

## Abstract of the Proceedings of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club

*January 6, 1938.* 48th Annual Meeting, with a record attendance of 54 members and 24 visitors. At the active session the office holders were re-elected for the current year as follows:

*President*, Arthur C. Emlen  
*V. President*, Warton Huber  
*Treasurer*, Henry T. Underdown  
*Secretary*, N. J. McDonald

Dr. C. Brooke Worth was appointed Editor of *Cassinia*.

Dr. Stone addressed the Club on "Ornithologists I have known," with brief accounts of early ornithologists and personal and intimate recollections of his many contemporary associates.

*January 20, 1938.* 28 members and 12 visitors present. The following committees were appointed:

**PUBLICATION:** Dr. C. Brooke Worth, Dr. Witmer Stone; **FIELD TRIP:** Hampton L. Carson, Jr., Frederick C. Schmid, Jr., John Hess, Julian K. Potter; **COMMUNICATIONS:** Dr. C. Brooke Worth, Dr. Witmer Stone, Dr. Ernest A. Choate.

Dr. Ernest A. Choate spoke again on the subject "Bird Words," devoting himself on this occasion to land birds. The talk, which continued a study of the etymology of shore bird names, included the derivation of a great number of scientific and common names. A twelve page pamphlet on the subject was distributed to the members.

*February 3, 1938.* 34 members and 18 visitors present. Dr. C. Brooke Worth spoke under the title "The Incubation Period of the Great Auk's Egg." This was a complicated study in mathematics, and, based on a relation between the incubation period and the size of an egg. Worth was able to finally project the incubation period of the Great Auk's egg at 44.5 days. Much discussion followed the advancement of this theory.

*February 17, 1938.* 46 members and 20 visitors attended this meeting. The speaker, Mr. Maurice Broun, spoke on "High-lights and Side-lights on Hawk Mountain Sanctuary," based on his experience as Warden. In addition to the history of this highly successful project, he told of the 10,000 visitors in four years and reported many interesting flight records, both as to species and numbers. Color movies illustrated the talk, and additional reels of Mexican views followed.

*March 3, 1938.* 34 members and 21 visitors present. Robert H. J. Creighton, Julian W. Hill, Elmer Highley, and Edward P. Thatcher were elected to Associate Membership. A letter was read from Major Nicholas Biddle stating that the killing of snowy owls at Tinicum by game protectors had been for educational purposes.

The speaker of the evening, Mr. Hampton L. Carson, Jr. had as his subject "Bird Evolution." The development of the bird up from its reptilian ancestry was traced and illustrated by means of charts and lantern slides.

*March 17, 1938.* 34 members and 20 visitors present. Dr. C. Brooke Worth spoke of a theory that the American Egret is a carrier of Equine Encephalitis.

Mr. J. Fletcher Street, as speaker of the evening, made the first public announcement of the discovery of 425 birdskins, comprising 228 species, formerly the property of the benefactor and friend of Audubon, Edward Harris of Moorestown. Mr. Street told of the association between the great artist-naturalist and Harris and of the discovery of the latter's journals. He proposed that the D. V. O. C. publish the journals.

*April 7, 1938.* A total of 58 members and visitors attended. Mr. Albert Conway spoke on the subject "Bird Psychology" based partly on his experience as a bird bander. Conway reported a number of incidents which might indicate the existence of intelligence among the birds. His talk set off a lively after-discussion.

*April 21, 1938.* 41 members and 23 visitors present. The speaker of the evening, Mr. E. Perot Walker, related his experience with Commander McMillan on a trip to the Arctic Circle. While the object of the trip had been primarily botanical, careful notes on the birds observed were kept. The talk was illustrated with motion pictures.

*May 5, 1938.* 45 members and 23 visitors met after viewing the Academy's exhibition of the paintings of Audubon. Mr. William Vogt, the speaker, was the first in a series of exchange speakers arranged with the Linnaean Society of New York. Under the title "The Behavior of the Willet." Mr. Vogt reported a long and intimate investigation of the Willet colony at Fortescue, N. J. Careful studies of sex determination, courtship, territorialism and colony habits were made.

*May 19, 1938.* 41 members and 22 visitors attended this final Spring meeting. The meeting program was made up of a symposium of local notes. Dr. Earnest A. Choate gave a detailed report of the Sixth D. V. O. C. round-up on May 15 which recorded 92 species in the Philadelphia region, 162 species in the Delaware Valley and 188 in the entire territory covered.

*October 6, 1938.* 36 members and 21 visitors attended the first Fall meeting. Mr. William L. Baily appointed the Club custodian for this collection of 691 bird negatives. Summer records and local notes made up the program.

*October 20, 1938.* 37 members and 65 visitors present. Mr. Julian K. Potter led the discussion on "Bird Roosts and Roosting Birds." He told of the discovery of a roost at Berlin, N. J. with 30,000 Purple Martins, 10,000 Starlings and lesser numbers of other species. Mr. John A. Gillespie read a spirited description of a visit to the Berlin roost as written by Mrs. Gillespie. Other large roosts were commented on.

*November 3, 1938.* 37 members and 28 visitors attended. It was an-

nounced that Dr. C. Brooke Worth had been promoted to Active Membership and that the following Associates were elected: Jacob A. Emery, Philadelphia, Charles E. Price, Jr., Moylan, James P. Rigby, Media, Edward H. Rigby, Media.

Various members reported on the annual meeting of the A. O. U. in Washington, October 18-21.

*November 17, 1938.* 42 members and 26 visitors present. A projection screen and black board were put into the service of the Club. The speaker of the evening, Mr. Philip A. Livingston, titled his talk "Puffins, Eiders and Lobsters," reporting on two vacation trips to the Grand Manan archipelago. The talk was illustrated with photographs and slides made by the speaker and Mr. Norman J. McDonald.

*December 1, 1938.* 36 members and 21 visitors present. "Tropical Bird Populations" was the subject of Dr. C. Brooke Worth's talk in which he evolved some theories of breeding habits of birds in the Tropics. A lively discussion followed.

*December 15, 1938.* 32 members and 20 visitors present. "Ferns and Birds" by Dr. Samuel Palmer dealt with the broad knowledge of all phases of nature formerly enjoyed by ornithologists and now largely lost in specialization. His recent interest in ferns led Dr. Palmer to paint some 72 species, which were exhibited for the enjoyment of the Club.

*January 5, 1939.* 42 members and 40 visitors present at the 49th Annual Meeting. Officers were elected as follows:

*President,* Wharton Huber  
*Vice-Pres.,* John Gillespie  
*Secretary,* N. J. McDonald  
*Treasurer,* Henry Underdown

"Color in Bermuda" was the topic of Mr. John Hess, illustrated with Kodachrome slides and movies. Mr. Daniel Pratt Mannix spoke on "Falcons in Action" illustrated by motion pictures and slides. Mr. Mannix named Philadelphia as the center of the revived interest in falconry. An amusing illustrated, talk by Mr. Norman J. McDonald followed entitled "Profiles." It brought many laughs at the expense of the members mentioned.

*January 19, 1939.* 40 members and 19 visitors present. Appointment was made of a field trip committee consisting of Moore, chairman, Rolston and Weyl, and a communications committee made up of Dr. Worth, chairman, Dr. Stone and Dr. Choate.

Mr. Allan D. Cruickshank, exchange speaker from the Linnaean Society, gave an illustrated talk on "Little Known Florida." The talk was supported by a series of Mr. Cruickshank's superlative hand-colored slides of Florida bird life vividly described by the speaker. Most of the pictures were made in the Kissimmee Prairie region and on the west shore of Lake Okeechobee.

*February 2, 1939.* 38 members and 25 visitors present. The Speaker, Mr. John D. Carter, told of "Glimpses of Western Birds." Without aid of slide or movies Mr. Carter gave a vivid account, in great detail of an automo-

bile trip through the West, for the study of new species and the collection of nests and eggs for the Westtown School.

*February 16, 1939.* 51 members and 23 visitors attended. Mr. Huber spoke of the new "Audubon Hall" planned as the bird room of the Academy. The Club agreed to solicit contributions toward this project.

"Moving Pictures of Birds" presented three reels of 8 mm. colored motion pictures taken and described by Mr. Randolph Ashton. 68 species were recorded, largely in his own neighborhood of Morrisville, Pa.

*March 2, 1939.* 38 members and 22 visitors present and it was proposed to prepare a revision of the By-Laws of the Club. The following Associate Members were elected: Franklin H. West, Narbeth, Pa., Frederick A. Ulmer, Philadelphia, Pa., David R. Whitten, Wyncote, Pa., Stephen Daly, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. Samuel L. Cresson spoke on "Ecological Studies of Birds and Small Mammals at the Rocky Mountain Biological Station" and displayed three reels of colored movies of wildlife taken in the vicinity of Gothic, Colorado.

*March 16, 1939.* 46 members and 31 visitors present. Mr. Edward J. Reimann spoke on "The Southwest Florida coast," based on his experience as a warden for the National Association of Audubon Societies. Mr. Reimann gave a vivid account of his work on the patrol and of the teeming bird life at Shark River, Cape Sable and other spots in that region.

*April 6, 1939.* 29 members and 12 visitors present. The speaker of the evening, Mr. David E. Davis of Swarthmore College, discussed "Social Nesting Habits of *Crotophaga Ani* in Cuba." In addition to the habits described in the title Mr. Davis gave the members an interesting life history of the Ani. Discussion followed.

*April 20, 1939.* This meeting was held jointly with the Philadelphia Botanical Club in celebration of the bicentennial anniversary of the birth of William Bartram. The presence of ladies at the meeting was a rather exciting event.

Dr. Francis Harper explained the reason for the selection of April 20 as Bartram's birthday instead of February 9 as formerly accepted. Mr. Arthur Emlen read a paper written by Dr. Witmer Stone entitled "William Bartram as a Zoologist" to which Dr. Harper made supplementary remarks by referring to articles in various publications. Dr. Harper then described "A Bartramian Pilgrimage in Georgia." Together with the late Arthur Leeds, Dr. Harper retraced portions of the travels of John and William Bartram and used the occasion to search for the lost Franklin tree.

Dr. Francis W. Pennell spoke on "William Bartram's Contributions to Botany." He read excerpts from Bartram's writings and exhibited about 20 specimens of plants collected by Bartram. Upon adjournment of the meeting a number of the members inspected an exhibit of Bartramia.

*May 4, 1939.* 43 members and 21 visitors present. The death of Associate Member Horace W. Rolston was announced. Mr. J. Fletcher Street spoke of "My Five Year Plan." This proved to be an outline for a five year study of

the bird life within a five mile radius with Beverly, N. J. as a center. A detailed explanation of the lists, charts graphs and records necessary for such a study was given.

*May 18, 1939.* 40 members and 19 visitors attended the last meeting of the Spring series. The program consisted of a report by Mr. Stephen Daly on the annual Spring round-up of May 14. The report showed that 63 observers in 24 parties recorded 214 species in the entire region, of which 163 were in the Philadelphia area. Mr. Julian K. Potter had the highest individual record with a list of 130 in Southern New Jersey.

*October 5, 1939.* 42 members and 17 visitors present. There was no formal program, "Field Notes, Summer 1939" being the topic discussed by many members. Mr. Henry T. Underdown told of his experiences at the A.O.U. meeting in San Francisco.

*October 19, 1939.* 40 members and 17 visitors present. The adoption of the new constitution and by-laws was announced and the resulting changes in officers and in membership status promulgated. Members heretofore classified as Active were transferred to classification as Fellows; those formerly known as Associates became Active Members. Messrs. Debes, Weyl, Emlen, Rehn, Potter and Street were elected Councillors to serve until the annual meeting in January 1940.

A resolution was unanimously adopted expressing the deep sorrow of the Club in the loss of its beloved leader Dr. Stone, on May 23, 1939. Dr. James A. Rehn speaking on the topic "An Appreciation of Dr. Stone" gave a splendid and sympathetic account which was a blend of biography and tribute. He emphasized the wide scope of Dr. Stone's interests.

*November 2, 1939.* 40 members and 16 visitors present. Mr. John F. S. Fletcher spoke on "Birds and Mammals of the Wilderness of British Columbia." An excellent series of slides and movies in monochrome and color described the hardships of a two year residence by Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher in the Driftwood Valley of British Columbia.

*November 16, 1939.* Dr. Herbert H. Beck spoke on "Mt. Johnson Island Eagle Sanctuary," describing a 21 acre Island in the Susquehanna River, illustrated by kodachrome slides and movies by Mr. Edward A. Hill. Dr. Beck gave the history of the Sanctuary and described the growth of the young eagles as shown in a series of slides. Interesting pictures of the pot holes in the Susquehanna River and of Assateague Island followed.

*December 7, 1939.* 51 members and 15 visitors present. The following were elected to Active Membership: Randolph Ashton, Thomas Lloyd Cadbury, Frederick A. Colwell, Herbert S. Cutler, Frank V. Daniel, Joseph H. Daniel, Dr. Robert B. Gordon, Harry Goldstein, Roy C. Insick, James C. Keenan, Jerome Kessler, Quintin Kramer, Charles E. Mohr, Robert J. Newman, J. S. Prendergast, George W. Pyle, Robert H. Sehl, Edward Siddall, George H. Sivel, W. Roger Whitworth, James H. Wright, 3rd.

Mr. Joseph J. Hickey, from the Linnaean Society, announced the final list of color combinations for the banding of Herring Gulls.

"Birding in the South" by Alexander Sprunt, Jr., Supervisor of Southern Sanctuaries for the Audubon Societies, introduced the members to three of the finest bird areas in the South—Charleston, S. C., Florida and Texas. Special mention was made of the Cape Romaine Refuge, the Kissimmee Prairie and the Brownville, Texas area. Colored slides and movies were shown. Endless discussion followed.

*December 21, 1939.* 40 members and 4 visitors present. Mr. Frederick A. Ulmer, Jr. spoke on "The George Vanderbilt Sumatran Expedition of 1939." The expedition, primarily for the study and collection of mammals, revealed many interesting ornithological items. Mr. Ulmer gave a careful geographical description of Sumatra, Borneo, Java and the adjacent Malay Peninsula.

*January 4, 1940.* 45 members and 5 visitors present. Elections for the year were as follows:

*President,* Wharton Huber

*Vice President,* John A. Gillespie

*Secretary,* Norman J. McDonald

*Treasurer,* Henry T. Underdown

*Councillors:* one year, Edward S. Weyl, Victor A. Debes

two years, Arthur C. Emlen, J. K. Potter

three years, James A. G. Rehn, J. Fletcher Street

Dr. Francis Harper, Horace Groskin, Wm. J. Serrill and Wm. Yoder, Jr., were unanimously elected to the classification of Fellows.

Under the title "The Big Three" Mr. Jerome Kessler gave a full account of a "thumbing" trip in search of three vanishing species—California Condor, Trumpeter Swan and Ivory-billed Woodpecker. The quest and the talk were both successful.

*January 18, 1940.* Mr. Joseph M. Cadbury spoke on the subject "Amateur experiments in Color Photography" showing kodachrome slides made principally at the Audubon Nature Camp. Many excellent slides of the Northern sea ports were included. Mr. Cadbury also showed colored motion pictures taken by Mrs. Allan Cruikshank.

*February 1, 1940.* About 90 members attended the Fiftieth Anniversary dinner of the D. V. O. C. held at the Art Club. An illuminated scroll was signed by the members and presented to Mr. William L. Baily in recognition of his long service to the Club as Founder and first president.

Mr. J. Fletcher Street spoke on "The D. V. O. C., Its Past and Future" and paid special tribute to the late Dr. Witmer Stone. Dr. Alexander Wetmore spoke on "The A. O. U. Check-List" stressing Dr. Stone's work as chairman of the 4th edition. Dr. James P. Chapin outlined the "Opportunities of Ornithologists" from his own experiences and cited men in other lines of work who had their mark in ornithology. Dr. A. K. Fisher in his "Reminiscences of Fellow Ornithologists" told of personal acquaintance with men like Coues in the

Golden Age of Ornithology. Mr. Charles M. B. Cadwalader spoke on "The Relationship of the D. V. O. C. to the Academy of Natural Sciences."

*February 15, 1940.* 29 members and 5 visitors present. Dr. Charles H. Rogers, Curator of the Princeton Museum of Zoology, spoke on his specialty, "The Swifts of the World." He described the structure of the Swifts and from the skins outlined and discussed the characteristics of some eleven genera and thirty-two species.

*March 7, 1940.* 50 members and 18 visitors heard a talk on "The Birds of Parramore Island" by Mr. Richard O. Bender, illustrated with colored movies and kodachrome slides taken by other members of his party. Mr. Bender discussed the formation of the barrier islands of which Parramore is a part and described the great flights of snow geese and shore birds.

*March 21, 1940.* The Members and guests visited the exhibition of natural history photographs held by "Frontiers", the Academy magazine. Later, Mr. Charles Mohr conducted a "Symposium on Bird Photography" displaying some of his own kodachrome slides of wildlife. Mr. M. Albert Linton showed colored movies of Bull's Island, Florida, and Bonaventure Island. Mr. Fred Schmid showed a short reel of motion pictures. A number of photographic prints were shown by members of the Club.

*April 4, 1940.* In recognition of past services to the Club the following were elected to Honorary Membership: Dr. Cornelius Weygandt, Charles Voelker, and Frank L. Burns.

Under the title "Cinnamon-Rufous, a dissertation on color for the ornithologist with an excursion into a new field in the ultraviolet", Mr. Norman J. McDonald gave another in his fascinating series of color studies. He discussed chemical absorption colors, structural colors, metallic, iridescent and interference colors, invisible "colors", and color standards and descriptions. In arriving at word descriptions for color differences he quoted literature freely and gave an imposing list of terms employed by ornithologists for the color of a Robin's breast. An extended discussion followed.

*April 18, 1940.* 33 members and 9 visitors present. Dr. Samuel C. Palmer spoke of an all-inclusive trip to most of the western United States and Canada. Without benefit of slides he described vividly the scenery and bird life in this great region.

*May 2, 1940.* 47 members and 9 visitors present. The speaker, Mr. James Bond, discussed the topic "The Taxonomic Significance of Nidification" in continuing the study of nests as an aid to classification. Mr. Bond cited many cases to prove his point and advanced the theory that allied species with similar nest building habits might be suspected as possible parents of hybrids.

*May 19, 1940.* The last Spring meeting was devoted to a report on the Delaware Valley round-up conducted by Dr. C. Brooke Worth. Extensive records were exhibited to the Club with interesting comparisons of territories and the work of different years.

*October 3, 1940.* 48 members and 13 visitors present. Mr. Arthur C.

Emlen announced that Mrs. Witmer Stone had bequeathed to the Club the copyright to Dr. Stone's "Bird Studies at Old Cape May". The remainder of the meeting was devoted to reports of Summer records by members.

*October 17, 1940.* 46 members and 17 visitors present. "Birding in the Big Bend" was the topic of Mr. Norman J. McDonald, who reported on a trip to the Chisos Mountains in Texas. Mr. McDonald divided his talk into the three regions of Grassland, Desert and Mountain and described the bird life of each zone. A horseback trip into the Chisos Mountains at Boot Spring brought them to the objective of the trip, the Colima warbler, one of the least known of our warblers. The talk was illustrated with kodachrome slides taken by the speaker.

*November 7, 1940.* 42 members and 16 visitors. The following were elected to active membership: John H. Arnett, Jr., Robert B. Burke, Lawrence Corn, John Dornan, John Gillespie, Joseph Jacobs, John T. McNeill, Jr., Arthur S. Richard, Jr. and Bicknell Wright.

Dr. C. Brooke Worth spoke on the subject "Foot Disease in the Junco". He discussed the Junco Pox and the effect of foot disease upon various wild birds and upon domestic chickens illustrating each point with specimens.

*November 21, 1940.* 50 members and 14 guests present. Mr. Edward A. Hill displayed a series of superb bird and flower kodachrome slides under the title "Nests of Eagles, Hawks and Owls, in Color." Interesting studies of the growth of birds in the nest were made of young Barn Owls and Sparrow Hawks. Nesting pictures began with Great Horned Owls and Spring Peepers and went on to the August nest of Goldfinches. The pictures were made especially interesting by Mr. Hill's presentation.

*December 5, 1940.* 28 members and 2 visitors present. "Hitch-hiking for Birds" was the topic of Mr. Harry Goldstein who, accompanied by his wife, completed some 11,000 miles of travel in three months at a total expense of \$40.00. Many of the rarest American species were observed in the course of the trip.

*December 19, 1940.* 41 members and 9 visitors present. Mr. Frederick A. Ulmer spoke on the subject "Furred Animals" and discussed mammals from marsupials to whales. Fine kodachrome slides helped the members to get the most out of a very instructive talk.

*January 2, 1941.* 34 members and 10 visitors attended the Annual Meeting. Officers for the year were elected as follows:

*President, Wharton Huber*  
*Vice-President, John A. Gillespie*  
*Secretary, Norman J. MacDonald*  
*Treasurer, Henry T. Underdown*

and members of Council Victor Debes and Edward S. Weyl, to serve three years.

The program consisted of a discussion of the annual Christmas census with particular reference to the recent Cape May trip. Mr. Julian K. Potter reported on the census from its inception as a local activity to the present time.

*January 16, 1941.* 23 members and 1 visitor present. Mr. Raymond J. Middleton spoke on the topic "Bird Banding," based on his extensive work at his place near Norristown. In a period of nearly twenty years Mr. Middleton has banded 21,016 birds, at a rate which is now approaching 2000 yearly. From his experience Mr. Middleton gave a number of theories regarding migration.

*February 6, 1941.* 38 members and 10 visitors present. The Club learned with sorrow of the death of past president Arthur Cope Emlen. The topic of the meeting was "Bird Banding, Including the 1939 Purple Finch Invasion in Southeastern Pennsylvania" by Mr. Horace Groskin. A large amount of material, both historical and statistical, was given the Club, including Mr. Groskin's elaborate study involving some 2000 wing measurements of Purple Finches. Kodachrome slides of the apparatus and work at the Groskin station were shown.

*February 20, 1941.* 31 members and 9 visitors present. "The Birds of Walt Whitman" by Courtland Y. White was a talk of rare literary quality. Although not an ornithologist Whitman mentioned 78 birds in all his works and 48 in "Leaves of Grass."

*March 6, 1941.* 51 members and 11 visitors present. Philip A. Livingston was elected editor of *Cassinia* and Courtland Y. White was made an active member. Mr. Randolph Ashton presented his kodachrome motion pictures of Eastern bird life under the title "Birds in Action—from Virginia to Vermont." His skill in depicting many of our familiar birds showed a great advance in technique over his previous program shown before the club.

*March 20, 1941.* In a well illustrated talk Mr. Charles E. Mohr discussed "Furred versus Feathered Fliers," discussing bats and their habits in general. Mr. Mohr told of many trips to caves to study, band and photograph the bats in their Winter quarters.

*April 3, 1941.* 36 members and 11 visitors present. Mr. Charles H. Rogers of Princeton University spoke on "Cuckoos of the World." Supported by specimens, he covered the taxonomy, distribution, general and specific structure, plumage, pigmentation, feeding habits, notes and parasitic practices of dozens of species. An extended discussion followed.

*April 17, 1941.* 45 members and 14 visitors present. "A Study of the Peregrin Falcon" by Mr. Joseph Hickey was an exchange program with the Linnaean Society of New York. Mr. Hickey discussed 408 nests east of the Rockies, including in his discussion such facts as distribution, food, and productivity. The speaker named the hunter as the worst enemy of the species.

*May 1, 1941.* 39 members and 10 visitors present. "Soil Conservation Practices as a Means of Increasing Bird Populations on Farms," was the title of the talk by Mr. Frank C. Edminster, illustrated by kodachrome slides showing the various methods of soil conservation. A sound motion picture "The Heritage We Guard" was also shown.

*May 15, 1941.* 34 members and 6 visitors attended the last Spring meeting. The program consisted of a report of the recent Delaware Valley round-up.

*October 2, 1941.* 39 members and 5 visitors present. "Summer Field Notes by Members" brought forth a number of interesting local and distant notes.

*October 16, 1941.* 36 members and 9 visitors present, one of the visitors being a young peregrine on the fist of H. Godwin Stevenson, Jr. Dr. C. Brooke Worth told of "Pathological Studies on 375 Dead Birds" in which he analyzed the cause of death in a series of dead birds sent him from time to time by finders.

*November 6, 1941.* The following were elected to Active Membership—Edward R. Manners, Alexander D. Irwin, Nelson D. Hoy and Mark Robinson.

In "Jersey Jaunts among the Birds" Mr. Arthur C. LaDow showed the Club three reels of his kodachrome movies. Excellent shots at the sea coast and near his home were shown.

*November 20, 1941.* 33 members and 3 visitors present. Mr. Frederick C. Schmid, Jr. of the Academy staff told of "The Construction of a New Bird Hall" and followed his talk with a personally conducted preview of the nearly completed Local Room and the Audubon Hall. The Delaware Valley collection of birds and nests by the Club has now been used in large measure for the birds of the Local Room. The Audubon Hall promises to be one of the finest presentation of birds of the world.

*December 4, 1941.* 43 members and visitors were present. It was voted to donate \$100. of the Club funds to the Academy of Natural Sciences toward the completion of the new Bird Hall. Dr. Dale Rex Coman and Dr. J. Conrad Seegers were elected to Active Membership.

Mr. Norman J. McDonald reported on field studies in the Grand Canyon Arizona, and in Colorado under the title "Altitudinal Birding." McDonald used as his text the Life Zones of Merriam and took his hearers from the banks of the Colorado River at the Grand Canyon, up to the summit of Mount Evans, Colorado, commenting on the various species seen. The talk was well illustrated with a series of kodachrome slides.

*December 18, 1941.* The speaker, Mr. M. A. Linton, showed an excellent series of pictures under the title "Kodachrome Movies of Birds—Mostly in Florida." Mr. Linton showed the results of several trips to rich regions of Florida; to Cobbs Island with its Oyster Catchers and Gull-billed Terns, and California in April.