

Wild Life School of Conservation, which has for the last seven years held an annual session of two weeks at McGregor, Iowa.

Clyde B. Terrill, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, has developed a large business which deals in aquatic foods for wild ducks. Many lakes throughout the country have been made attractive feeding grounds for the ducks by large scale plantings of various water plants obtained from him.

Dr. R. M. Strong, who has held almost every office in the W. O. C., is professor of anatomy in the Loyola Medical School, Chicago.

Dr. Ralph E. DeLury is a member of the staff of the Dominion Astronomical Observatory, Ottawa, Canada.

Ira N. Gabrielson is engaged in federal rodent control work in the north-west, with office at Portland, Oregon.

J. E. Guthrie is professor of zoology at the Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

Warner Taylor is professor of English in the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Mrs. Beryl Taylor Mounts is a teacher in the Ballard Normal School, Macon, Georgia.

Percival Brooks Coffin, for several years treasurer of the W. O. C., is a broker in stocks and bonds, Chicago.

Weir R. Mills operates a general store at Pierson, Iowa, and studies flowers, birds, and butterflies on the side.

J. W. Stack is professor of zoology in the Michigan Agricultural College, at East Lansing.

Oscar P. Allert is a farmer, near McGregor, Iowa.

William E. Praeger is professor of zoology at Kalamazoo College, Michigan.

Dr. Franklin P. Metcalf is professor of zoology in Fukien Christian University, Foochow, China.

A. F. Allen is editor of the *Sioux City Journal*, Sioux City, Iowa.

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## PROCEEDINGS

### Proceedings of the Twenty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union was held at Superior, Nebraska, Friday and Saturday, May 8 and 9, 1925. The members of the Union and their friends, to a total of about fifty, assembled in the First Presbyterian Church at 6:00 P. M., where they were served a very enjoyable dinner prepared by the ladies of the church. At 7:30 P. M. the members adjourned to the chapel of the church for the annual business meeting.

Twelve members were present at this session of the N. O. U., as follows: Mesdames Lily R. Button, Geo. L. Day, Chas. Groves, H. F. Hole, H. C. Johnston, A. H. Jones, C. W. McCaskill, Mary St. Martin and Addison E. Sheldon and

Messrs. C. K. Hart, M. H. Swenk and R. H. Wolcott. Rains and impassable roads greatly cut down the prospective attendance, and forced twelve additional members who had expected to be present and had made reservations for the dinner, to be absent.

Dr. R. H. Wolcott, President of the Society, called the meeting to order immediately upon the assembling of the members. On motion the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in the June, 1924, number of the WILSON BULLETIN. The first matter to be considered was the field trip for the following day. After discussion, it was decided that those who desired to participate in the field trip should assemble in front of the City Library building at 5:30 A. M., and while one party would go to the ponds west of town another party would study the woodland birds along the Republican River just south of Superior.

President Wolcott and Vice-President McCaskill then reported briefly for their respective offices, and the financial report of the Secretary-Treasurer was read. This report showed cash on hand on May 1, 1924, to the amount of \$91.57, to which had been added during the year \$125.00 from dues, \$21.25 from interest on investments, and \$2.75 from sale of publications. There was remitted to the Wilson Ornithological Club a total of \$76.00 for dues, and the expenses of the office of Secretary-Treasurer for postage and stationery amounted to \$16.63, leaving a balance on hand on May 1, 1925, of \$147.94.

President Wolcott referred the financial report to a committee composed of Mr. C. K. Hart and Mrs. Lily R. Button for auditing. A Nominating Committee composed of Mrs. Addison E. Sheldon and Mrs. H. F. Hole was also appointed, to report later in the session.

The Secretary-Treasurer then reported on the ballot on honorary members, and stated that the necessary three-fourths of the ballots sent out had not been returned, and therefore no election could be announced. After discussion, the Secretary-Treasurer was informally directed to submit a new ballot, urging a return, to the members at an early date.

The hour of 8 o'clock, announced as the beginning of the public program, having arrived, the business session was interrupted, and the following program was given to an audience of more than one hundred listeners:

- President's Address—"Ornithology of Nebraska—Past and Present"  
(illustrated with lantern slides).....Dr. R. H. Wolcott, Lincoln
- "Winter Birds at a Window Lunch Counter in Lincoln" (illustrated with  
lantern slides).....Mrs. Addison E. Sheldon, Lincoln
- "Some Bird Banding Experiences Near Fairbury (Read by Mrs. H. F.  
Hole).....Misses Agness and Susie Callaway, Fairbury

The regular program having been completed at 9:50 P. M., Mrs. Lily R. Button was requested to give some whistled imitations of bird songs, which she did to the delight of those present. The entire program was very much enjoyed by the members, and apparently by the general audience as well.

The program having been completed and the general audience having dispersed, the members resumed their business meeting at 10:00 P. M. Proposals of names and election of new members being in order, the following twenty names were proposed, and on motion by Mrs. Addison E. Sheldon, seconded by Miss Mary St. Martin, they were all accepted and declared members of the N. O. U.: Mesdames Eva J. DeMoss, Emma Ellsworth, Christine Jensen, S. P. Pittman,

Margaret W. Ramboldt, June M. Slocum, and Jessie A. Stitt, and Messrs. F. J. Adams, and Martin E. Larson, all of Omaha; Mesdames Chester Cooper, Earl Lionberger, D. Shank, Dora Speer, and Merrill Wright, of Superior; Mesdames Charles B. Callaway, Agness Callaway, and Susie Callaway, of Fairbury; Mrs. C. A. Shoemaker, and Mr. O. D. Corey, of Lincoln, and Mrs. Clara J. Hart, of Prosser.

New business being in order, the place of the twenty-seventh annual meeting was discussed. A letter from Mr. L. O. Horskey, of Omaha, inviting the N. O. U. to meet at Omaha in May, 1926, was read, and on motion of Miss Mary St. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Lily R. Button, the invitation was accepted, thus fixing Omaha as the place of the next annual meeting.

President Wolcott then called for the reports of the Nominating and Auditing Committees. The Nominating Committee proposed the following officers for 1925-26:

President—Mrs. C. W. McCaskill, Hastings.

Vice-President—Mr. L. O. Horsky, Omaha.

Secretary-Treasurer—Prof. M. H. Swenk, Lincoln.

On motion the report of the Nominating Committee was accepted, and these persons were declared the officers of the N. O. U. for the coming year. Reporting for the Auditing Committee, Mr. C. A. Hart stated that the financial report of the Secretary-Treasurer had been examined and found to be correct. On motion the report of the Secretary-Treasurer was accepted by the Society.

The Secretary-Treasurer then presented a deferred portion of his report relative to the proposed new "Birds of Nebraska". He explained fully the proposed scope and form of the first part of this work, and requested formal authorization from the Society to proceed with the preparation and publication of it. On motion, the Secretary-Treasurer was authorized to prepare the manuscript of the first part of the proposed new "Birds of Nebraska", and to arrange for the illustrating and printing of the same, in such manner as in his judgment seems best, compatible with the resources of the Society.

Brief discussions of co-operative migration lists from Omaha, Lincoln, Fairbury, Superior and Red Cloud, for the spring of 1926, were made, and informally it was agreed that this should be attempted. The matter of termination of the affiliation with the Wilson Ornithological Club and of the desirability of continuing support of the WILSON BULLETIN as individuals was also discussed, without formal action.

The Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to write to Dr. H. B. Lowry, one of the Past Presidents, on behalf of the Society, sending him a greeting and wishes for a speedy recovery from his illness. A motion was also carried, extending the appreciation of the N. O. U. to the Superior members of the Society for the many courtesies extended by them to the visiting members.

The session then adjourned at 11:00 P. M.

On Saturday, May 9, the twenty-third annual field day of the N. O. U. was held. The day was cloudy, temperature at 10:00 A. M., 52° F., but quite chilly early in the morning, and there was only a slight wind. The start was made at 6:00 A. M. and return at 10:00 A. M. One field party visited the ponds west of town, and another worked along the Republican River just south of town. The total list of the day included eighty-three species of birds, as follows:

Bluebird, Robin, Olive-backed Thrush, Wood Thrush, Long-tailed Chickadee, Long-billed Marsh Wren, Brown Thrasher, Catbird, Mockingbird, Maryland Yel-

low-throat, Myrtle Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Black and White Warbler, Bell's Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Migrant Shrike, Rough-winged Swallow, Bank Swallow, Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, Purple Martin, Scarlet Tanager, Dickcissel, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Black-headed Grosbeak, Cardinal, Towhee, Lincoln's Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Western Field Sparrow, Clay-colored Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Gambel's Sparrow, Harris's Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Pine Siskin, Goldfinch, Bronzed Grackle, Baltimore Oriole, Meadowlark, Western Meadowlark, Red-winged Blackbird, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Cowbird, Crow, Blue Jay, Phoebe, Crested Flycatcher, Arkansas Kingbird, Kingbird, Northern Flicker, Red-headed Woodpecker, Northern Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Belted Kingfisher, Marsh Hawk, Western Mourning Dove, Killdeer, Spotted Sandpiper, Yellowlegs, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Red-backed Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Baird's Sandpiper, White-rumped Sandpiper, Wilson's Snipe, Wilson's Phalarope, Northern Phalarope, Coot, Sora, Bittern, Lesser Snow Goose, Lesser Bluebill, Shoveller, Blue-winged Teal, Widgeon, Mallard, Franklin's Gull and Pied-billed Grebe.

MYRON H. SWENK, *Secretary-Treasurer, N. O. U.*

#### Proceedings of the Kentucky Ornithological Society

The annual spring meeting of the Kentucky Ornithological Society was held at Louisville on April 24 and 25, 1925. The evening session was devoted to a play given by the pupils of the Bloom School, of Louisville, entitled "Crowning the Cardinal"; to a brief and enthusiastic address by Mr. James Speed, editor of *The Southern Agriculturist*, on "Keep Your Eyes Open"; and to an illustrated lecture on "Reelfoot Lake: Its Birds and History", by Mr. A. F. Ganier, President of the Wilson Ornithological Club, and Past President of the Tennessee Ornithological Society.

The morning session of April 25 was devoted to a play, "The Birds of Killingsworth", presented by the pupils of the Bloom School; to matters of routine business; and to a "bird experience meeting", which was participated in by fifteen or twenty members from all parts of the state. Twenty-five new members were elected. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Professor Gordon Wilson, Bowling Green; Vice-President, Miss Emilie Yunker, Louisville; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Charles McBride, 1106 South Fourth Street, Louisville; Historian, Mrs. Merit O'Neal, Louisville; Councillors, Dr. L. Otley Pindar, Versailles; B. C. Bacon, Madisonville; James Speed, Louisville. Bowling Green was chosen as the place for the fall meeting. *The Kentucky Warbler*, a leaflet published by the President, was ordered continued for another year on the same lines as in the past.

MRS. MERIT O'NEAL, *Historian, K. O. S.*

#### Proceedings of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union

The second annual meeting of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union was held in the Agricultural Hall of the Iowa State College, at Ames, February 21, 1925, and was well attended by members from various parts of the state.

The morning session was opened at ten o'clock with an address by President Rosen, of Ogden, and was followed by the reports of the Secretary and of the Treasurer. The Articles of Affiliation with the Wilson Ornithological Club were read and approved.

Dr. Stephens gave a brief report of the meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union at Pittsburgh in November; but the report of the Wilson Ornithological Club was omitted because of the absence of Mr. Spiker. Miss Kathleen M. Hempell, of Elkader, sent an interesting paper on her experiences in banding birds, which was read by the Secretary.

As part of his introduction of Dr. Weeks, Mr. Rosen read an original poem on the Goldfinch, which was very clever and much enjoyed. Dr. Leroy Titus Weeks, of Emmetsburg, presented a paper on "Birds of Sixty Years Ago", which contained recollections of the Passenger Pigeon, Long-billed Curlew, Whooping Crane, Sandhill Crane, and Swallow-tailed Kite.

The afternoon session opened with a business meeting, which included reports of committees and election of officers. The following officers were elected: President, W. M. Rosen, Ogden; Vice-President, T. C. Stephens, Sioux City; Secretary, Mary L. Bailey, Sioux City; Treasurer, Thos. H. Whitney, Atlantic; Executive Council, Dr. Leroy Titus Weeks, Prof. Homer R. Dill, and Mr. A. J. Palas.

Mr. T. H. Whitney then gave a paper describing his experiences with the Purple Martin. This paper was published in the June issue of the WILSON BULLETIN, as was also the one by Miss Hempel. Mr. John J. Cole, of Nevada, discussed the relation of birds to agriculture, using lantern slides. A paper entitled "The Birds' Garden", by Mr. Weir R. Mills, of Pierson, was an intimate study of the birds of a village home lot in which over a hundred species have been recorded. Mrs. Henry Frankel, of Des Moines, told of her attempts and success in interesting school children in birds. Mr. A. J. Palas, of Des Moines, gave an interesting account of his study of birds during a summer spent in Colorado. The meeting closed with a second talk by Dr. Weeks, for which he chose the subject, "The Garden of Eden".

Several papers given on the preceding day in the program of the Iowa Conservation Association were of interest to bird students. Dr. H. C. Oberholser, of Washington, discussed some general principles of wild life protection. Dr. T. C. Stephens, of Sioux City, read a paper on "Recent Steps For and Against the Conservation of Wild Life". Mr. Arthur Goshorn, of Winterset, gave reminiscences of hunting experiences on "A Willow Bar" in the Missouri River, covering a number of years. Mr. Walter W. Bennett, of Sioux City, gave the evening talk on "Island Bird Life", illustrated by many beautifully colored slides from photographs made by himself in the various bird colonies of North Dakota. He also exhibited several reels of motion pictures of the White Pelican and other birds. Those who attended these meetings felt highly repaid, and we hope others will join us next year.

MRS. MARY L. BAILEY, *Secretary, I. O. U.*

## PUBLICATIONS REVIEWED

LIFE HISTORIES OF NORTH AMERICAN WILD FOWL. ORDER ANSERES (PART). By Arthur Cleveland Bent. Bulletin 130, United States National Museum, pp. i-x+1-376. Washington, D. C., 1925.

This publication continues and completes the consideration of the life histories of our North American wild fowl (*Anseres*) that was begun in Bulletin 126 of the U. S. National Museum (1923), and which included the species num-