

He thereupon entered the Urner-Barry Company, publishers of periodicals for the dairy, poultry, and egg trades, and at the time of his death was vice-president of the company. His great ability and the high respect in which he was held by members of the businesses he served made him an outstanding figure in the industry.

As a young man he was an active sportsman, but his vigorous curiosity and imagination could not be satisfied by hunting, and many years ago he abandoned the gun for the field-glass and notebook. Without exaggeration it may be said that he was richly endowed with the qualities that make a fine naturalist: highly developed powers of observation, an ability to interpret and correlate his observations, a disciplined mind; an inordinate capacity for hard work, and an unbroken enthusiasm for the out-of-doors. During the years 1921-36 he published, in 'The Auk', thirty-nine papers and notes, and during the same period 'The Birds of Union County, New Jersey', in the 'Proceedings' of the Linnaean Society of New York. This last paper was, perhaps, the most important, and few 'local lists' have equalled it. For two and a half years he was New York editor of 'Bird-Lore's' 'Season,' and he supplied much material for Ludlow Griscom's 'Birds of the New York City Region' and Dr. Witmer Stone's 'Bird Studies at Old Cape May.' An active conservationist, he made important numerical studies of shorebirds and waterfowl in New Jersey, was a trustee of the New Jersey Audubon Society, and chairman of the Waterfowl Committee of the National Association of Audubon Societies.

From 1921 to the time of his death he was a member of the Linnaean Society, Secretary 1924-26, President 1929-31, member of the Council more than ten years, and one of ten members to be elected a Fellow in the sixty years of the Society's history. He was a member of the Cooper Ornithological Club, the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club, and a founder of the New Jersey Field Ornithologists Club. The high place he took in ornithological groups was the result both of scientific abilities and personal qualities. He possessed a high zest for life, a friendliness that invariably made him accessible to anyone interested in birds, such a rich sense of humor that it is still impossible to think of him without a feeling of pleasure, an honesty that was uncompromising, and a genius for conviviality. As I have sought for the word that best describes him, I have repeatedly come back to 'generosity.' Those who knew him well for many years never knew him to do or say or think an ungenerous thing.—WILLIAM VOGT.

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#### THE FIFTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE A. O. U.

The Fifty-sixth Stated Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union will be held in Washington, D. C., October 17-22, 1938. The headquarters will be at the Raleigh Hotel, and the public meetings will be held in the United States National Museum. Monday will be devoted to business sessions, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday to presentation and discussion of papers, Friday to an excursion, and Saturday morning to a visit to the National Zoological Park. Eleven years have elapsed since the Union met in Washington, and it is hoped that a large membership may be present on this occasion. The city of Washington has been extensively altered by the erection of numerous imposing public buildings since the time of the last meeting, and members may be therefore reminded that there is much to be seen in the way of sights, aside from the features of the meeting.

