

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

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THE twelfth meeting to be held in the Boston-Cambridge area took place October 24-25, 1945. Headquarters were at the Hotel Statler in Boston with the business sessions on the campus of Harvard University in Cambridge. For the third consecutive year it was not possible to hold a regular program meeting involving presentation of papers, annual dinner, social gatherings and field trips. A complete program meeting will be held in 1946, for the first time since 1942, at a time and place to be decided upon at a later date by the Council.

BUSINESS SESSIONS

The meeting on Wednesday, October 24, included two sessions of the Council, a meeting of the Fellows at 3:30 P. M. and a meeting of the Fellows and Members at 4:00 P. M. Fifteen members of the Council, 18 Fellows and 30 Fellows and Members, respectively, were present at these three meetings. Twelve members of the Council met again Thursday morning to complete business on the agenda.

One Fellow, one Honorary Fellow, eight Members and 234 Associates were elected. On September 30, 1945, the paid A. O. U. membership (as checked against the Treasurer's report) was as follows: Patrons, 3; Emeritus Fellows, 2; Honorary Fellows, 14; Corresponding Fellows, 74; Fellows, 49; Members, 133; Associates, 1,368; paid Associate-elects, 192. Total, 1,835. This is a net increase of 101 members over the same date in 1944, resulting for the second consecutive year in a new all-time high in membership numbers. In addition there were 235 subscribers, a net increase of 27 over the year 1944. Including 41 exchanges, the number of copies of 'The Auk' mailed each issue has now passed the 2,000 mark for the first time.

The report of Treasurer Frederick C. Lincoln indicates receipts during the year of \$9,609.64, not including \$1,522.11 in the Canadian account in the Bank of Montreal. Of \$7,764.48 in disbursements, \$5,638.03 went for manufacture of 'The Auk.' The cash on hand at the close of the year amounted to \$1,454.29, or \$919.50 more than on the same date in 1944.

There have been 13 resignations (of Associates) and 20 deaths of members during the year: 1 Honorary Fellow, 2 Corresponding Fellows, 2 Fellows and 15 Associates. On December 1, 1945, the known

vacancies were as follows: Honorary Fellows, 6; Corresponding Fellows, 2; Fellows, 1; Members, 9; Associates, unlimited.

The Secretary reported that the accumulated surplus in the Endowment Educational Fund had made it possible to grant 21 A. O. U. scholarship memberships to worthy students in 1943, 24 in 1944, and 14 in 1945. In 1946 and thereafter it will be possible to grant only 8 unless the Union receives special gifts or endowment grants for this purpose. In the postwar years there will be unusually large numbers of needy college students that could benefit greatly from association with the Union. The Union in turn would benefit through increased revenue and circulation of 'The Auk,' as well as by acquiring each year a highly selected group of potentially valuable members. The need is great as the committee could distribute at least 50 to 100 of these student memberships to advantage each year. A contribution of only three dollars will make one of these memberships possible. Send in yours to one of the officers now.

Some of the postwar planning in regard to membership increase, discussed at the 1944 meeting, has been put into operation during the year. The President appointed a committee of 49 representing 47 states to canvass the field for names suitable for nomination. Eighteen members of this committee got their work well started in 1945 by obtaining 91 new members. The committee was responsible for 39% of the 234 new Associates elected at the Cambridge meeting. Dr. Ernst Mayr has recently been appointed Chairman of this important committee to direct and correlate its activities. The Committee will be expanded and revised to give at least one active committeeman in each state and province. Those interested in serving are urged to contact the Chairman. Our goal is 2,000 paid-up members by the date of the 1946 meeting.

The report of the Investing Trustees shows that the A. O. U. Endowment funds, as of September 30, 1945, totalled \$33,119.92. The income for the year ending on that date was \$1,847.92, representing average earnings of more than 5%—a fine record.

The report of the Special Canadian Committee, given by Hoyes Lloyd, Chairman, indicates that dues have been received from 7 Fellows, 6 Members, 68 Associates and 2 subscribers, in addition to a gift of \$1,000.00. The fund on September 29, 1945, included \$1,535.61 in cash and a \$500.00 Dominion of Canada Bond. The Council authorized the purchase of a \$1,000.00 bond of the current Canadian Victory Loan.

A proposed new amendment to the by-laws was passed by the

Fellows and laid on the table for final action in 1946. This is an addition to Section I, Article III, and reads as follows: "As occasion demands, matters for decision may be submitted by the Secretary at the direction of the President to the Council for vote by mail. All such votes of the Council made by mail ballot shall be placed on the record and submitted for ratification at the next meeting of the Council.

The 1945 award of the Brewster Medal was made to H. Albert Hochbaum for his book, "The Canvasback on a Prairie Marsh," published by the American Wildlife Institute.

The Council voted to accept gifts of William P. Wharton, Edward A. McIlhenny and Hoyes Lloyd. These men having qualified as Patrons, the Secretary was instructed to enroll their names on the list of Patrons. The Council also instructed the Committee on Taxonomy and Nomenclature of North American Birds to proceed at once with preparation of a manuscript for the 5th Edition of the Check-List, and, since this will take considerably more than a year, to submit a 21st supplement for publication in 'The Auk' in 1946.

By special resolution, the Union expressed its appreciation of the kind hospitality of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy and Harvard University, and of the arrangements made by the Local Committee (James L. Peters and Ludlow Griscom). A special vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Charles F. Batchelder (one of the two living Founders of the Union) and to Mrs. Batchelder, who entertained the Council at their home at luncheon on Wednesday noon, and to Professor Thomas Barbour who entertained the Fellows and Members at a dinner at the Harvard Club the same evening.

ATTENDANCE

The 1945 meeting, the twelfth to be held in the Boston-Cambridge area, had an attendance of 31: 17 Fellows, 1 Honorary Fellow, 12 Members, and 1 Associate (representing the Wilson Ornithological Club). Members were present from eight states and provinces: Massachusetts, 11; New Jersey, 1; New York, 7; Washington, D. C., 5; Ohio, 2; Michigan, 2; Ontario, 1; Virginia, 1; Vermont, 1.

MASSACHUSETTS, 11—*Fellows*, Thomas Barbour, Charles F. Batchelder, Ludlow Griscom, James L. Peters, Cambridge; A. C. Bent, Taunton. *Members*, Winsor M. Tyler, Brighton; Hubert L. Clark, James Greenway, Cambridge; Joseph A. Hagar, Marshfield Hills; Francis H. Allen, West Roxbury. *Associate*, Earle A. Brooks, Newton Highlands.

MICHIGAN, 2—*Fellow*, J. Van Tyne, Ann Arbor. *Member*, Joseph J. Hickey.

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

- NEW YORK, 7—*Fellows*, Arthur A. Allen, Ithaca; James P. Chapin, Ernst Mayr, Robert C. Murphy, John T. Zimmer, New York City. *Honorary Fellow*, Jean Delacour, New York City. *Member*, Oliver L. Austin, Sr., Tuckahoe.
- OHIO, 2—*Fellows*, Harry C. Oberholser, Cleveland; Lawrence E. Hicks, Columbus.
- ONTARIO, 1—*Fellow*, Hoyes Lloyd, Ottawa.
- VIRGINIA, 1—*Member*, Roger T. Peterson.
- VERMONT, 1—*Member*, Wendell P. Smith, Wells River.
- WASHINGTON, D. C., 5—*Fellows*, Herbert Friedmann, Frederick C. Lincoln, Alexander Wetmore. *Members*, John W. Aldrich, S. Dillon Ripley.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers for 1945 resulted as follows: *President*, Hoyes Lloyd; *Vice-Presidents*, Robert C. Murphy and J. Van Tyne; *Secretary*, Lawrence E. Hicks; *Treasurer*, Frederick C. Lincoln; *Members of the Council* (in addition to officers and ex-presidents) for three years, Joseph J. Hickey, George M. Sutton, Clarence Cottam. For two years, John W. Aldrich.

The Council re-elected John T. Zimmer, editor of 'The Auk'; Frederick C. Lincoln, Business Manager; Julian K. Potter, James Savage and Rodolphe M. deSchauensee, Trustees, and the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, Rodolphe M. deSchauensee and Ludlow Griscom, Members of the Finance Committee.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS, MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES

- HONORARY FELLOW, 1—Dr. Oliverio Mario de Oliveira Pinto, São Paulo, Brazil.
- FELLOW, 1—Jean Linsdale, Monterey, California.
- MEMBERS, 8—Marguerite Heydweiller Baumgartner, Stillwater, Oklahoma; Allan D. Cruickshank, New York City; H. Albert Hochbaum, Delta, Manitoba; Francis H. Kortright, Toronto, Ontario; G. C. Munro, Honolulu, Hawaii; George J. Wallace, East Lansing, Michigan; Leonard W. Wing, Pullman, Washington; Albert Wolfson, Evanston, Illinois.
- ASSOCIATES, 234—Of these, 192 had paid their dues before the date of the meeting. The names of all that eventually qualify will be included in the 1946 complete address list of members to appear in the October issue.

THE 1945 MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

The 1945 membership campaign resulted in the election of 234 new Associates at the Cambridge meeting. This brought the total paid-up A. O. U. membership to 1835, a net increase of 101 over 1944 and for the second successive year a new all-time high in membership numbers. By Council action, the Union now publishes each year the names of those responsible for obtaining new members, with the number obtained by each. The list includes 97 names of those contributing to the campaign in 1945. Members of any class are eligible to nominate Associate members. Eighteen of the following

are members of the Membership Committee (see list in 'The Auk' for October, 1945, p. 664).

28 new members—Leonard W. Wing.

19 new members—B. S. Bowdish.

17 new members—Lawrence E. Hicks.

9 new members—A. W. Schorger.

8 new members—Alden H. Miller.

6 each—Harry C. Oberholser, Julian K. Potter, Frederick C. Lincoln.

4 each—John W. Aldrich, A. O. Gross, Hoyes Lloyd, John T. Zimmer.

3 each—James L. Baillie, Jr., Dr. Morton E. Cummings, J. Southgate Hoyt, Dr. R. Allyn Moser, Perna M. Stine.

2 each—Bernard P. Brennan, E. M. Brigham, Jr., W. W. Bowen, Mrs. Francis Crownshield, Paul L. Errington, J. Will Harmon, Mrs. A. R. Laskey, H. D. Lovell, Ernst Mayr, Hustace H. Poor, Jesse M. Shaver, Dorothy E. Snyder, L. L. Snyder, Wendell Taber, Lawrence Walkinshaw, George Willett.

1 each—A. A. Allen, Myrtle W. Baer, Mrs. Marie V. Beals, Dr. Alexander Blain, Benjamin J. Blincoe, Oscar M. Bryens, Irving W. Burr, Joseph M. Cadbury, E. B. Chamberlain, B. W. Cartwright, Ernest A. Choate, Fanny D. Clark, Marion Clow, Mrs. Minnie A. Common, Ethel M. Crowell, John Davis, H. Deignan, Williard E. Dilley, Victor K. Dodge, Paul E. Downing, Eugene Eisenmann, Arnold B. Erickson, Herbert Friedmann, Norman H. Giles, Jr., John H. Gray, Jr., J. A. Hagar, Harry W. Hann, Frank A. Hegman, Oliver H. Hewitt, J. J. Hickey, Herbert O. Hill, Stanley G. Jewett, John C. Jones, J. Warren Large, Aldo Leopold, Harrison L. Lewis, Gordon Meade, Harold Michener, Merriam L. Miles, Harold D. Mitchell, J. J. Murray, T. S. Palmer, A. M. Pearson, Walden Pell, II, Mrs. Raymond W. Perkins, Gayle Pickwell, Davis W. Pratt, T. S. Roberts, C. H. Rogers, A. A. Saunders, Archie D. Schaftsbury, Dr. A. R. Shearer, Mabel Slack, Paul Springer, J. W. Stack, H. Goodwin Stevenson, Henry M. Stevenson, W. E. Clyde Todd, M. B. Trautman, J. Van Tyne, E. M. Verges, II, Francis M. Weston, Alexander Wetmore, T. Ferdinand Wilcox.

DECEASED MEMBERS

During the year the Union lost 20 members by death: 1 Honorary Fellow, 2 Corresponding Fellows, 2 Fellows, and 15 Associates.

OSCAR HEINROTH, Honorary Fellow, (1932) 1939, died at Berlin, Germany, 1945.

DR. OTTO HELMS, Corresponding Fellow, 1920, died in Denmark, April 16, 1942.

FREDERICK NUTTEN CHASEN, Corresponding Fellow, 1934, died in the Strait of Malacca.

DR. FRANK MICHLER CHAPMAN, Fellow, (1885) 1888, aged 81, died in New York City, Nov. 15, 1945.

GEORGE WILLETT, Fellow, (1912) 1939, aged 66, died at Los Angeles, California, Aug. 2, 1945.

MRS. AMELIA SANBORN ALLEN (MRS. JAMES TURNEY ALLEN), Associate, 1919, died at Berkeley, California, Feb. 18, 1945.

RUSSEL MESSER BERTHEL, Associate, 1938, died at St. Paul, Minnesota, 1945 (?).

MISS LILLIE ROSE ERNST, Associate, 1933, died at St. Louis, Missouri, Dec., 1943.

FREDERICK HALL FOWLER, Honorary Life Associate, 1892, aged 66, died at Palo Alto, California, Nov. 7, 1945.

- HARRY HOWARD KENNEDY, Life Associate, 1920, died at Berkeley, California, 1945 (?).
FRANK COATES KIRKWOOD, Honorary Life Associate, 1892, died at Baldwin, Maryland, July 24, 1945.
HERBERT NEWBY MCCOY, Associate, 1930, aged 75, died at Los Angeles, Calif., 1945 (?).
ERIC GRAHAM MCDUGALL, Associate, 1933, died at Toronto, Ontario, about Feb. 14, 1945.
DR. CHARLES ANDREW MCNEIL, Associate, 1937, aged 70, died at Sedalia, Mo., 1945 (?).
JOSEPH T. MARSHALL, Associate, 1941, died in military service overseas, 1945 (?).
WILLIAM G. MOORE, Associate, 1937, died at Haddonfield, New Jersey, May, 1945.
EDWARD LUDLOW PARKER, Life Associate, died at Concord, Massachusetts, 1943 (?).
MISS HARRIET ELIZA RICHARDS, Honorary Life Associate, died at Brookline, Massachusetts, July (?), 1945.
FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT, Honorary Life Associate, 1896, age 63, died at Warm Springs, Georgia, April 12, 1945.
DR. EDWARD WIGGLESWORTH, Life Associate, 1920, aged 60, died at Boston, Massachusetts, 1945 (?).