

ABSTRACTS OF PROCEEDINGS — 1958

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January 2. Seventy-one members and three guests attended the sixty-eighth annual meeting.

The following officers and councillors were elected:

Dr. Ernest A. Choate, *President*

John F. McIlvain, *Vice-president*

Robert H. Sehl, *Secretary*

Henry T. Underdown, *Treasurer*

Alan Brady, *Councillor*

Dr. Earl L. Poole, *Councillor*

Leaders of the nine Christmas Counts gave summaries of their respective censuses.

An entertainment, period, highlighted by audience participation, was followed by the traditional buffet supper.

January 16. Forty-one members and two guests present.

The following committee appointments were made:

Communications — McIlvain, Chairman; Matthews

Library — McDonald, Chairman; Harty

Books — Livingston, Chairman; Matthews

Publications — Ross, Chairman; Thomas, Ulmer, Bond

Witmer Stone Award — Ulmer, Chairman; Thomas

Auditing — Street, Kramer

Ornithological Studies — Devlin, Chairman; Poole, Bond

Field Trip — Brady, Kronschnabel, J. Miller, Schwalbe

Bird Accounting — Abramson, Chairman; D. Cutler

Dr. George B. Reynard demonstrated the equipment used in his extensive work of recording bird songs, and presented a representative selection of his recordings.

February 6. Fifty members and two guests present.

George R. Lamb was elected a member.

The death of William Jay was announced.

Dr. Earl L. Poole presented a progress report on his list of Pennsylvania birds. The work is to encompass the entire State rather than just the eastern section. It will parallel Griscom's work in Massachusetts but with a more comprehensive coverage.

February 20. Twenty-six members and two guests present.

Mark P. M. Robinson presented "Some Minerals of Audubon's Mine". A brief history of the mine operation at Mill Grove was followed by an account of recent explorations at the operation by the speaker, who subsequently discovered four new species of minerals. A series of Kodachrome slides illustrated the talk.

March 6. Forty members and four guests present.

Fred Mears was elected to active membership.

Joel Abramson spoke on Avian Diseases, giving a detailed analysis of the current knowledge of disorders in birds.

March 20. Meeting was postponed because of severe weather.

April 3. Fifty-three members and seven guests present.

The topic, "The Okefenokee", was presented by Frederick V. Hebard. It was covered both historically and ornithologically. A series of slides followed which depicted bird, animal, reptile and plant life.

April 17. Sixty-four members and eleven guests present.

M. Albert Linton presented "Birds North and South", his color motion picture study of bird life in Florida, Montana and the Canadian Rockies.

May 1. Forty-nine members and five guests present.

Stephen R. Wing and Theodore Widing were elected to active membership.

The death of Horace Groskin on April 19 was announced.

Mr. Paul Buckley and Mr. Neal Smith, exchange speakers from the Linnaean Society, reviewed the present status of large gulls. Both the white-backed and black-backed species were discussed in detail.

May 22. Forty-seven members and five guests present.

Leaders of the various roundup groups reported on the highlights of the respective counts. Little unanimity was apparent. A poor warbler day was experienced by all.

Informal summer meetings were held on June 5, July 3, August 7 and September 4.

October 2. Fifty-one members and six guests present.

"Birds at Home" in Kodachrome was presented by Daniel McPeck, Pennsylvania District Game Protector of Delaware County. Some sixty species of birds taken largely from a blind in his back year were depicted.

October 16. Twenty-seven members and three guests present.

Norman J. McDonald spoke on the Club's Library, past, present and future. A review of the types of materials which have accumulated included an evaluation of the works of some of the early members.

George Reynard presented a brief 8 mm. motion picture reel of birds at Brigantine and Cape May.

November 6. A special dinner meeting was held at the Casa Conti in Glenside, Pa. to honor the outstanding contributions of Julian K. Potter to ornithology in general and the D.V.O.C. in particular. Eighty-nine members and friends attended. Among the special guests who paid tribute to Mr. Potter's achievements were Charles H. Rogers, Roger T. Peterson, and Alexander Wetmore. The guest of honor was presented with a painting by the late Conrad Roland, and with a citation which certified him as the first and only designated "Devoc", one who has devoted a long and useful life to the sport and science of bird study.

November 20. Fifty-eight members and six guests present.

Rulon Dempster was elected to active membership.

A nominating committee, consisting of Julian Potter, Robert Haines and Joel Abramson, was appointed.

Stuart W. Hughes presented "Birding in Central Europe". As a member of the occupation army at the German-Czechoslovakian border, Mr. Hughes spent all available time studying and recording on 35 mm. color film the birds of the area. Aided by supplementary lenses, remarkable pictures of fifty or more representative species were obtained.

Allston Jenkins showed a sound motion picture, "The Whooping Crane", produced by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

December 4. Fifty-two members and five guests present.

Russell Fowler showed the film, "The First Nesting of the Cattle Egret in New Jersey". This film record, prepared by Mr. Fowler, presented the evidence that had long been suspected but unsuccessfully realized until the spring of 1958. A brief review of the Cattle Egret's expansion in the United States, and an account of its behavior patterns accompanied the showing.

December 18. Forty-three members and four guests present.

Dr. Daniel S. Lehrman, exchange speaker from the Linnaean Society, presented the topic, "Recent Experiments on Homing in Birds." Dr. Lehrman summarized recent findings from experiments conducted in Europe with the native White Throats, and at Gaspé with Gannets, to determine orientation behavior. The findings have led to much speculation on the presence of a "built-in" chronometer and sextant in certain birds.



CORRECTION

The author of "Incubation Period of the Upland Plover", under General Notes — 1955, in *Cassinia*, XLII, 1957, p. 16, should be *Allston Jenkins*, not *F. V. Hebard* as noted. Our apologies to both gentlemen.