

## EDITORIAL

James Boswell Young has found it impossible to continue as Secretary of the Club and Chairman of the Program Committee. To fill these vacancies until the next regular election of officers, the Executive Council has appointed Harold Mayfield of Toledo, Ohio.

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## OBITUARY

ALBERT KENRICK FISHER, a Founder of the American Ornithologists' Union, died in Washington, D.C., on June 12, 1948, at the age of ninety-two. Although trained in medicine, he early turned his attention to ornithology, and in 1885 was, with his chief, C. Hart Merriam, a founder of the "Section of Ornithology" of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Division of Entomology (the "Section" later becoming the Bureau of Biological Survey and finally a part of the Fish and Wildlife Service). The importance of his work in economic ornithology and in the study of animal distribution was recognized by his election to the presidency of the American Ornithologists' Union in 1914. A list of his scientific contributions (some 150 notes, reviews, articles, and bulletins) was published in the *Proceedings of the Biological Society of Washington* (39:21-28) on his seventieth birthday, March 21, 1926.

FREDERICK WOODS HAECKER, engineer and ornithologist, died March 23, 1948, in Salt Lake City at the age of forty-five. He was a graduate of the Colorado School of Mines but became a river engineer on the Missouri. From 1941 to 1946 he edited *The Nebraska Bird Review*, and he was senior author of the most recent check-list of the birds of Nebraska (1945). He had been a member of the Wilson Ornithological Club for thirty years and was Chairman of its Committee on Affiliated Societies.

EDWIN LINCOLN MOSELEY, Professor Emeritus of Biology at Bowling Green State University (Ohio), died June 6, 1948, aged eighty-three. In 1885 he received the A.M. degree from the University of Michigan, and in 1887 went to the Philippines with the Steere Expedition. He afterward described two new flycatchers which he discovered there (*Ibis*, 1891), and his name was given to a kingfisher, *Halcyon lindsayi moseleyi* (Steere), from Negros Island. He was head of the Department of Biology of Bowling Green State University from 1914 until his retirement in 1936. In 1932 he served as Vice-President of the Wilson Ornithological Club.

## ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

Jean Delacour has been elected an Honorary Member and Ernst Mayr a Foreign Member of the British Ornithologists' Union.

Gustav Swanson, formerly Treasurer of the Wilson Ornithological Club, will be the head of the newly organized Department of Conservation at Cornell University.

Richard H. Pough has been appointed Curator of Conservation and Use of Natural Resources at the American Museum of Natural History.

Dwain W. Warner has taken the editorship of *The Flicker*, official organ of the Minnesota Ornithologists' Union.

### WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Wilson Ornithological Club, formerly an associate, is now an affiliate, society of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

As an affiliated society we have the privilege of nominating a member of the Club who is also a fellow of the Association to represent the Club on the Association Council.

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Several years ago, the Wilson Ornithological Club contributed to the support of the Committee for the Preservation of Natural Conditions, of the Ecologists' Society of America. The work of this committee has now been transferred to the recently-established Ecologists' Union, and we have received an invitation to join that organization.

By a unanimous vote of the Executive Council, the Wilson Ornithological Club has accepted institutional membership and will contribute four dollars annual membership fee.

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In memory of S. Morris Pell, talented bird artist, one hundred dollars has been given to the Wilson Ornithological Club. The donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, has requested that the gift be used to help promising young bird artists. President Pettingill has asked the Research Committee to make the award.

### NEW LIFE MEMBER

EUGENE EISENMANN, President of the Linnaean Society of New York, received degrees from Harvard College and the Harvard Law School and is now a practicing lawyer in New York City. His particular avocational interests are in conservation of natural resources and the avifauna of Panama, where, as a child, he first became interested in birds. He is a member of several scientific societies and has published a number of articles and notes in ornithological journals. Members of the Wilson Ornithological Club will remember the stimulating article on vernacular nomenclature which Mr. Eisenmann wrote jointly with Hustace H. Poor and published in the December 1946 issue of the *Bulletin*.

