

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANNUAL MEETING

NOTE: This is the official announcement of the annual meeting. No individual letters of announcement will be mailed but, as in the past, the completed program will be sent to members a short time in advance of the meeting.

*Place and time.* The Thirty-second Annual Meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Club will be held in Davenport, Iowa, Friday and Saturday, April 27-28, 1951. Headquarters will be the Davenport Public Museum, at 704 Brady Street. On Thursday evening, April 26, the Executive Council will meet. On Sunday, April 29, there will be organized field trips.

*Davenport and how to reach it.* Davenport, with a population of over 73,000, is on the Mississippi River 165 miles west of Chicago, 237 miles north of St. Louis, 331 miles south of St. Paul, and 177 miles east of Des Moines. It is on the main line of the Rock Island Railroad. The cities of Rock Island, Moline, and East Moline, just across the river in Illinois, join with Davenport in forming the Quad-Cities, a population area of over 200,000. The four cities, which are the center of the farm machine industry of the world, are connected by three bridges, those at either end being toll bridges, that in the middle a government 'free' drawbridge passing over Arsenal Island, the home of the Rock Island Arsenal. From this bridge there is an excellent view of the great roller dam and locks. Several city parks furnish good local birding. Credit Island Park, in the Mississippi, can be reached from the west part of Davenport. This park is highly recommended for birding unless flood waters happen to make it inaccessible. In April ducks, grebes, cormorants, herons and early migratory land birds are likely to be seen there.

*The Davenport Public Museum.* Registration, exhibits, and all sessions except the Annual Dinner will be at the Museum unless otherwise announced. The Museum was founded as the Davenport Academy of Science in 1867. Since 1877 it has been housed in the present central building. It contains outstanding collections representing local Indian cultures, Mississippi River history, and the civilizations of Japan, other oriental countries, and ancient Egypt. The collection of Peruvian pottery is notable. The natural science material is old but fairly representative. Among the mounted birds are many from the mid-western United States, Central America, and Japan. Once recognized internationally, the Museum has passed through a comparatively inactive period, but is now very much on the move. Its building program for the future is impressive.

*Sessions.* Sessions will begin at 9:00 A.M. and continue until about 5:00 P.M.

*Special Events.* There will be an exhibition of paintings by contemporary bird artists. It is hoped that all living American bird artists will be represented. Artists who wish to contribute should communicate, before January 1, with the Exhibit Committee, Davenport Public Museum, 704 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa. It is to be hoped that members of the Wilson Club will see to it that all young and unknown artists have a place in this show.

Several artists are being asked to contribute original paintings and drawings of birds for an auction. These pictures will be offered at opening prices set by the artists. The difference between the opening prices and sale prices will go toward the *Wilson Bulletin* color-plate fund. Thus Club members will have an opportunity to acquire original paintings and at the same time to enhance the *Bulletin*.

An informal reception will be held in the Museum on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Those attending may view the exhibit of bird art and meet the artists in attendance. Museum displays may also be inspected at this time, and guides will be provided.

The Annual Dinner will be held in the Gold Room of the Hotel Blackhawk at 7 o'clock Saturday evening. A short period of entertainment will precede the President's address.

*Meeting of the Council.* The Executive Council (all officers, all past presidents, and three elective members) will meet at the Museum on Thursday evening, April 26, at 7:30 o'clock. The Secretary requests that the Chairman of the several Committees send their written reports to him by April 15 so that these may be discussed by the Council.

*Accommodations.* All members are requested to write directly, to the hotel, and as soon as possible, for accommodations. Prices are:

	<i>Single</i>	<i>Double</i>
Hotel Blackhawk	\$3.75 up	\$5.25 up
Hotel Mississippi	4.00 up	6.00 up
Hotel Davenport	2.50 up	4.00 up
Hotel Dempsey	1.75 up	2.75 up
Hotel St. James	2.00 up	3.00 up

There are also numerous motels, tourist rooms and lower-priced hotels. The Local Committee will make every possible effort to arrange for suitable quarters of this sort. Write the Housing Committee, in care of the Museum, stating your desires. Special arrangements may be made for a limited number of students who write in advance.

*Field Trips.* The major attraction for bird students in the Mississippi Valley in late April is the migration of ducks and geese. Points of concentration for these waterfowl vary considerably with the season and final arrangements will be announced at the meeting. Trips will be provided to the best possible areas within a reasonable distance of Davenport. In late April of 1950 between five and ten thousand geese (Canada, Blue, Snow, and a few White-fronted and Hutchins's) could be seen near Savannah, Illinois, about forty miles north of the Quad-City area.

*Hosts.* Host organizations for this meeting are the Davenport Public Museum, the Tri-City Bird Club, and the Iowa Ornithologists' Union. The Local Com-

mittee in charge of Arrangements is as follows:

Chairman: Fred T. Hall, Davenport

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carl, Davenport	Norwood Hazard, Davenport
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Mrs. Marian Hawes, Moline	Harold B. Yeaton, Davenport

*Application for a Position on the Program*

Members who have not yet published on their research, or who have motion pictures or slides of special interest, are urged to apply for a place on the program. Papers will be selected for their timely interest and their contribution to ornithology. In selecting papers, the Secretary will be assisted by the Local Committee and by other officers of the Club. Members who have nothing themselves to present may be able to suggest outstanding papers which the Secretary can secure for this meeting.

If you would like to appear on the program at Davenport, please write to the Secretary, Harold F. Mayfield, 2557 Portsmouth Avenue, Toledo 13, Ohio, not later than March 1, 1951. Please note that no more than one paper may be presented by any one member. A paper accompanied by motion pictures must not exceed 30 minutes. A paper accompanied by slides must not exceed 20 minutes. A paper without pictures must not exceed 15 minutes. A limited time for discussion will follow each paper.

In writing the Secretary, please supply *all* of the following information:

1. *Title of paper.* Give the title exactly as you want it to appear on the program.
2. *Abstract.* Prepare an abstract of your paper—brief, but sufficiently complete so that it may be used by the Local Committee for publicity and by the Secretary in preparing the meeting's proceedings.
3. *Time required.*
4. *Position.* State if it is essential that you appear at a particular time.
5. *Special equipment needed.* Blackboard, map hanger, pointer, etc.
6. *Motion pictures.* If your paper is to be illustrated with motion pictures give the following information: Size (16 mm. or 35 mm.). Color or black and white. Total footage. Number of reels. Size of reels.
7. *Slides.* If your paper is to be illustrated with slides, give the following information: Size ( $3\frac{1}{4}''$  x 4'', or 2'' x 2''). Color or black-and-white. Number of slides.
8. *Name.* Please write your name exactly as you wish it to appear on the program. Titles before names will not be used.
9. *Address.* Include the name of the institution with which you are asso-

ciated, if any. The name of this institution will appear after your name on the program.

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