film, "Wild Flowers of the Alleghenies".

*Sessions.* Sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until about 5:00 p.m. Daytime meetings will be in the Century of Progress Building. Night meetings will be in the Assembly Hall.

*Special Events.* After the Annual Dinner on Friday evening the host organizations will welcome members and guests at an informal reception and entertainment at the Assembly Hall. There will also be an informal gathering on Saturday evening. A small exhibit of Southern Highlands handicraft articles, weaving, wood carving, hand-made jewelry, etc., will be available at the Camp. On Saturday after supper a tour of the Camp grounds, with a chance to visit the old Jackson mill, will be conducted.

*Meeting of the Council.* The Executive Council of the Wilson Ornithological Club (all officers, all past-presidents, and three elected members) will meet on Thursday, April 27, at 4:00 p.m. in the lobby of Harrison Cottage. This

meeting will continue through the evening. The Secretary requests that chairmen of committees send their written reports to him by April 15, in order that these reports may be discussed by the Council.

*Accommodations.* All members and guests will be housed in comfortable cottages at the Camp. Most of the cottages have dormitory type sleeping quarters, with single beds. There are about twenty-five units suitable to family groups. The Camp is a pleasant place for small children, and early reservation will insure the care of family parties in these units.

Meals and lodging at the Camp from dinner Thursday evening through breakfast Sunday morning will cost \$11.43, with prices for shorter times correspondingly less. This rate includes the Annual Dinner, separate tickets for which will cost \$2.75. The rates for individual meals (excluding the Annual Dinner) are breakfast, 65 cents; luncheon, 75 cents; and dinner, \$1.25, plus state sales tax. Lodging is charged for at the rate of \$1.25 for the first night, 75 cents for the second night, and 50 cents for the third night, all prices plus 2% state sales tax. All meals are served in the Mount Vernon Dining Hall.

The Camp furnishes all bedding. Visitors may bring their own towels and soap, or may secure them at the Camp Office for a small additional charge.

Sports or field clothing will be entirely suitable for all functions at Jackson's Mill. The weather may be cool, and rain clothes should be provided for.

To assist the local committee in planning your accommodations, it is urgently requested that you make advance registration, as early as possible, through Maurice Brooks, West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia. Please state the approximate time of your arrival and departure, and the names of persons in your party.

*Transportation.* For persons driving to the meeting, Jackson's Mill is reached by marked highway from U. S. Route 19 near the city limits of Weston. Inter-urban busses which stop at the Camp leave Clarksburg and Weston every hour and one-half during the day. Clarksburg is on the main line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad between New York and St. Louis, about midway between Washington and Cincinnati. It is on U. S. Routes 19 and 50, and is served by Greyhound, Blue Ridge, Reynolds, and West Virginia Transportation Company busses. It is a stop for Capital Airlines between Pittsburgh and points south. For private planes there is an excellent landing field on the Camp grounds at Jackson's Mill.

Persons with heavy baggage or other transportation problems may arrange through the local committee to be met in Clarksburg or Weston. All mail, express, telegrams, and telephone calls should be addressed care of the State 4-H Camp, Weston, West Virginia.

*Field Trips.* There will be a choice of two field trips, both by private cars, on Sunday, April 30.

1. *Cheat-Gaudineer region.* This trip will be into the spruce-clad mountains

at elevations above 4,000 feet. Here the plants and animals are quite boreal, and many northern birds reach their southern breeding limits. Of special interest to those from lowland regions.

2. *Holly River State Park*. This trip is designed for those more interested in Carolinian birds—Blue-gray Gnatcatchers, Carolina Wrens, Hooded and Kentucky Warblers, Summer Tanagers, White-eyed Vireos, Bewick's Wrens, and others. Swainson's Warblers breed in the park, and *may* have arrived at the time of the field trip.

Both trips will leave Jackson's Mill at 8:30 a.m. and permit return by 5:00 p.m.

*Hosts*. Host organizations for the meeting are the Brooks Bird Club and the Huntington Bird Study Club. The local committee in charge of arrangements is as follows:

MAURICE BROOKS, *Chairman*

I. B. BOGGS	JAMES T. HANDLAN
VIRGINIA G. CAVENDISH	MRS. JOHN W. HANDLAN
CHARLES CONRAD	C. O. HANDLEY
W. R. DEGARMO	EVA HAYS
RALPH EDEBURN	W. C. LEGG
N. BAYARD GREEN	M. GRAHAM NETTING

APPLICATION FOR A POSITION ON THE PROGRAM

Members who have conducted research as yet unpublished or who have movies or slides of special interest, are urged to write for a place on the program. Papers will be selected for their timely interest and their contribution to ornithology. In making these selections, the Secretary will be assisted by the Local Committee and by the other officers of the club. If you do not have anything to present yourself, perhaps you may be able to suggest outstanding papers which the Secretary can secure for this meeting.

If you would like to appear on the program at Jackson's Mill, please write to the Secretary, Harold F. Mayfield, 2557 Portsmouth Avenue, Toledo 12, Ohio, not later than March 1, 1950.

Please note that no more than one paper may be presented by any one member. A paper accompanied by motion pictures must not exceed 30 minutes; a paper accompanied by slides must not exceed 20 minutes; a paper without pictures must not exceed 15 minutes. A limited time for discussion will be allowed following each paper.

In writing the Secretary, please supply *all* of the following information applicable to your paper:

*Title of Paper*. Give title exactly as you want it to appear on the program.

*Abstract*. Please give an abstract of your paper—brief, but sufficiently com-

plete so that the local committee may use it for publicity and the Secretary may use it in preparing the proceedings of the meeting.

*Time Required.*

*Position.* State if it is essential that you appear at a particular time.

*Special Equipment Needed.* Blackboard, map hanger, pointer, etc.

*Movies.* If your paper is to be illustrated with motion pictures, please give the following information: Size (16 mm or 35 mm). Color or black and white. Total footage. Number of reels. Size of reels.

*Slides.* If your paper is to be illustrated with slides, please give the following information: Size (3 1/4" × 4", or 2" × 2"). Color or black and white. Number of slides.

*Name.* Please write your name exactly as you wish it to appear on the program. Titles before names will not be used.

*Address.* Include the name of the institution with which you are associated, if any. The name of this institution will be used after your name on the program.

#### SUGGESTIONS TO A MEMBER PRESENTING A PAPER

To assist members in planning their presentations, we offer the following suggestions:

1. A paper should be prepared to come within the time allotted. If your paper runs overtime, you place the presiding officer and possibly the later speakers in an embarrassing position.

2. The paper should contain a concise statement of the problem and the scope of the investigation. A brief summary is important, but a long list of conclusions usually is not necessary.

3. A person giving a paper for the first time is especially advised that very few people are able to keep an extemporaneous address (with or without notes) within the time limit designated. It is ordinarily more satisfactory to prepare a manuscript and to read it slowly in a moderately loud voice. On an average, two minutes are required to read a double-spaced, typewritten page. Fifteen minute papers, therefore, should not be over seven and a half pages in length.

4. A person presenting either motion pictures or slides, or both, must include the time required for showing them in the request for time on the program. Generally, four and one-half to five minutes are necessary to show one hundred feet of 16 mm film at normal speed, while between three and four minutes are necessary for a projectionist to change reels. About one minute is needed to show a picture slide and make a brief comment on it; more time is required for explaining a slide showing a chart, graph, or diagram.

5. When presenting motion pictures or slides, please consider these suggestions: See the projectionist well in advance of the time for your paper, and

explain the order in which the films or slides are to be shown. All reels should be numbered; all slides should be in correct order, thumb-marked. Do not continue a slide on the screen after you are through talking about it. Either signal the projectionist to turn on the auditorium lights, or to turn out temporarily the light in the projector. Visit the speaker's platform before the session begins and learn the position of the signals, how the signals are used, where the pointer is kept, where the speaker's light is located, and how it may be turned on and off.



#### LIFE MEMBER

LEONARD C. BRECHER began his acquaintance of birds during his boyhood, and has devoted 35 years to their study—as an avocation. He received an M.S. degree from the University of Louisville, but, instead of following the biological sciences professionally, he joined his father in the manufacture of furniture. He is a member of various scientific societies, and president of Kentucky Ornithological Society. At present he is fieldnotes editor of its journal “The Kentucky Warbler”, to which he has contributed a number of articles from time to time. He is now chairman of the Endowment Fund Committee of the Wilson Ornithological Club.