

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club, 1918

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January 3, 1918. The twenty-eighth annual meeting of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

President—Henry W. Fowler,
Vice-President—George H. Stuart, 3rd,
Treasurer—Samuel C. Palmer,
Secretary—J. Fletcher Street.

Twenty-five members and two visitors present. Dr. Stone read a paper entitled "Vincent Barnard, an Early Pennsylvania Ornithologist," compiled from the manuscripts of Mr. C. J. Pennock. Extracts from Barnard's diary were read, evoking much interest and amusement.

January 17, 1918. One visitor and twenty-five members present. The following committees were appointed: Auditing Committee, Rehn and Stone; Field Committee, Messrs. Baily, Scoville and Street; Publication Committee, Messrs. Trotter, Cope and Morris. Mr. John D. Carter addressed the members upon the subject, "Pocono Bird Notes of 1917," describing his recent observations of some of the rarer of Pocono birds during the past summer.

February 7, 1918. One visitor and twenty-two members present. Mr. Samuel N. Rhoads gave a very interesting talk on "John Abbot, the Georgian Naturalist and his Portfolio of Bird Paintings." His remarks pertained to the activities of this early naturalist, and his work upon birds, tortoises, turtles, etc. A large collection of bird plates with very interesting local names of species was exhibited.

February 21, 1918. Twenty-two members present. Dr. Spencer Trotter made the communication of the evening, speaking upon the subject, "College Ornithology." The speaker, by charts and lantern slides, explained his methods of introducing the subject of ornithology to college students. Mr. Rhoads mentioned a collection of birds at Medford, N. J., obtained near that locality and containing some rare specimens.

March 7, 1918. Twenty-four members in attendance. Mr. Arthur Miles Sherrill, Delmar-Morris Apartments, Germantown, was elected to Associate Membership. Dr. Stone addressed the meeting on "Additional Observations on Cape May Birds," giving an historical account of the early settlement of the Cape May Peninsula, and mentioned such species as the Mocking Bird, Short-billed Marsh Wren, Henslow's Sparrow and Black Rail as now credited with nesting in this vicinity.

March 21, 1918. One visitor and eighteen members present. Dr. Samuel C. Palmer gave a very interesting communication entitled "Birds in Literature," pointing out that the use of vernacular names by the majority of our poets often led to a mistaken identity of the species intended. Several quotations referring to the birds in question were read.

April 4, 1918. Two visitors and twenty-two members present. Mr. Julian K. Potter gave a communication on "Owls and Owling," describing the life habits during the winter months of the Barn Owl, Short-eared Owl and Saw-whet Owl. Mr. J. F. Street followed, speaking upon the subject, "Hawks and Owls," and described the nesting haunts and habits of the Great-horned Owl, Barn Owl, Eagle and several species of Hawks.

April 18, 1918. Four visitors and twenty-five members present. The meeting was addressed by Dr. Witmer Stone upon the subject "Further Notes on South Carolina Birds." His remarks pertained to observations made in the vicinity of Otranto, Columbia and Manning during the early days of May, 1917. Among the notable birds observed and especially men-

tioned were the Prothonotary Warbler, Shrike and Blue Grosbeak.

May 2, 1918. Two visitors and twenty-three members present. Mr. James A. G. Rehn addressed the meeting upon the subject, "Notes upon the Birds of Southern Arizona." The speaker described a trip taken the early summer of 1916 through the country adjacent to Tucson, Pima Co., Arizona. The talk was illustrated by lantern slides and the communication was commented upon by the members.

May 16, 1918. Twenty members present. Mr. J. Franklin Styer made a review of "The Status of the Mockingbird about Philadelphia," giving a complete record of the observance of the species in the locality over an extended period of years. Wilson and Bartram first remarked about the species in 1810. A "Discussion on the Migrant Warblers" followed, by Mr. George S. Morris.

October 3, 1918. One visitor and fourteen members present. It was resolved to hold but one meeting per month during the remaining period of the war. Mr. Samuel Scoville, Jr., spoke upon the subject "In Audubon Land," describing the country adjacent to Oakes, in the Perkiomen Valley. A record of Audubon's associations with this district was reviewed and several interesting episodes of his sojourn there were noted. Mr. Conrad Rowland gave an "Illustration of Bird Subjects" from original drawings.

November 7, 1918. One visitor and twenty members present. Dr. Witmer Stone addressed the meeting upon the subject "Bird Life of the Panama Canal Zone." The speaker dwelt especially upon a collection from this district made by the late L. L. Jewel, and which is now in the Academy collection. The deaths of our fellow associates, Charles Platt 3rd, and Archibald Benners were announced, the latter having been killed in action in France.

December 5, 1918. Three visitors and twenty-five members present. The following were elected to Associate Membership :

Alfred R. Allen, 2013 Spruce St.

G. Gordon Mahy, Jr., 4809 Warrington Ave.

Howard P. Hottle, 430 W. Bringham St., Germantown.

A. C. Gardner, 1805 Market St., Wilmington, Del.

The meeting was addressed by Mr. Samuel N. Rhoads upon the subject "Old Bird Book Reminiscences." The speaker described the early experiences and environments which developed his growing interest in ornithology. Dr. Stone exhibited a copy of William Beebe's "Monograph of Pheasants," a volume beautifully illustrated by well-known bird artists.