

PROCEEDINGS OF THE WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB

Twelfth Annual Meeting

THE TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB was held at Kansas City, Missouri, on Monday and Tuesday, December 28-29, 1925. The Inland Bird Banding Association met at the same time and place in conjunction with the W. O. C. The time and place of the meetings were chosen to coincide with the annual convocation of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, of which the W. O. C. is an associated organization.

The morning session on Monday was devoted to business and to discussions on ways and means of extending the usefulness of the Club. The report of the retiring Secretary, Prof. Gordon Wilson, was read and adopted after favorable comment had been made upon the number of new members secured by him during the year. This report is published below. The report of the Treasurer, Mr. Ben J. Blincoe, was presented and referred to an auditing committee composed of Mr. P. B. Coffin and Professor Robt. H. Wolcott, and was found to be correct. This report, which is appended, includes a statement of the funds subscribed by members and others early in 1925 for the purpose of liquidating certain indebtedness for publication which was incurred during or immediately after the World War.

President A. F. Ganier spoke briefly to express on behalf of the Club its pleasure in being able to meet in the western part of the territory in which it is particularly interested, and to express its appreciation of the considerable number of members who had journeyed some distance to attend the meetings. He stated that the organization is entering the thirty-eighth year of its existence full of optimism, and in the most satisfactory condition in its history; that its accomplishments during the past year had been very tangible. T. C. Stephens, editor of the WILSON BULLETIN, presented a report showing the cost of publishing the BULLETIN during the year, and touching various problems of illustration, sample copies, commission to agents, etc. It appeared that by close economy the cost of publication had exceeded only slightly the amount available for that purpose, but that various changes and improvements were impossible at present because of lack of funds.

A plan for an endowment fund, devised by Vice-President Whitney, was presented for the Club's consideration. In substance this plan provides for the creation of a trust fund by life memberships, subscriptions, and bequests. Interest from this permanent fund is to be used exclusively for support of the publications of the Club. There was not time for a full discussion of this matter, and it was referred to a committee consisting of Thos. H. Whitney, chairman, M. H. Swenk, and V. C. Bonesteel for further consideration. In order to expedite complete

Key to Group Picture: 1. L. O. Horsky, Omaha, Neb. 2. Prof. Dayton Stoner, Iowa City, Iowa. 3. Percival Brooks Coffin, Chicago, Ill. 4. Dix Teachenor, Kansas City, Mo. 5. Lyle R. Fletcher, Lawrence, Kans. 6. B. F. Bolt, Kansas City, Mo. 7. F. C. Lincoln, Washington, D. C. 8. T. C. Stephens, Sioux City, Iowa. 9. C. D. Bunker, Lawrence, Kans. 10. A. F. Ganier, Nashville, Tenn. 11. Prof. J. M. Robinson, Auburn, Ala. 12. Prof. J. W. Stack, East Lansing, Mich. 13. Mrs. T. C. Stephens, Sioux City, Iowa. 14. Wm. I. Lyon, Waukegan, Ill. 15. Dr. A. H. Cordier, Kansas City, Mo. 16. Dr. Leroy Titus Weeks, Tabor, Iowa. 17. T. E. Musselman, Quincy, Ill. 18. Prof. H. M. Kelley, Mount Vernon, Iowa. 19. Mrs. T. L. Satterthwait, Webster Grove, Mo. 20. Mrs. P. B. Coffin, Chicago, Ill. 21. Mrs. H. J. Taylor, Sioux City, Iowa. 22. Miss Anne A. Jones, Webster Grove, Mo. 23. Samuel E. Perkins III, Indianapolis, Ind.



THE RETIRING SECRETARY
GORDON WILSON

Councilors—Gordon Wilson, Bowling Green, Ky.; Dix Teachenor, Kansas City, Mo.; L. O. Horsky, Omaha, Neb.; J. W. Stack, East Lansing, Mich., and J. M. Robinson, Auburn, Ala.

Professor Wilson's resignation from the secretaryship was received with regret, and with appreciation of his faithful services during the past three years.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, composed of the above officers, Dr. T. C. Stephens was elected editor of the WILSON BULLETIN for the year 1926.

A communication from the American Ornithologists' Union was read, which invited the Wilson Ornithological Club to join with the A. O. U. and the Cooper Ornithological Club in establishing a wild life preserve at Olney, Illinois, as a memorial to Robert Ridgway. The proposal met with favor, and Mr. Percival Brooks Coffin was named to represent the W. O. C.

The Committee on Resolutions, composed of Dr. Leroy Titus Weeks, Professor Dayton Stoner, and Mrs. Margaret E. T. Sheldon, presented a report which was adopted at the final session. This report included the thanks of the Club to Mr. Dix Teachenor, chairman of the local committee on arrangements, who had so carefully looked after the details of the meeting; to the officials of the Lathrop Trade School for the use of the lecture room of that building; to the Kansas City Life Insurance Company for the use of their auditorium for our evening lectures; to Mrs. M. W. Barber for her courtesy in inviting the members to her home to inspect the rare elephant folio edition of Audubon's "Birds of America"; and to the local press for its generous publicity before and during the sessions. Appreciation was also expressed to the Editor for his services in producing the thirty-seventh volume of the WILSON BULLETIN, to Mr. Ben J. Blincœ for his detailed

action of the Executive Committee (Officers and Councilors) was given power to adopt and ratify and put into operation a plan for establishing an endowment fund if agreement could be reached before the next annual meeting. It was also agreed that an effort should be made to dispose of the stock of old Bulletins upon some basis which would be agreeable to Dr. Jones.

Following the report of the nominating committee, consisting of T. C. Stephens, B. F. Bolt, and L. O. Horsky, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President — Albert F. Ganier, Nashville, Tenn.

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

Secretary—Howard K. Gloyd, Ottawa, Kansas.

Treasurer — Ben J. Blincœ, Dayton, Ohio.



THE NEW SECRETARY
HOWARD K. GLOYD

and painstaking work as Treasurer, to retiring Secretary Wilson for his three years of enthusiastic service, including the preparation of the program for the Kansas City meeting, and to the President and Vice-President for their activities.

Invitations were presented from Dayton, Ohio, and Chicago, to hold the 1926 meeting in those cities. An invitation was also presented from Nashville to return there in 1927. These invitations were received with appreciation and referred to the Executive Committee for final decision.

As usual, when the Club meets with the American Association, the members were enabled to attend the sessions of other organizations in whose work they were interested, or to remain over for such meetings, and thus to learn much of scientific progress during the past year. Some members also remained over to do a bit of field work and thus

tread upon ornithologically historic ground, or to visit the Kansas State University Museum, under the direction of Curator C. D. Bunker, at Lawrence. Those who remained until Thursday evening were privileged to attend the dinner of the Ecological Society of America and see several reels of motion pictures of birds and of beavers, recently made by Mr. Norman McClintock, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

The evening meeting was contributed by the W. O. C. and the I. B. B. A. especially for the general public, and was held in the Assembly Room of the handsome building of the Kansas City Life Insurance Company. This session was well attended by members and visitors. Short talks were made by the executives of the two organizations explaining the objects of each. Then came a motion picture in three reels showing the home life of the House Wren, the pictures having been made during the past summer at Cleveland, Ohio, by Mr. S. Prentiss Baldwin and Mr. T. Walter Weiseman. These pictures did not show the House Wren piercing the eggs of other birds or performing other depredations with which it has recently been charged; it was shown to be a model bird. Mr. Walter W. Bennett, of Sioux City, Iowa, then followed with a remarkable series of colored slides and motion pictures depicting "Island Bird Life" in the lake region of North Dakota. The series contained exceptionally beautiful pictures of the White Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Avocet, and several of the gulls. Mr. Bennett is a bird photographer of unusual ability.

Immediately following the adjournment of this session a considerable number of the members repaired to the beautiful home of Mrs. Manley W. Barber, to accept her kind invitation to inspect the elephant folio edition of Audubon's "Birds of America" which forms a part of her library of rare works. The plates

were found to be in a splendid state of preservation and were viewed with keen interest by those so fortunate as to be present. Mrs. Barber also exhibited a number of old Chinese paintings of birds which were of excellent technique.

The Annual Dinner was held at the University Club and was well attended by members of the two organizations and their friends. Dr. Leroy Titus Weeks gave a number of very enjoyable readings of his poems on birds and nature, and in a style very remindful of the late James Whitcomb Riley. Various members were then called upon for impromptu remarks. Coming as it did on the evening of the last day of the meeting, the affair drew to a fitting close the very successful and enjoyable Kansas City gathering.

The business session of the Inland Bird Banding Association was held, and the minutes and roster of officers for 1926 will be found on another page.

The general program which follows was carried out in detail, the presidents of the two organizations alternating with each other in presiding. Lack of space prohibits here the report of the discussions which followed many of the papers of the program.

THE KANSAS CITY PROGRAM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1925

Afternoon Session 1:30 O'clock. *Auditorium of the Lathrop Trade School, Thirteenth and Central Streets.*

1. Bird Banding in Indiana. Mr. Samuel E. Perkins III, Indianapolis. 20 minutes.
2. Banding of a Colony of Bank Swallows. Professor Dayton Stoner, University of Iowa. 30 minutes. (Lantern.)
3. A Study of a Nesting of Magnolia Warblers. Mrs. Margaret Morse Nice, Norman, Oklahoma. 25 minutes. (This paper was not presented owing to the unavoidable absence of the author, but it will be published in an early number of the BULLETIN.)
4. Kansas City as a Center of Early Ornithological Activity in the West. Professor Myron H. Swenk, University of Nebraska. 40 minutes.
5. The Banding of Gulls and Terns. Mr. Wm. I. Lyon, President of the Inland Bird Banding Association, Waukegan, Illinois. 30 minutes. (Lantern.)
6. Observations on the Relation of Snakes to Bird Life in Central Kansas. Prof. Howard K. Gloyd, Ottawa, Kansas. 25 minutes.

Evening Session, 8:00 O'clock. *Auditorium of the Kansas City Life Insurance Company, Armour Boulevard and Broadway.*

1. The Life History of the House Wren. Mr. S. Prentiss Baldwin and Mr. T. Walter Weisman, Cleveland, Ohio. 30 minutes. (Motion pictures.)
2. Island Bird Life. Mr. Walter W. Bennett, of the Sioux City Bird Club. 80 minutes. (Lantern and motion pictures.)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1925

Morning Session 9:30 O'clock. *Auditorium of the Lathrop Trade School, Thirteenth and Central Streets.*

1. Some Observations on a Green Heron Colony. Mrs. C. I. Reed, Dallas, Texas. 25 minutes. (Lantern.)

2. Three Years of Bird Banding on a College Campus. Professor J. M. Robinson, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Alabama. 25 minutes.
3. Bird Banding in a College. Professor J. W. Stack, Michigan Agricultural College, East Lansing. 30 minutes. (Lantern.)
4. Plans for Banding Franklin Gulls. Professor Wm. Rowan, University of Alberta, Edmonton. 20 minutes.
5. A Mourning Dove Study. Mr. W. B. Taber, Jr., Kansas, Illinois. 20 minutes.
6. Bird Banding in Progress and Prospect. Mr. Frederick C. Lincoln, Biological Survey, Washington, D. C. 25 minutes. (Illustrated by maps.)
7. Report of the Texas District. Mr. R. A. Gilliam, Dallas, Texas. 20 minutes.
Group photograph at 12:30 o'clock.

Afternoon Session 2:00 O'clock. *Auditorium of the Lathrop Trade School, Thirteenth and Central Streets.*

1. Banding of Black Terns. Mr. Paul W. Hoffman, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. 20 minutes. (Lantern.)
2. Bird Banding in Upper Michigan. Mr. Michael J. Magee, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. 25 minutes. (Lantern.)
3. The Banding of Swifts and Ducks. Mr. T. E. Musselman, Quincy, Illinois. 25 minutes. (Lantern.)
4. Nesting Habits of the Great Horned Owl in Tennessee. Mr. A. F. Ganier, President, Nashville, Tennessee. 30 minutes. (Lantern.)

Evening Session and Dinner, 6:30 O'clock. *University Club, 918 Baltimore Avenue.*

1. Annual Dinner of the Wilson Ornithological Club with the Inland Bird Banding Association.
2. Poetry on Wings. Dr. Leroy Titus Weeks, Dean in Tabor College, Tabor, Iowa.
3. Informal period.

Forty-nine out-of-town visitors were registered at the Kansas City meeting. The attendance on Monday morning was about fifty; at one of the other day sessions ninety-two were counted in the room. Thirty-seven attended the dinner on Tuesday evening, while a much larger number attended the Monday evening lecture and motion picture exhibition.

THE REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE AT THE KANSAS CITY MEETING

From KANSAS. C. D. Bunker, and Lyle R. Fletcher, Lawrence; Mary T. Harmon, Manhattan; Mr. and Mrs. Howard K. Gloyd, Ottawa; C. L. Harris, El Dorado; Homer A. Stephens, Emporia. From MISSOURI. Mrs. Frank A. Dawes, Mrs. B. W. Ladd, Isabella J. Clarke, Alice Bovard, John A. Bryant, Dix Teacher, Benj. F. Bolt, Myron C. Rybolt, L. B. Echals, J. L. McKee, N. Clay Harvey, Ernest W. Holmesley, of Kansas City; Anne A. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Satterthwait, Richard C. Lange, Webster Grove; Thos. B. Tracy, Parkville; P. S. Pennington, Jr., Edgar Anderson, St. Louis. From OKLAHOMA. Frank G. Brooks, Oklahoma City; Edith R. Force, Okmulgee. From TEXAS. Dr. and Mrs. C. I. Reed, Dallas. From COLORADO. John C. Johnson, Gunnison. From NEBRASKA.

Mrs. Margaret E. T. Sheldon, Professor Robt. W. Wolcott, Professor and Mrs. Myron H. Swenk, and Miss Iva B. Swenk, Lincoln; Gladys J. Shamp, Jean Berger, Louis O. Horsky, Omaha. From IOWA. Mrs. Mary L. Bailey, Mrs. H. J. Taylor, Walter W. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Stephens, Sioux City; William F. Coultas, Professor Dayton Stoner, Iowa City; Professor Harry M. Kelly, Mount Vernon; Dean Leroy Titus Weeks, Tabor. From ILLINOIS. Mr. and Mrs. Percival Brooks Coffin, Chicago; Ruth Marshall, Rockford; W. I. Lyon, Waukegan; T. E. Musselman, Quincy. From INDIANA. Samuel E. Perkins III, Indianapolis. From MICHIGAN. Gertrude C. Laing, P. W. Hunt, Professor J. W. Stack, East Lansing; Professor Frank N. Blanchard, Ann Arbor. From TENNESSEE. A. F. Ganier, Nashville. From ALABAMA. Professor J. M. Robinson, Auburn. And Mr. F. C. Lincoln, Washington, D. C.

A considerable number attended the evening meeting on Monday and the dinner on Tuesday evening who did not register.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY FOR 1925

To the Officers and Members of The Wilson Club:

I beg to submit herewith a report of my activities for the year 1925. A drive for new members has been maintained throughout the year, during which time several hundred of our standard letters of invitation have been mailed to parties fitted for membership. Other officers and members have assisted to some extent in this work and as a result I am submitting herewith a list of 81 new members to the Club. The list is composed of 64 associates, 16 actives and 1 sustaining member, distributed by states as follows: Alabama 2, Arkansas 1, Canada 3, Illinois 5, Indiana 3, Iowa 32, Kansas 1, Kentucky 4, Michigan 4, Minnesota 1, Mississippi 1, Nebraska 1, New York 3, North Carolina 1, Ohio 6, Oklahoma 2, Pennsylvania 1, South Dakota 1, Tennessee 9, Texas 2, Virginia 1, Wisconsin 1.

Those responsible for obtaining these new members are as follows: Gordon Wilson 36, T. C. Stephens 26, A. F. Ganier 4, Wm. I. Lyon 4, Lynds Jones 4, Chas. J. Spiker 2, J. M. Robinson, J. Van Tyne, Ben J. Blincoe, James Suthard, Mrs. E. F. Chilcott, R. A. Gilliam, F. C. Willard, Burtis H. Wilson, one each.

Each month, in accordance with the Club's vote of last fall, I have made a report of all receipts and expenditures to our Treasurer, as shown by his report.

Thirty-two members have come to us this year from Iowa. It will be observed, also, that our members are coming largely from our legitimate territory, the Mississippi Basin. Twenty members have come from the South, where we are still none too well represented. Our organization is growing in interest and enthusiasm throughout its range, thanks to the interest of our members. The drive for funds early in the year is a fair indication of the regard in which The Wilson Club is held by the various types of bird students who form its membership.

In closing my three years of service as Secretary, I wish to thank the officers and members and well-wishers of our organization for the co-operation shown me and for the enthusiastic response given to all our demands and requests for help and assistance. I regard my connection with the Club as one of the high points in my life.

With the heartiest good wishes for the continued success of the W. O. C., I am,

Very cordially yours,

GORDON WILSON, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR 1925

Dayton, Ohio, January 24, 1926.

RECEIPTS FOR 1925

Cash on hand January 1, 1925.....	\$ 35.67	
Associate dues	345.00	
Active dues	472.00	
Sustaining dues	355.00	
Oberlin College Exchanges.....	48.00	
Subscriptions	29.60	
Contributions to "Better Bulletin Club".....	405.89	
Contribution for cuts.....	25.00	
From W. E. Hoffman for reprints.....	6.50	
Sale of back numbers of WILSON BULLETIN.....	48.71	
		\$1,771.37
Cash in bank January 1, 1926.....		251.18
		\$1,520.19

DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1925

Secretary's office, month by month.....	\$ 71.10	
President's circular letter in February.....	14.60	
Treasurer's office, printing and postage.....	22.20	
Printing for the Nashville meeting.....	11.75	
News Printing Co., balance due.....	574.79	
Rubber stamps for editor.....	2.70	
Editor's postage in 1924.....	8.74	
Check returned unpaid.....	1.50	
Freight on supply of Bulletins Oberlin to Sioux City and addressing of June Bulletins.....	6.52	
Addressograph plates and supplies, making stencils for mailing list, and addressing for March Bulletin.....	52.76	
Addressing the September Bulletin, and making corrections in mailing list	6.30	
Verstegen Printing Co., 4,000 mailing envelopes and 300 reprint order slips.....	32.50	
Verstegen Printing Co., March, June, and September Bulletins, including cuts	694.04	
Cost of mailing the Bulletin in 1925.....	20.69	
		\$1,520.19

Respectfully submitted,

BEN J. BLINCOE, *Treasurer.*

Kansas City, Mo., December 27, 1925.

The Treasurer's report has been examined and found to be correct.

P. B. COFFIN, *Auditor.*