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Bob Haines, a former president of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club, (1950-1951) joined the D.V.O.C. in 1922. He was also a member of the American Ornithologists' Union, the Cooper and Wilson Ornithological Societies, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association and several other organizations related to natural history and conservation. He was an all 'round field naturalist and a keen observer of birds, flowers, trees, beetles, and worms. Anything and everything were his interests. He reveled in field trips: overnights at Pocomoke Swamp, Maryland; at Slide Mt., New York, or an all-night vigil to hear nocturnal sounds and the dawn chorus of amphibians and birds! The last was the topic of his article, "Nightlife in a Marsh," (*Cassinia* 35 [1945]: 35-36), which gave the 'wake-up' sequence of a dozen or so birds at Parker's Creek, Hartford, New Jersey. He also wrote, "Studies of the Long-eared Owl," (*Cassinia* 31 [1942]: 12-16), which included a description of a scalp-puncturing claw attack upon him by a protective adult owl near the nest site.

He was in business for some 50 years as the president of the T. Lee Haines Paint Co. in Camden, New Jersey. He lived in Rancocas and later Moorestown, New Jersey, married Lenore Beals of Argonia, Kansas in 1926, and raised two children, Everett Lee and Sara Elena Hocker. A birthright Quaker, he graduated from Westtown School and Haverford College.

A prominent part of his life was devoted to aiding others. He helped instruct children at a Nature Study Camp in Virginia, and befriended American Indians. He was a member of the Indian Committee of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and the Associated Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs. In 1962 he was made a member of the Wolf Clan of the Seneca Nation of Indians at the Cornplanter Reservation. His Longhouse was at the Alleghany Reservation, Steamburg, New York. On several occasions the writer visited the Haines home when individual or family groups of Indians were visiting.

In 1981 Bob and his wife moved from Moorestown to Argonia, Kansas, where he spent his last days. The club and his many friends have lost, but will long respect and remember, Bob Haines.