

ANNUAL REPORTS

REPORT OF THE RETIRING TREASURER

Balance as shown by last report dated Dec. 31, 1942 ...\$	334.48
Receipts, Dec. 31, 1942 to Feb. 27, 1943	
Dues:	
Associate	125.50
Active	76.50
Sustaining	20.00
Subscriptions to <i>The Wilson Bulletin</i>	87.25
Sale of back numbers of <i>The Wilson Bulletin</i>50
Miscellaneous receipts	3.15
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Total	\$647.38
Disbursements	
Editor's expense: postage, mailing	16.20
Treasurer's expense: express50
Bank charges	1.20
Bad checks returned	7.00
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Total disbursements	24.90
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Balance turned over to new treasurer, Milton B. Trautman, Feb. 27, 1943	\$622.48
ENDOWMENT FUND	
Balance in savings account as shown by last report dated Dec. 31, 1942	\$ 815.05
Interest on U. S. Postal Savings Coupon Bonds	9.75
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Total savings account	\$ 824.80
Bonds at purchase value as shown by last report	2261.25
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Total savings account, and bonds at purchase value, turned over to new treasurer, Milton B. Trautman, June 21, 1943	\$3086.05

Respectfully submitted,

June 21, 1943

GUSTAV SWANSON, *retiring Treasurer*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR 1943

Our financial status on January 1, 1944, appears satisfactory despite increasing printing costs and the slight decrease in membership. Our balance is considerably higher than last year.

Cash transferred from former treasurer Feb. 27, 1943	\$ 622.48
Receipts Feb. 28, to Dec. 31, 1943	
Dues	
Associate	1303.81
Active	1067.90
Sustaining	231.40
Subscriptions to <i>The Wilson Bulletin</i>	116.50
Contributions	51.00
Sale of back numbers of <i>The Wilson Bulletin</i>	40.75
Miscellaneous Receipts75
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TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$3,434.59

Disbursements:

The <i>Wilson Bulletin</i> : printing, engraving, mailing	\$2,332.13
Editor's expense: postage, mailing, secretarial aid	142.22
President's expense	2.50
Secretary's expense: stationery, postage, clerical aid	62.77
Treasurer's expense: postage, printing, clerical aid	142.60
Membership Committee expense: postage, printing	131.22
Bank charges	17.31
Foreign exchanges96
Bad checks returned	2.00
Reprints	7.57

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

\$2,841.28

Balance on hand in Ohio National Bank, Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 31, 1943	\$ 593.31
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ENDOWMENT FUND

Cash balance transferred from former treasurer, June 21, 1943	\$824.80
Received by present treasurer Feb. 28 to Dec. 31, 1943:	
Interest on U. S. Postal Savings Coupon Bonds ..	9.75
New Life Members	375.00
Total receipts	\$1,209.55
Purchase of U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G., Sept. 1, 1943	1,000.00
Balance in savings account, Ohio National Bank, Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 31, 1943	\$ 209.55
Bonds on deposit in safety deposit box, Ohio National Bank, Columbus, Ohio	
U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, purchased Sept. 1, 1943	\$1,000.00
<i>Bonds transferred from former treasurer:</i>	
U. S. Postal Savings Coupon Bonds, dated July 1, 1935	780.00
U. S. Savings Bonds (maturity value May 31, 1945: \$900.00), purchase value	675.00
U. S. Savings Bonds (maturity value Aug. 1, 1948: \$1,075), purchase value	806.25
Total endowment fund	\$3,470.80

Respectfully submitted,

December 31, 1943

MILTON B. TRAUTMAN, *Treasurer*

REPORT OF THE ILLUSTRATIONS COMMITTEE

The Illustrations Committee has aided the Editor in a limited way during the past year in securing photographs for reproduction in the *Bulletin*. Also, the chairman has acted in an advisory capacity regarding certain illustrations considered for use in the *Bulletin*. Richard Grossenheider, Karl Maslowski, and Roger T. Peterson of this Committee are now in the armed forces.

Respectfully submitted,

January 13, 1944

W. J. BRECKENRIDGE, *Chairman*

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY FOR 1943

The Wilson Club, despite a second straight year without a formal meeting of our members, has enjoyed a fairly prosperous and successful year during 1943. Our club year closes (as of December 1) with our rolls showing a membership of 1,028, a net loss for the year of 26 members. We lost from all causes during the year 169 members. New members received totaled 143, of whom 8 are Sustaining Members, 27 are Active and 108 Associates.

Our membership by classes is now distributed as follows: there are three living Founders; and we have 19 Life Members, 45 Sustaining Members, 334 Active Members, and 627 Associate Members.

Our success in maintaining a membership at very near the level of normal times must be credited in large part to the interest and devotion of our members, but a great amount of the credit must go to Richard L. Weaver and his active Membership Committee. The Secretary would like to take this official means of expressing to him and to his Committee the heartfelt thanks of the Wilson Club, and to wish for him the greatest success in his new work. The new Chairman of the Membership Committee, F. M. Baumgartner, is also commended to our members, actual and prospective, with the hope that his relations will be pleasant ones in his present capacity. Special thanks are also due to the men and women in the armed services who have devotedly maintained their Wilson Club membership.

The election of officers, conducted by mail again this year, has resulted as follows:

President: S. Charles Kendeigh

First Vice-President: Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr.

Second Vice-President: Harrison F. Lewis

Secretary: Maurice G. Brooks

Treasurer: Milton B. Trautman

Councillors: Burt L. Monroe, Eugene P. Odum, Lawrence H. Walkinshaw.

Josselyn Van Tyne was re-elected Editor of *The Wilson Bulletin* by unanimous vote of the Council.

The Secretary wishes to thank the many officers and members of the Club for their continuing assistance to him, and to the organization. It is to be hoped that we may, by 1945, be able to resume our Annual Meetings, since many of us miss these pleasant contacts more, perhaps, than we had thought possible until we no longer had them.

Respectfully submitted,

March 1, 1944

MAURICE G. BROOKS, *Secretary*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

At its annual meeting last April the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology voted unanimously in favor of affiliation with the Wilson Club. We welcome them as our latest affiliate.

During the past year, accounts of the activities of the Inland Bird Banding Association, the Georgia Ornithological Society, the Virginia Ornithological Society, and the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology have been published in the *Wilson Bulletin*, and we hope that such news notes from affiliated societies may continue to appear in the *Bulletin*.

W. E. Scott has left to enter the armed services, and his successor as a member of the committee has not yet been named.

The committee asks for suggestions on ways in which affiliation can be made more active and vital.

Respectfully submitted,

January 18, 1944

GORDON M. MEADE, M.D., *Chairman*

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

During 1943 the Wilson Club Library received gifts of 18 books, 938 periodicals, 127 reprints, and 24 pamphlets. Among the books were five of Bent's *Life Histories*, raising the total of these to ten. Those lacking now are the *Diving Birds*, *Petrels and Pelicans*, *Marsh Birds*, and *Birds of Prey*, part 1. The largest single contribution was a collection of 725 copies of natural history magazines from Mr. R. M. Barnes, of Lacon, Illinois. The Library has at present about 145 books, 55 current periodicals, and 3,000 reprints and miscellaneous publications. For a fuller account see the September number of the *Bulletin* (pp. 208-211). There has been some increase in the use of the Library by members of the Club, but there is plenty of opportunity for greater use, and members are cordially invited to send for publications, or inquire about what is available. During the coming year we hope to publish a list of the periodicals currently received by the Library.

We wish to pay tribute to a former member of the Library Committee, Mr. Bayard H. Christy, whose death occurred last year.

Respectfully submitted,

February 29, 1944

HARRY W. HANN, *Chairman*

NEW LIFE MEMBER



LAWRENCE H. WALKINSHAW graduated from Olivet College and the University of Michigan Dental School and is a practicing dentist in Battle Creek. He began studying birds systematically in 1918, and his investigations of bird life histories have since taken him to Tennessee, Florida, Mississippi, Utah, Oregon, Idaho, and Alberta. The resulting publications have contributed greatly to our knowledge of the Field Sparrow, Prothonotary Warbler, and other species. At present he is working on a monograph on the Sandhill Crane. He is a Member of the A.O.U. and is on the Council of the Wilson Club.

THE WILSON BULLETIN PUBLICATION DATES

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