

said by Mr. Halliday, who is a taxidermist, that the Starlings were followed later by the returning Flickers who found themselves dispossessed and fought to regain their home, but were unable to oust the Starlings. Am confident this is the first record of Starlings in this locality.—HENRY HOWITT, *Guelph, Ontario*.

**The Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*) at Leetonia, Ohio.**—Some time during the previous year (I cannot recall the exact date) I had occasion to enter a barn out in the country near here. In the uppermost part of the barn in each end there was a window and every morning I noticed a strange looking bird flying around there. It gained entrance under the roof for the purpose of roosting overnight, I suppose, and then it became confused and was unable to find the exit. In its efforts to regain its freedom it flew from one window to another with considerable force. When I went out I left the door ajar and thus allowed it to escape. Every morning during the ensuing week this program was repeated. Finally, I decided to try to determine the species. I climbed to the window where it was sitting and captured it. On consulting Reed's 'Bird Guide' I identified it as a Starling, (*Sturnus vulgaris*). In the neighborhood of my home I have recently noticed large flocks of Starlings. The previous year only a few roosted in a certain place but now they congregate in flocks of several hundred. They seem to be increasing as rapidly as did the English Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*). The largest number I have observed in a single flock would be about fifty.—LONY B. STRABALA, *Leetonia, Ohio*.

**Mountain Song Sparrow in Oklahoma.**—A specimen of *Melospiza melodia montana* (formerly *fallax*) has recently been identified for me by Dr. H. C. Oberholser. This bird was collected by me in Canadian County, Oklahoma, Dec. 25, 1913; it is now in the Museum of the University of Oklahoma. This constitutes the first record for this subspecies from the state.—E. D. CRABB, *Ann Arbor, Mich.*

**Winter Habits of the White-throated Sparrow at Chapel Hill, North Carolina.**—During the winter months of 1923-24 a flock of some thirty or more White-throated Sparrows (*Zonotrichia albicollis*) could always be found in the neighborhood of a small wooded ravine near our house. The ravine was perhaps two hundred and fifty yards long and one hundred yards wide and through it flowed a small brook bordered by elms and willows. The slopes of this little valley, with the exception of several weed grown fields, were covered with small bushes, a few scattered cedars and deciduous trees, and thick tangles of honeysuckle vines. From this sheltered haven the White-throats made frequent excursions to the lawns and shrubbery surrounding the houses on the west side of the ravine. On winter mornings it was cheery to hear a few somewhat subdued notes of their sweet and plaintive song. Towards spring the notes became richer and the entire song was given much more frequently.