

THE SIXTY-FIRST STATED MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION

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THE sixteenth meeting to be held in New York City took place October 20, 1943. Headquarters were at the American Museum of Natural History and all of the business sessions were held there.

Due to the request of the Office of Defense Transportation, a regular meeting, involving presentation of papers, annual dinner, social gatherings, and field trips was not held. However, the by-laws of the A. O. U., and the regulations governing incorporated societies are such that it was found necessary to hold a 'streamlined,' one-day business session. This was similar to the Monday sessions of past meetings and, of course, was open only to members of the Council, Fellows, and Members. The program sessions, open to Associates and the general public, usually arranged for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, were eliminated.

BUSINESS SESSIONS

The meeting on Wednesday, October 20, included two sessions of the Council, a meeting of the Fellows at 3:00 P. M., and a meeting of the Fellows and Members at 4:00 P. M. Fifteen members of the Council, 19 Fellows, and 29 Fellows and Members were present at these three meetings. Ten members of the Council met again Thursday morning to complete business on the agenda.

There were elected 2 Fellows, 5 Members, and 145 Associates. On December 1, 1943, vacancies in the various membership classes were as follows: Fellows, none; Honorary Fellows, 7; Corresponding Fellows, 24; Members, 18.

The audited Treasurer's report, after review by a committee (Ludlow Griscom, Rodolphe M. de Schauensee and William Vogt) was approved. This report indicated that the treasury was in good condition—in fact, with a nice increase over the previous year, not considering the expense of issuing during the past year the new 'Ten Year Index to The Auk.'

The Secretary's report indicated that on the day of the meeting the paid-up members of the Union were as follows: Associates, 1309; Members, 127; Fellows, 48; Patrons, 3; Emeritus Fellows, 2; Honorary Fellows, 18; Associate-elects, 77—total, including 76 Corresponding Fellows, 1660. In addition there were 194 subscribers to 'The Auk.' This gives 'The Auk' a slightly larger total circulation than in 1942. Forty-five resignations had been received during the year, and 145

Associates elected. Roll call was held for the 31 members deceased since the last meeting; 3 Honorary Fellows, 1 Corresponding Fellow, 1 Fellow Emeritus, 1 Fellow, 6 Members, and 19 Associates.

The retiring members of the Council (Ira N. Gabrielson, James Savage and Josselyn Van Tyne) were replaced for three-year terms by Alden H. Miller, Ludlow Griscom and H. C. Oberholser. The new officers elected were as follows: *President*, James L. Peters; *Vice-Presidents*, Hoyes Lloyd and George Willett; *Secretary*, Lawrence E. Hicks; *Treasurer*, J. Fletcher Street.

The Secretary presented the list of A. O. U. members in the military services of the United Nations which he had compiled during the past year, and it was agreed to publish it in 'The Auk.' Due to shortage of paper and space in 'The Auk' and the unprecedented frequent changes in addresses of members, it was voted not to publish a membership list in 1944. The Union voted to hold the next regular public meeting of the A. O. U. (whenever that may be possible) in New York City.

Hoyes Lloyd, Chairman, reported that the Canadian Membership Committee had received dues from 84 Canadian members and that deposits in Canada to the credit of the A. O. U. had reached \$445.57.

Two new amendments to the By-laws were passed and laid on the table for final action at the 1944 meeting. These change Sections 4 and 5 of Article I to reduce the size of the class of Honorary Fellows from 25 to 20, and the class of Corresponding Fellows from 100 to 75 (with not more than four of the latter to be elected at any single annual meeting).

The Council voted to limit the 1944 edition of 'The Auk' to 300 copies in excess of current needs, to use no color plates unless contributed, and to limit the pages to 600 plus contributed pages plus not to exceed 24 extra pages for additional current-literature citations.

The 1943 award of the Brewster Medal was made to Dr. Alden H. Miller in recognition of his report on "Speciation in the Avian Genus Junco," published in 1941.

George H. Stuart, Julian K. Potter and James Savage were reelected as trustees. The Union voted to accept the report of the Committee on Bird Protection (A. A. Allen, Chairman, Paul L. Errington, J. J. Hickey, J. A. Munro and Dayton Stoner). The full report will appear in 'The Auk.'

By special resolution of the Council, the Union expressed its appreciation of the kind hospitality of the American Museum of Natural History and of the arrangements made by the Chairman of the Local

Committee (Dr. Robert C. Murphy), and to Dr. Leonard C. Sanford for the dinner arranged for the 31 delegates at the University Club.

On the evening of October 20, the Fellows, Members, and delegates to the meeting of the Council were entertained at dinner in the University Club by Dr. Leonard C. Sanford, of New Haven, Connecticut. Dr. Sanford, whose name is familiar to ornithologists all over the world, is a trustee of the American Museum of Natural History and has been for many years an exceedingly active supporter of the institution's Department of Birds. It is to his enthusiastic interest that the Brewster-Sanford South American Expedition, the Whitney South Sea Expedition, and many other extensive field projects are due. Dr. Sanford also opened, with the late Lord Rothschild, the negotiations which led to the transfer to New York of the famous Tring collection of birds.

The dinner at the University Club, which was attended by thirty-one guests from various parts of the United States and Canada, was wholly informal. Most of those present, however, took the opportunity to make brief talks in which the warm spirit of personal and scientific coöperation among ornithologists was the main theme. Dr. Sanford likewise expressed his hope that the present great resources of the American Museum of Natural History should always be maintained at the highest possible level of usefulness for research, not only by American students but by those everywhere in the world. He also drew on his very long and close association with noted ornithologists of the past in recounting many tales of both historic and whimsical nature. Dr. Sanford's reminiscences, together with many of those of his guests, made the occasion one to be long remembered in the continuous but ever-renewed fellowship of ornithologists.

ATTENDANCE

The 1943 meeting, the sixteenth to be held in the New York City area, had an attendance of 29: 17 Fellows, 1 Honorary Fellow, and 11 Members.

Members were present from 11 states and provinces: New York, 12; Washington, D. C., 6; Massachusetts, 2; and 1 each from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Ontario, Illinois, Michigan, Maryland, New Jersey, and Connecticut.

CONNECTICUT, 1—*Member*, Aretas A. Saunders, Fairfield.

ILLINOIS, 1—*Fellow*, Ira N. Gabrielson, Chicago.

MARYLAND, 1—*Member*, John T. Emlen, Jr., Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS, 2—*Fellows*, Ludlow Griscom, James L. Peters, Cambridge.

MICHIGAN, 1—*Fellow*, J. Van Tyne, Ann Arbor.

NEW JERSEY, 1—*Member*, B. S. Bowdish, Demarest.

NEW YORK, 6—*Fellows*, Arthur A. Allen, Ithaca; C. William Beebe, James P. Chapin, Robert C. Murphy, Ernst Mayr, John T. Zimmer, New York City.

1—*Honorary Fellow*, Jean Delacour, New York City. 5—*Members*, Verdi Burtch, Branchport; Lee Crandall, Mrs. Walter W. Naumburg, John T. Nichols, New York City; James Savage, Buffalo.

OHIO, 1—*Fellow*, Lawrence E. Hicks, Columbus.

ONTARIO, 1—*Fellow*, Hoyes Lloyd, Ottawa.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1—*Fellow*, Rodolphe M. de Schauensee, Devon. 1—*Member*, J. Fletcher Street, Philadelphia.

WASHINGTON, D. C., 4—*Fellows*, Herbert Friedmann, Frederick C. Lincoln, Edward A. Preble, Alexander Wetmore. 2—*Members*, John W. Aldrich, William Vogt.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1—*Representative of the Wilson Club on the A. O. U. Council*—Maurice Brooks, Morgantown.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers for 1944 resulted as follows: *President*, James L. Peters; *Vice-Presidents*, Hoyes Lloyd and George Willett; *Secretary*, Lawrence E. Hicks; *Treasurer*, J. Fletcher Street. *Members of the Council* (in addition to officers and ex-presidents) for three years, Alden H. Miller, Ludlow Griscom and H. C. Oberholser.

The Council elected John T. Zimmer, Editor of 'The Auk'; J. Fletcher Street, Business Manager; George H. Stuart, 3rd, Julian K. Potter and James Savage, Trustees; and James L. Peters, J. Fletcher Street, Rodolphe M. de Schauensee, Lawrence E. Hicks and Ludlow Griscom, Members of the Finance Committee.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS, MEMBERS, AND ASSOCIATES

FELLOWS, 2—Dr. S. Charles Kendeigh, Champaign, Illinois; and Dr. Austin L. Rand, Ottawa, Canada.

MEMBERS, 5—Dean Amadon, New York City; Robert J. Niedrach, Denver, Colorado; Frank A. Pitelka, Berkeley, California; Julian K. Potter, Collingswood, New Jersey; Terence M. Shortt, Toronto, Ontario.

ASSOCIATES, 145—The names of the Associates who qualify will appear in the next membership list published, probably in 'The Auk' for January, 1945. It will not be possible to publish a membership list in 1944.

DECEASED MEMBERS

During the year the Union lost 32 members by death: 3 Honorary Fellows, 1 Corresponding Fellow, 1 Fellow Emeritus, 1 Fellow, 6 Members, and 26 Associates.

DR. ARTHUR HUMBLE EVANS, Honorary Fellow, 1899, 1917), aged 88, died at Berks, England, March 28, 1943.

DR. (APEL JOHAN) EINAR LONNBERG, Honorary Fellow (1918), aged 77, died at Stockholm, Sweden, December 21, 1942.

REAR ADMIRAL HUBERT LYNES, R. N., Honorary Fellow (1941), aged 68, died at a naval hospital in Wales, November 10, 1942. (Auk 60: 482-483, 1943.)

DR. JOHAN HJALMAR THEEL, Corresponding Fellow (1884), died at Stockholm, Sweden, 1943 (?).

- DR. LEONHARD STEJNEGER, Fellow Emeritus (1883, 1911), aged 91, died at Washington, D. C., February 28, 1943.
- DR. WILLIAM EDWIN SAUNDERS, Fellow (1883), died in his 82nd year at London, Ontario, June 28, 1943.
- BAYARD HENDERSON CHRISTY, Member (1922, 1931), aged 71, died at Sewickley, Pa., June 20, 1943.
- JAMES MOFFITT, Member (1926, 1937), aged 43, was killed in an airplane accident at Dutch Harbor, Alaska, on July 2, 1943, while serving with the U. S. Navy. (Auk 60: 635-636, 1943.)
- ARTHUR HERBERT NORTON, Member (1890, 1902), died in his 73rd year at Portland, Maine, on January 5, 1943. (Auk 60: 315-316, 1943.)
- DR. THOMAS GILBERT PEARSON, Member (1891, 1902), died in his 70th year at New York, N. Y., September 3, 1943.
- MISS ALTHEA ROSINA SHERMAN, Member (1907, 1912), died in her 90th year at National, Iowa, April 16, 1943.
- NORMAN ASA WOOD, Member (1904, 1912), aged 86, died at Ann Arbor, Michigan, September 7, 1943.
- MISS HARRIET ABBOTT, Associate (1918), at Fryeburg, Maine, July, 1943.
- CHARLES KETCHAM AVERILL, former Associate (1884), died in his 85th year at Bridgeport, Conn., February 18, 1942. (Auk 60: 135, 1943.)
- MAJOR A. BURT GRESHAM, Associate (1939), British Columbia, was fatally wounded in the defense of Hongkong, December, 1941.
- WILLIAM WRIGHT GRANT, Associate (1910), died in his 78th year at Geneva, N. Y., October, 1942.
- PHILIP LAURENT, Associate (1902), died at Philadelphia, Pa., in 1943.
- LT. ROBERT C. McCLANAHAN, Associate (1941), aged 30, died at Camp Butner, N. C., May 6, 1943, in the service of the U. S. Army.
- F. J. MALLEY, Associate (1942), died at Cleveland, O., in 1942.
- WILLIAM BUTTS MERSHON, Life Associate (1905), aged 87, died at Saginaw, Mich., July 12, 1943.
- PHILIP NELSON MOULTHROP, Associate (1940), aged 31, died at Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 21, 1943.
- MISS MARY O'BRIEN, Associate (1936), aged 53, died in New York City, March 25, 1943. (Auk 60: 636-637, 1943.)
- S[TUYVESANT] MORRIS PELL, Associate (1932), died at Huron Mountain, Marquette Co., Michigan, August 30, 1943.
- LAWRENCE [BEDFORD] POTTER, Associate (1919), died at Eastend, Sask., Canada, in November, 1943.
- GEORGE HERBERT ROSS, Associate (1904), aged 74, died at Rutland, Vermont, May 31, 1942. (Auk 60: 637, 1943.)
- WILLIAM JAMES RUSLING, Associate, (1941), aged 30, was killed in an auto accident near New Brunswick, N. J., August 16, 1942. (Auk 60: 486, 1943.)
- HENRY MANNING SAGE, Honorary Life Associate (1885), died at Albany, N. Y., in 1933.
- OSCAR PERRY SILLIMAN, Life Associate (1915), died in his 67th year at Salinas, Calif., May 9, 1943.
- COL. WILLIAM MELVILLE SMALL, Associate (1924), died at San Francisco, Calif., December 5, 1942.
- FRANCIS EDWARD SMITH, JR., Associate (1939), died at Winchester, Mass., June 26, 1942.
- HOWARD MARSHALL WIGHT, Associate (1934), aged 53, died at Ann Arbor, Michigan, July, 1942.
- HENRY MATTHEWS ZEISS, Associate (1941), died at Chicago, Illinois, in 1943.