

PROCEEDINGS OF WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB

Eleventh Annual Meeting

THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB was held at Nashville, Tennessee, November 28-30, 1924, in conjunction with The Inland Bird Banding Association, The Tennessee Academy of Science, The Kentucky Ornithological Society, and The Tennessee Ornithological Society. At the business session, held November 28, the Treasurer's report was read and adopted, after being audited by a committee composed of T. C. Stephens, Wm. I. Lyon, and H. L. Stoddard. (See report below). The following report was given by the Secretary: (See report below). The Vice-President in his report urged a larger Bulletin and a drive for additional members. He further suggested that libraries in the district covered by the W. O. C. be urged to subscribe for the WILSON BULLETIN. The nominating committee composed of Charles J. Spiker, Frederick C. Lincoln, and James W. Stack, recommended the following as the officers for 1925, all of whom were duly elected:

President—Albert F. Ganier, Nashville, Tennessee.

Vice-President—Thomas H. Whitney, Atlantic, Iowa.

Secretary—Gordon Wilson, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Treasurer—Ben. J. Blincoe, Dayton, Ohio.

Additional members of the Council—W. M. Rosen, Ogden, Iowa; H. L. Stoddard, Beachton, Georgia; Wm. I. Lyon, Waukegan, Illinois; Lynds Jones, Oberlin, Ohio.

The committee on resolutions reported as follows:

It is the wish of The Wilson Ornithological Club and The Inland Bird Banding Association to express their hearty appreciation for the hospitality and untiring efforts of The Tennessee Ornithological Society, the George Peabody College for Teachers, and Mrs. Parmer, matron of the Social-Religious Building, to make the Nashville meeting a great success.

T. C. Stephens Marjorie Ruth Ross Samuel E. Perkins III, *Committee*.

Various suggestions were made as to the future policy of the club. It was suggested that the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union, which had asked to be relieved from its former affiliation with the W. O. C., be requested to remain associated on the same basis as the state organizations of Tennessee, Kentucky, and Iowa. Lynds Jones made a motion that the newly elected officers be empowered to look into the matter of association and affiliation and report at the next annual meeting. T. C. Stephens invited the W. O. C. and I. B. B. A. to hold their 1926 or some other meeting in Sioux City, Iowa.

Key to Group Picture: 1. F. C. Lincoln, Washington, D. C. 2. Gordon Wilson, Bowling Green, Ky. 3. S. E. Perkins, Indianapolis, Ind. 4. H. E. Stoddard, Beachton, Ga. 5. A. F. Ganier, Nashville, Tenn. 6. Lynds Jones, Oberlin, Ohio. 7. J. W. Stack, E. Lansing, Mich. 8. T. C. Stephens, Sioux City, Iowa. 9. W. I. Lyon, Waukegan, Ill. 10. Geo. R. Mayfield, Nashville, Tenn. 11. Mrs. H. P. Ijams, Knoxville, Tenn. 12. Mrs. R. H. Gardner, Columbus, Ind. 13. Mrs. Chas. McBride, Louisville, Ky. 14. Mrs. N. Brown, Louisville, Ky. 15. W. G. Cramer, Cincinnati, Ohio. 16. J. A. Robins, McKenzie, Tenn. 17. R. A. Gilliam, Dallas, Texas. 18. P. L. Cobb, Nashville, Tenn. 19. Mrs. A. F. Ganier, Nashville, Tenn. 20. Miss Marjory Ross, Fairmont, W. Va. 21. Floyd Bralihar, Nashville, Tenn. 22. Miss Emilie Yunker, Louisville, Ky. 23. Mrs. K. P. Wright, Nashville, Tenn. 24. Mrs. Nancy L. Morgan, Columbia, Tenn. 25. Paul Adams, Knoxville, Tenn. 26. Vernon Sharp, Nashville, Tenn. 27. W. W. Worthington, Annville, Ky. 28. Nevin Nicholson, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 29. R. H. Gardner, Columbus, Ind. 30. Mrs. G. R. Mayfield, Nashville, Tenn. 31. H. P. Ijams, Knoxville, Tenn. 32. Miss Amelia Layer, Louisville, Ky. 33. C. J. Spiker, New Hampton, Iowa. 34. Mrs. J. M. Ransom, Tullahoma, Tenn. 35. Miss Fergus Campbell, Nashville, Tenn. 36. Mrs. Sanford Duncan, Nashville, Tenn. 37. Miss Alma Hollinger, Nashville, Tenn. 38. Mrs. H. L. Stoddard, Beachton, Go.

THE NASHVILLE PROGRAM

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

1. Address of Welcome. Professor A. C. Webb, Nashville, Tennessee.
2. Inheritance of Song in Birds. Professor Herbert C. Sanborn, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.



R. A. Gilliam and F. C. Lincoln
at Nashville.

A review of the conclusions reached by Barrington, Scott, and Conradi, with a summary of Professor Sanborn's experiments with birds raised from the egg (or from a few hours of age) without association with any of their own species: Baltimore Orioles, Robins, Bluebirds, Cardinals, Screech Owls, and Crows.

3. Recollections of Audubon by His Brother-in-Law, William J. Bakewell. Sent in by Mrs. Alicia B. Shaffer (Audubon's niece), Cincinnati, Ohio, and read by the Secretary.

A fragment of a paper found in Mr. Bakewell's collection of manuscripts dealing with the author's experiences with Audubon in early days of Kentucky.

4. The Purpose of Bird Banding and Some Results. (Illustrated with slides). Frederick C. Lincoln, Biological Survey, Washington, D. C.

A review of the government's work thus far and a statement of the big purposes of the work: to determine migrations and life histories of birds. Mr. Lincoln showed many slides made by Mr. S. Prentiss Baldwin, Cleveland, Ohio.

5. Banding Shore Birds on Lake Michigan. H. L. Stoddard, Beachton, Georgia.

How a trap was evolved to catch shore birds, particularly Sandpipers.

6. State Ornithological Societies and Their Relation to the Wilson Ornithological Club. T. C. Stephens, Sioux City, Iowa.

A resume of the purposes and accomplishments of the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union, The Iowa Ornithologists' Union, The Kentucky Ornithological Society, and The Tennessee Ornithological Society.

7. Falconry, an Old-New Sport. D. R. Gray, Rockdale, Tennessee.

An account of Mr. Gray's interest and accomplishments in falconry, together with an exhibition of books he has collected which deal with this old sport. (Given by A. F. Ganier).

8. Birds on a Kentucky Farm. G. D. Hibbs, Cox's Creek, Kentucky.

An account of nesting devices used on Mr. Cox's farm, with observations on bird enemies. (Resume of paper given by the Secretary).

9. Birds of a Florida Farm. Laura Gano. Thonotosassa, Florida.

Observations of 109 species studied on a citrus farm. (Extracts read by the Secretary).

10. For Our Own Good and That of the Birds. Harriet Audubon, Louisville, Kentucky.

A plea for bird protection written by the aged grand-daughter of the naturalist. (Read by title and commented on by the Secretary).

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

(The first four addresses and papers were given at a joint session of the Wilson Ornithological Club, the Inland Bird Banding Association, and The Tennessee Academy of Science).

1. Reelfoot, an Earthquake Lake. Wilbur A. Nelson, State Geologist, Nashville, Tennessee.

An account of the origin and present condition of Reelfoot Lake, illustrated with slides, taken chiefly by the United States Air Service.

2. Some Interesting Birds of the Great Smoky Mountains. A. F. Ganier, Nashville, Tennessee.

The record of several vacation trips taken to the Great Smokies by Mr. Ganier. A study of the Canadian species which summer there.

3. The Great Smokies from the Naturalist's Standpoint. Professor George R. Mayfield, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.

A review of books written on the Great Smokies, with personal impressions of this great wonderland of the eastern highlands.

4. The Great Smoky Mountains from the Business Man's Standpoint. Colonel D. C. Chapman, Knoxville, Tennessee.

A summary of the advantages to be derived from making a section of the Great Smoky Mountains a state or national park.

5. West Virginia Birds, a reel of motion pictures, made under the direction of State Ornithologist I. H. Johnston, Charleston, West Virginia.

6. National Bird Refuges, several reels of motion pictures explained by Frederick C. Lincoln, Biological Survey, Washington, D. C.

7. Tanager Hill Bird Banding Station. Mrs. Frank W. Commons, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Records of the very successful seasons of 1923 and 1924 in banding at the summer home of Mrs. Commons.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

On Friday evening, November 28, the societies meeting jointly participated in the annual dinner, at Hotel Hermitage. The menu cards, cleverly worded in bird language, were the work of Mrs. George R. Mayfield. Plates were laid for fifty-one. The following people responded to toasts: Mrs. James C. Bradford, Richard Watkins, Lynds Jones, Gordon Wilson, Wm. I. Lyon, Frederick C. Lincoln, T. C. Stephens, H. L. Stoddard, R. A. Gilliam, and S. W. Perkins. President A. F. Ganier acted as toastmaster.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

1. A Three-Day Canoe Trip on Barren River, Kentucky. Gordon Wilson, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

A record of unusual birds seen and an account of the topography of the country traversed.

2. Ornithology in American Colleges. Professor James W. Stack, East Lansing, Michigan.

A survey of ornithology as it is taught in the public and private colleges and universities. A few words of approval for banding as a scientific way of studying birds.

3. The Various Methods Used in Bird Banding. Wm. I. Lyon, Waukegan, Illinois.

The origin and development of all kinds of traps and methods. (Profusely illustrated with slides).

4. A Nesting Census About a Suburban Home. Harry P. Ijams, Knoxville, Tennessee.

A summary of the nests found on Mr. Ijam's place, illustrated with a map.

5. A Few Studies in Nest Composition. Charles J. Spiker, New Hampton, Iowa.

A record of the study and weighing of the materials in the nests of twenty-five Robins, nine Brown Thrashers, six Red-winged Blackbirds, six Mourning Doves, three Yellow Warblers, and two Kingbirds.

6. Bird Banding in the Nashville District. A. F. Ganier.

A summary of the methods used in his district.

7. The School Children and the Birds. Miss Emilie Yunker, Louisville, Kentucky.

An account of the work with the children of the public schools: bird-gardening, Christmas trees for the birds, supervised hikes in Cherokee and other parks.

8. Methods of Attracting Birds about the Homes. Mrs. Sanford Duncan, Nashville, Tennessee.

How Mrs. Duncan has destroyed bird enemies and has attracted birds by means of food, shelter, and other devices.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

1. A Pugnacious Mockingbird. Lattimer Wilson, Nashville, Tennessee.

A motion-picture reel showing a fight between a Mockingbird and a cat.

2. Bird Colonies on Bonaventure Island. H. L. Stoddard, Beachton, Georgia.

Three reels and numerous slides showing Gannets, Puffins, and other sea birds nesting on this Canadian island.

3. Olympic Island Sea-Bird Reservations. Lynds Jones, Oberlin, Ohio.

A series of slides made by Dr. Jones on his several trips to the islands off the coast of northern Washington.

4. Bird Banding Experiences in Indiana. Samuel E. Perkins, III, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Interesting records which show that the number of birds has been increased by banding.

5. The Yellow Rail and Other Birds of the Great Plains. Reverend P. B. Peabody, Blue Rapids, Kansas.

The paper and numerous slides were presented by A. F. Ganier.

6. Bird Studies in Motion Pictures. A reel loaned by Dr. Thomas S. Roberts, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
7. Owls and Their Habits. Thomas M. Earl, Columbus, Ohio. (Read by title).
8. Memories of Pelican Island. W. M. Rosen, Ogden, Iowa. (Read by title).
9. Bird Banding at the Iowa Lakeside Laboratory. Professor Dayton Stoner, Iowa City, Iowa. (Read by title).
10. Wild Geese: How a Flock of Them Were Tamed. E. D. Nauman, Sigourney, Iowa. (Read by title).
11. Bird Study in the Florida Public Schools. R. J. Longstreet, Daytona Beach, Florida. (Read by title).

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

1. Nesting Haunts of the Egret in Florida. A motion picture study furnished by The United States Biological Survey.
2. Bird Banding: Methods, Purposes, and Some Interesting Results. Mr. F. C. Lincoln, U. S. Biological Survey, and Mr. William I. Lyon, President, Inland Bird Banding Association, Waukegan, Illinois.
3. Reception at "Woodstock", the country home of Mrs. James C. Bradford, for visiting members and local members of The Tennessee Ornithological Society.

SUNDAY, November 30, 1924

An all-day field trip was taken, through Centennial Park, Shelby Park on Cumberland River, Ridgetop. Lunch was served at the country home of Mr. Edward A. Lindsey.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY FOR 1924

Number of members taken in during 1924.....	91
<i>Distribution of New Members</i>	
Sustaining	1
Active	7
Associate	83



Field Trip at Nashville, at "Ridgetop."

Distribution by states—Alabama, 1; Arkansas, 1; California, 5; Canada, 5; Colorado, 1; District of Columbia, 1; Florida, 3; Georgia, 2; Illinois, 4; Indiana, 1; Iowa, 2; Kansas, 1; Kentucky, 8; Maryland, 2; Massachusetts, 2; Michigan, 8; Missouri, 3; Montana, 1; New Hampshire, 1; New Jersey, 2; New York, 6; North Dakota, 3; Ohio, 6; Oklahoma, 1; Pennsylvania, 5; Rhode Island, 1; South Dakota, 1; Tennessee, 8; Texas, 3; Virginia, 2; West Virginia, 1; Wisconsin, 1; Wyoming, 2.

Distribution by recommendation—Gordon Wilson, 64; A. F. Ganier, 6; Wm. I. Lyon, 4; Lynds Jones, 3; Ben J. Blincoe, 2; R. A. Gilliam, 2; H. L. Stoddard, 2; T. L. Hankinson, 2; Marjorie Ruth Ross, 1; Mrs. W. P. Morgan, 1; W. A. Strong, 1; C. F. DeGaris, 1; W. C. Bradbury, 1; L. Otley Pindar, 1.

During the year the Secretary and the Treasurer have made an effort to get the membership list perfect. Those long in arrears have been dropped, after being written personally by both officers. The membership list as it appeared in the September BULLETIN represents the result of that effort. Only two corrections have been offered to that list.

Gordon Wilson, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR 1924

Dayton, Ohio, January 2, 1925.

RECEIPTS FOR 1924

Cash received from former treasurer.....	\$129.59
Associate Members	396.70
Active Members	370.50
Sustaining Members	145.00
Subscriptions and Exchanges.....	102.35
Nebraska Ornithologist's Union.....	76.00
Sale of Back Numbers of BULLETIN.....	30.05
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	\$1,250.19
Deposited but not accounted for.....	.50
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	\$1,250.69

DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1924

January 17—To Secretary for printing and postage.....	\$ 23.00
February 16—News Printing Co.....	606.40
June 2—News Printing Co.....	323.28
October 19—News Printing Co.....	175.00
December 1—Secretary, annual letter, etc.....	24.50
Amount retained from dues by Secretary for various expenses...	44.60
Retained by Editor for postage.....	1.50
Treasurer's expenses	16.74
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	\$1,215.02
January 1, 1925—Cash on hand.....	35.67
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	\$1,250.69

Ben. J. Blincoe, *Treasurer*.