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MILWAUKEE, HOST TO WISCONSIN ORNITHOLOGISTS

by Alvin L. Throne

The second annual meeting of the Wisconsin Ornithological Society, held at Milwaukee April 6, was a distinct success judging by the attendance of over 150 at the afternoon meeting and 165 at the informal dinner in the evening.

The afternoon program, held at the Lecture Hall of the Public Library, was preceded by a short business meeting during which the reports of the Treasurer, Auditing Committee, and Editor were read and accepted.

Murl Deusing of the Milwaukee Public Museum told of plans for the publication by the Museum of a book on the Birds of Wisconsin. He explained the probable scope of the work and asked for the co-operation of ornithologists in submitting to the Museum Staff data pertinent to Wisconsin Ornithology.

Walter Scott of the State Conservation Department gave an interesting account of the unpublished "Birds of Dodge County," by the late W. E. Snyder of Beaver Dam. He read several excerpts from Snyder's original notes showing with what great care and exactness this Wisconsin ornithologist made and recorded his observations. These notes, kept through a period of 40 years, contain valuable information and might well serve as a model to many of us who too often fail to take the time to write detailed notes of our observations or even to realize the value of such notes.

Walter Damsteegt of the Waukesha Bird Club in his paper, "Notes on the Photography of Some Wisconsin Birds," showed some very fine shots of the Ruffed Grouse in the act of drumming.

Harold Wilson of Ephraim showed colored lantern slides of the activities of the Herring Gulls on the islands of Green Bay. He told in some detail of his extensive banding activities of these birds.

Dr. A. T. Harris of Gary, Indiana, showed excellent colored motion pictures of the Caspian Tern and the Ring-billed Gulls nesting on small islands on the Lake Michigan side of Door county.

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During the dinner meeting at the Republican Hotel, which was attended by 165 ardent ornithologists, the following officers were elected for the new year: President, Alvin L. Throne, Milwaukee; Vice-president, Dr. B.L. von Jarchow, Racine; Secretary, Edward Prins, Racine; Treasurer, J. Harwood Evans, Oshkosh; Editor, Walter E. Scott, Madison; Executive Members-at-large, John S. Main, Madison and S. Paul Jones, Waukesha.

Because of their distinguished work in Wisconsin ornithology, Herbert L. Stoddard of Thomasville, Ga., and A. W. Schorger of Madison were unanimously elected as Honorary Members of the Society.

Dr. B.L. von Jarchow, in a paper on his investigations of the Wood Duck dispelled persistent myths concerning the manner in which the young ducks reach the water from the nest. He stated that soon after hatching, the young, being positively heliotropic, are guided to the nesting entrance and fall or flutter to the ground or water without being injured and without being aided by the female in any way.

The high light of the meeting for all present was the showing of marvelous colored motion pictures by Cleveland Grant of Jaffrey, New Hampshire. His pictures of the migrating flocks of Lesser Snow Geese on the mud flats of the St. Lawrence river; the mating dance of the Prairie Chicken, and the drumming and strutting performance of the Ruffed Grouse of central Wisconsin; and the nesting activities of various other birds win the admiration and envy of all other bird photographers.

The new Executive Committee, during a short meeting immediately following the program, discussed the
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BANDING GREAT HORNED OWL NESTLINGS

by Elizabeth A. Oehlenschlaeger

Whenever a band is placed on the many kinds of tarsi which come under my observations, I indulge in the mental exercise of speculation and allow my imagination to go all the way. Banding a bird is like placing a stamp upon an animate letter, letting it go where it will; but when the stamp is cancelled the sender of the feathered mission knows that the flight has ended in tragedy-death.

Nowhere is this more apparent than in waterfowl and raptors, especially *Bubo vir. vir.*

The two fledglings with which we are concerned were pipped sometime in March in the window-box of a summer cottage on the Brule in northern Wisconsin. The mother was shot and the two downy infants sent to the Milwaukee Public Museum, for scientific observation for a short time, not destruction. The birds were then sent to the small bird-sanctuary of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Roberts Taylor, on May 9th.

They were awkward and exquisite, with great filmy eyes and an amazing intelligence. They met our advances more than half way regardless of either full or empty food plates. They were given steak, mice, gophers, cowbirds, rabbits and starlings--everything went down an incredible large maw. Except at feeding time, they spent their day sleeping. Their voices were a soft "tse-e-p" with an upward inflection, entirely out of proportion to their size and appearance, and they evidenced much pleasure in an owlish way, when fingers dug deep into their tawny down to scratch. We carried them about on the arm whenever possible, hoping in this way to train them into the habit of riding on the fist like a falcon.

The first feeding of the day was accompanied by a very interesting mannerism. They would stand perfectly still in the middle of their large cage, but when the door was raised it fetched them to the threshold in two hops; then they rolled their heads about from shoulder to shoulder, and alternately raised one foot and then the other. It had the effect of a little dance of joy. They tumbled about quite a bit when the first few pieces of food were given them, but the scrapping soon subsided.

By May 15th their plumage came out in great masses, and the long tawny down was wafted all about their flight-cage. Quite suddenly their eyes lost the veiled, rather ex-

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pressionless look, changing into a brilliant gray and gold. They celebrated May 19th by hopping on our fists, not the quick nervous step of a hawk, but very deliberate.

They were banded by Owen J. Gromme of the Milwaukee Public Museum on June 3. They sat on my fist and were stroked into quiet during the banding ceremony, after which they were given their freedom. The next morning the usual call brought them, partly flying, and walking to meet us. It was no small thrill to have a "great Horny" come to meet you!

Mr. Vogt in describing these owls speaks of them as the "most magnificent bird of our deep forest." But Bubo is even more so when a call will bring her at early dusk from somewhere to the terraco-table, eating her supper beside us. This picture was enhanced by the presence of three Scottish terriers, a huge Saint Bernard and a one-winged pelican. An open door meant an invitation to enter and a lighted window brought forth a soft thud against the screen, through which we saw the bowing owl.

The killing propensities of the Great Horned Owls have been so strongly emphasized by most of its "biographers" that it may seem far-fetched to take the opposite view, based on observation of only a pair of specimens. We had a flock of young white turkeys, pedigreed at that, which was very tame. They were stupidly unafraid of the Owls. Sister would fly into their midst, scattering them in all directions, then run after them and have all the fun of a game of tag. We wondered sometimes whether our trust was too great--but it was not abused.

Then tragedy came. The larger of the Owls became listless, and the eyes dull and tired. In a few short days it was over. A throat infection of virulent type apparent by a mucous membrane inflammation, and an offensive odor, caused the demise. One band returned!

Up to August 21st, Brother was the more or less constant companion about the house, and in our evening walk. Flying along from tree to tree or lamp-post to lamp-post, waddling on the ground towards the dogs, who never lost a decent respect for him, he was the ideal raptore. Had he been a falcon, we would have lived in a falconer's heaven.

We came to realize that this companionship would inevitably come to an end, for no Great Horned Owls were nesting in our vicinity, and the possibility of his being lured away was there. On August 21, he vanished.

On October 26, the skeletal remains and a few feathers were found on a neighboring rubbish heap. Band No. 813977 on the right tarsus. His identification, his epitaph.

MARCH FIELD NOTES

by N. R. Barger, Editor

Instructions: Kindly send field notes to N. R. Barger, 450 N. Few st., Madison, Wis. at the end of each month. All readers may send in all their notes. It will be helpful if notes are arranged as shown below, giving the number of individuals approximately, but with only one observer's name after the bird. We will be glad to have more observers report from the northwestern and southwestern parts of the state. In the next issue we will introduce our present observers to our readers, and in the future we will introduce all new contributors in this column.

Sam Robbins' name appears both at the first of the list and at the last. This is an indication of the time he spends in the field. A glance at the notes will show that many spring birds arrived at all points on the same date. The height of the Goose migration was during the latter half of the month, when Longspurs and Cedar Waxwings also came into prominence. A red-bellied Woodpecker took food from a tray of Mary Moore at Viroqua. A Goshawk captured a semi-tame Wood Duck of Dr. von Jarchow's. Feeney observed the courtship flight of the Marsh Hawk, Mar. 19th. Paulson of Green Bay observed a Barrow's Golden-eye, and a Cardinal was found as far north as Juneau County by Fairfield. Goldfinches have been scarce and there were no reports of Pine Grosbeaks, Pine Siskins or Red Crossbills. The climax of the month's records was made when Mr. Schorger collected a Pigeon Hawk, female, in Dane county, March 30.

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Mar. 1	Golden-cr. Kinglet	Dane county	Robbins
Mar. 1	Prairie Chicken	Sauk county	Hopkins
	Mar. 26 (17)	Green county	Main
Mar. 2	Snow Bunting	Sturgeon Bay	B. Miller
	Mar. 30 (75)	Oshkosh	Evans
Mar. 3	Tufted Titmouse	Green Bay	Mrs. Weber
Mar. 3	Redpoll	Jefferson co.	Elder
Mar. 3	N. Horned Lark 2	Dane county	Robbins
	Mar. 17 (3)	Dane county	Robbins
Mar. 3	Herring Gull 1	Dane county	Robbins
	Mar. 26 (1)	Juneau county	Fairfield
Mar. 3	Bald Eagle 2 ad.	Dane county	Robbins
	Mar. 6 (1)	Sturgeon Bay	S. Martha
	Mar. 16 (2)	Madison	Feeney
	Mar. 17 (2 ad.)	Racine	G. Prins
	Mar. 22 (2)	Florence county	Nixon
	Mar. 31 (2)	Racine	Dr. vJarchow
Mar. 3	Goldfinch 4	Dane county	Robbins

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Mar. 3	Robin 1	Dane county	Robbins
	Mar. 19	Sturgeon Bay	L. Schartner
	Mar. 20	Green Bay	Mrs. Hussong
	Mar. 28	Oconto	Richter
	Mar. 30	Ashland county	H. Stam
	Mar. 30	Appleton	Mrs. Rogers
Mar. 3	Marsh Hawk	Sturgeon Bay	L. Braun
	Mar. 17 (3)	Dane	Feeney
	Mar. 17	Green Bay	Mrs. Hussong
	Mar. 18	Wood county	Fairfield
	Mar. 21 (1)	Dane county	Robbins
	Mar. 21 (2)	Dane county	Fairfield
	Mar. 26 (1)	Juneau county	Fairfield
	Mar. 29 (6)	Dane county	Robbins
	Mar. 30 (6)	Oshkosh	Evans
	Mar. 31	Oconto	Richter
Mar. 4	Canada Goose 400	Rock county	Fairfield
	Mar. 10	Green Bay	Paulson
	Mar. 12 (11)	Dane county	Koppenhaver
	Mar. 17 (267)	Dane county	Robbins
	Mar. 18 flock	Dane county	Feeney
	Mar. 19 (10,000)	Walworth county	Peterson
	Mar. 24 (5)	Sturgeon Bay	Ehlers
	Mar. 26 (1,000)	Walworth county	Hopkins
	Mar. 28 masses	Walworth county	Bussewitz
	Mar. 29 (1)	Juneau county	Fairfield
	Mar. 30 (553)	Dane county	Robbins
	Mar. 30 (2,000)	Oshkosh	Evans
	Mar. 31 (333)	Dane county	Robbins
	Mar. 31 flocks	Sturgeon Bay	S. Martha
Mar. 5	Pileated Woodpecker	La Crosse co.	Hopkins
Mar. 5	Crow	Oconto	Richter
	Mar. 19 (15)	Green Bay	Strehlow
	Mar. 22 (3)	Florence county	Nixon
Mar. 6	Song Sparrow	Sturgeon Bay	L. Schartner
	Mar. 22	Walworth county	Bussewitz
	Mar. 28 (1)	Dane county	Robbins
	Mar. 28	Oconto	Richter
	Mar. 30	Dane	Feeney
	Mar. 30	Appleton	Mrs. Rogers
	Mar. 30	Oshkosh	Evans
Mar. 6	Red-headed Wood.	La Crosse co.	Hopkins
Mar. 6	Ruffed Grouse	La Crosse co.	Hopkins
	Mar. 17	Sturgeon Bay	W. Wester
Mar. 6	Bobwhite coveys	La Crosse co.	Hopkins
Mar. 8	White-w. Crossbill	Sturgeon Bay	W. Wester
Mar. 9	Purple Finch 8	Dane county	Robbins

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Mar. 10	Canvasback	Dane county	Main
	Mar. 20	Oshkosh	Evans
Mar. 10	American Merganser	Green Bay	Paulson
Mar. 10	Red-sh. Hawk 2	Dane county	Feeney
	Mar. 17 (3)	Dane county	Robbins
	Mar. 29 (20)	Dane county	Robbins
	Mar. 30 (5)	Dane county	Robbins
	Mar. 31 (10)	Dane county	Robbins
Mar. 10	Hun. Partridge 12	Dane county	Main
	Mar. 31 (5)	Dane county	Hopkins
Mar. 13	Wilson Snipe	Oconto	Richter
	Mar. 30 (1)	Dane county	Robbins
Mar. 15	Red-br. Nuthatch	Green Bay	Mrs. Hussong
Mar. 17	Killdeer 2	Dane county	Robbins
	Mar. 17	Dane county	Feeney
	Mar. 24	Sturgeon Bay	H. Hartel
	Mar. 30	Appleton	Mrs. Rogers
	Mar. 30	Green Bay	Kendall
	Mar. 30	Oshkosh	Evans
Mar. 17	Ring-billed Gull	Dane county	Robbins
	Mar. 30	Oshkosh	Evans
Mar. 17	E. Meadowlark 1	Dane county	Robbins
	Mar. 17	Dane county	Feeney
	Mar. 20	Green Bay	Mrs. Hussong
	Mar. 23	Dane county	Scott
	Mar. 29	Oconto	Richter
	Mar. 30 heavy	Dane county	Robbins
Mar. 17	Red-wing Blackbird	Dane county (200)	Robbins
	Mar. 26	Juneau county	Fairfield
	Mar. 30 (2200)	Dane county	Robbins
Mar. 17	Bronzed Grackle	Dane county	Robbins
	Mar. 30	Appleton	Mrs. Rogers
	Mar. 31	Oconto	Richter
Mar. 17	Gr. Blue Heron 1	Sturgeon Bay	B. Miller
	Mar. 29	Dane county	Feeney
	Mar. 29 (2)	Juneau county	Fairfield
	Mar. 30	Dane county	Oehmcke
Mar. 17	Short-eared Owl 5	Walworth county	Bussewitz
Mar. 17	Red-tailed Hawk 2	Dane county	Robbins
	Mar. 29 many	Dane county	Feeney
	Mar. 29 (8)	Dane county	Robbins
	Mar. 29 (1)	Juneau county	Fairfield
	Mar. 31 (12)	Dane county	Robbins
Mar. 17	Sparrow Hawk 1	Dane county	Robbins
	Mar. 17 (1)	Dane county	Feeney
	Mar. 20 (2)	Dane county	Feeney
	Mar. 21 (1)	Dane county	Robbins

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	Sparrow Hawk (con'd)		
	Mar. 29 (1)	Juneau county	Fairfield
	Mar. 30 (2)	Dane county	Robbins
	Mar. 30	Green Bay	Paulson
Mar. 19	Bluebird 4	Dane county	Feeney
	Mar. 21 (4)	Dane county	Robbins
	Mar. 30	Oconto	Richter
	Mar. 30	Oshkosh	Evans
	Mar. 30	Green Bay	Krawczyk
Mar. 20	Scaup 8	Oshkosh	Evans
Mar. 20	Belted Kingfisher	Oshkosh	Evans
Mar. 20	Cooper's Hawk 1	Dane county	Feeney
	Mar. 29	Juneau county	Fairfield
	Mar. 30	Green Bay	Club
	Mar. 30	Appleton	Mrs. Rogers
	Mar. 30	Oshkosh	Evans
Mar. 21	Red-bellied Wood.	Viroqua	M. Moore
Mar. 21	Mourning Dove 45	Dane county	Feeney
	Mar. 23	Green Bay	Strehlow
	Mar. 30	Oconto	Richter
Mar. 22	Rough-legged Hawk 1	Walworth county	Bussewitz
	Mar. 23 dark phase 1	Richland Center	Scott
Mar. 22	Cedar Waxwing	Sturgeon Bay	B. Liest
	Mar. 23	Appleton	Mrs. Rogers
Mar. 22	Pr. Horned Lark 2	Dane county	Robbins
	Mar. 30 (5)	Oshkosh	Evans
	Mar. 31	Oconto	Richter
Mar. 22	Evening Grosbeak 15	Oconto	Richter
Mar. 22	Raven several	Florence county	Nixon
Mar. 23	Purple Finch 1	Appleton	Mrs. Rogers
Mar. 24	Great Horned Owl	Sturgeon Bay	B. Liest
Mar. 24	Mallard	Green Bay	Strehlow
	Mar. 26 (400)	Walworth county	Hopkins
	Mar. 31 (300)	Dane county	Hopkins
Mar. 24	Pintail	Green Bay	Strehlow
	Mar. 29 (9)	Dane county	Robbins
	Mar. 30	Oshkosh	Evans
	Mar. 31 (200)	Dane county	Evans
Mar. 26	Cardinal 1	Juneau county	Fairfield
Mar. 26	Chukar Partridge 30	Stoughton	Koppenhaver
Mar. 27	Hooded Merganser 1	Dane county	Robbins
	Mar. 27 (2)	Dane county	Hopkins
	Mar. 29 (2)	Dane county	Feeney
	Mar. 30 (4)	Oshkosh	Evans
Mar. 27	Pigeon Hawk	Sturgeon Bay	W. Wester
Mar. 29	W. Meadowlark	Walworth county	Bussewitz
	Mar. 31	Dane county	Robbins

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Mar. 29	Am. Bittern	Sturgeon Bay	Club
	Mar. 30	Oshkosh	Evans
Mar. 29	Pied-billed Grebe 1	Dane county	Robbins
Mar. 29	White-th. Sparrow 1	Dane county	Robbins
	Mar. 30 (3)	Oshkosh	Evans
Mar. 29	Fox Sparrow 4	Dane county	Robbins
Mar. 29	Green-winged Teal	Dane county	Robbins
Mar. 29	D-cr. Cormorant	Dane county	Feeney
Mar. 29	Shoveller 2	Dane county	Robbins
Mar. 29	Red-br. Merganser 1	Dane county	Feeney
	Mar. 30	Green Bay	Paulson
Mar. 29	Wood Duck 3	Dane county	Robbins
Mar. 29	Ring-necked Duck	Dane county	Robbins
Mar. 29	Sharp-sh. Hawk 1	Dane county	Robbins
	Mar. 29 (1)	Dane county	Feeney
	Mar. 29 (1)	Juneau county	Fairfield
	Mar. 30 (1)	Dane county	Robbins
	Mar. 31 (2)	Dane county	Robbins
Mar. 29	Woodcock 1	Dane county	Robbins
	Mar. 29 (12)	Dane county	Feeney
Mar. 29	Swamp Sparrow	Dane county	Feeney
Mar. 29	Blue-winged Teal	Dane county	Feeney
	Mar. 26 (3)	Juneau county	Fairfield
	Mar. 31 (54)	Dane county	Hopkins
Mar. 30	Pheasant 50	Oshkosh	Evans
Mar. 30	Purple Martin	Walworth county	Bussewitz
	Mar. 31	Dane county	Robbins
Mar. 30	Tree Swallow 1	Dane county	Robbins
	Mar. 30 (1)	Oshkosh	Evans
Mar. 30	Rusty Blackbird 8	Dane county	Robbins
Mar. 30	Cowbird 1	Dane county	Robbins
	Mar. 30 (75)	Oshkosh	Evans
Mar. 30	Pigeon Hawk 1	Dane county	Schorger
Mar. 30	Sandhill Crane	Waushara county	Hamerstrom
Mar. 30	Goshawk 1	Racine	Dr. vJarchow
Mar. 30	Ruby-cr. Kinglet	Green Bay	Krawczyk
Mar. 30	Barrow's Golden-eye	Green Bay	Paulson
Mar. 30	Phoebe	Sturgeon Bay	L. Ehlers
	Mar. 30	Oshkosh	Evans
Mar. 30	Bufflehead 1	Oshkosh	Evans
Mar. 30	Coot 2	Oshkosh	Evans
Mar. 31	Migrant Shrike 1	Dane county	Robbins

W. R. Spellum of Viroqua reports that the Red-breasted Nuthatch has regularly been seen at all seasons of the year and undoubtedly nests in a coniferous grove five miles south of Viroqua.

NEWS NOTES

J. Harwood Evans, our new treasurer, has secured since the annual meeting about 30 new members for the Society in the Oshkosh area. If all members introduce the Society to their friends in this manner there is no doubt we will have a printed publication beginning in July of this year.

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Membership blanks (including subscription to THE PASSENGER PIGEON) are enclosed with this issue. Send yours to a bird student friend recommending him for membership. More blanks can be secured by contacting the editor or treasurer. Your support in this will give us a printed bulletin much sooner than otherwise, as the Board has set a necessary minimum of 250 members before printing.

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The Society is not able to furnish new members with back issues of THE PASSENGER PIGEON except in certain copies. All available numbers are listed elsewhere for sale by contacting the editor. Subscriptions of new members, however, will continue for 12 issues from the date membership was received. Hereafter, membership renewals will come due when these 12 numbers have been received and not necessarily at the end of the calendar year.

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To date the Society has received offers from both Sturgeon Bay and Green Bay for the Third Annual meeting next year. The Rev. David Bungelman of the S.S. Peter & Paul School of Sturgeon Bay is responsible for one invitation while the Green Bay Bird Club has sponsored the other offer. Decision of this matter will be made by the Board at a later date.

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In the membership list published with this issue only those who were listed as charter members in the May, 1939 issue have been so listed again. Unless the Board acts otherwise, all 1939 members will not be listed as charter members, but only those who were members at the date of organization.

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Prof. August C. Rehwaldt of Concordia College, Milwaukee, has advised the editor that a pair of passenger pigeons are on exhibit there. The birds were taken many years ago at Advance, Shawano county, by either A. J. Schoenebeck of Suring or E. R. Hamann of Milwaukee. A. P. Kannenberg

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of Oshkosh has advised the editor that three mounted passenger pigeons are to be found in the New London Museum, and Elton Bussewitz has checked the specimen in the Whitewater State Teachers College to find that it is a female in fair condition and is kept under glass. The only data on this specimen is that it was in the college about 40 years and is supposed to have been taken at Lake Koshkonong. Bussewitz also states that data on the rest of the college's collection is in poor condition.

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Howard Young and Bruce Stollberg would appreciate the assistance of members of the Society in prompt return of the post cards mailed with this issue. They are attempting a detailed study of the Cardinal in Wisconsin and possible publication of their findings in **THE PASSENGER PIGEON** will depend upon a good return of data.

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The Field List of the Birds of Racine County, sent to members with this issue, is most interesting because it contains numerous birds of the Carolinian Zone which touches this southeastern corner of Wisconsin. The presence of such birds as the Sharp-tailed Grouse, however, must be attributed to the early-day work of Dr. P.R. Hoy and not to present day observers. The Hoy Nature Club is responsible for the preparation of this list.

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Summary of a recent questionnaire on the Starling in Wisconsin compiled from returns of conservation wardens showed this bird on the increase in most all southern and central counties. The wardens recommended control measures, especially by trapping in winter.

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The following 1939 numbers of **THE PASSENGER PIGEON** are available to members at a price of 10¢ each while they last: April, 33; May, 34; June, 31; July 46; August, 4; September, 14; October, 23; November, 10. Send request and remittance directly to the editor.

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The Oshkosh Public Museum has recently been showing bird paintings by Owen Gromme and photographs by Dr. Lee which together made an excellent exhibit.

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Although Mr. Barger was elected to act as Associate Editor, he has rather preferred to work as Editor of the Field Note Department and is so listed, beginning with this issue.

EVENING FLIGHT OF GULLS AND DUCKS

AT GREEN BAY

by Ed Paulson, Green Bay

I was very much interested in an article by Mr. Richter of Oconto in the February issue concerning the flight of the Herring Gulls between Green Bay and Lake Michigan.

I lived on the east shores of Green Bay for many years and often observed the flight of Herring Gulls during the winter months; also the Ducks in the fall of the year.

Apparently the Gull's flight to Green Bay and their arrival just after daylight is to feed on discarded fish left by fishermen on the ice. Because of the absence of fishermen on the south end of Green Bay, there are fewer Gulls this year.

I have no solution for the evening flight of the Herring Gulls, Scaup, Redheads, Canvasback, and Golden-eyes in the fall to Lake Michigan.

Years ago Green Bay was known as one of the best Duck feeding grounds in the middlewest, consequently, Ducks were plentiful. When they started their flight to Lake Michigan in the evening, about dusk, the sky seemed filled with the different species. Hunters often remarked that it would seem as if there would be no Ducks on the bay the following day, but the next morning the flocks were as plentiful as the previous day. I never saw their return in the morning, but often heard the swish of their wings in flight before daylight. Today one still sees the few Ducks that come to the bay in the fall, making their evening flight to Lake Michigan.

MILWAUKEE MEETING (continued)

possibility of changing THE PASSENGER PIGEON from a mimeographed to a printed bulletin. It was decided that this change could not be made until the membership of the Society is considerably larger than at present and plans to set in motion a membership drive were made. I take this opportunity to urge all members to cooperate with the officers in securing a large membership that we may, in the near future, make the desired change to a printed bulletin.

The Committee by unanimous vote created the office of Associate Editor and elected N. R. Barger to this position.

I wish to thank Murl Deusing, Clarence Jung, and all other members of the Program and Arrangements Committees for their splendid work in making the Milwaukee meeting one to be remembered.

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Sparrow Hawk Captures Brown Creeper--"On April 25, 1940 at 3 p.m. Mr. S. Paul Jones of Waukesha and I were standing at my desk at the museum when Mr. Harold A. Mathiak brought in a Brown Creeper which he found hopping around down on the street. We decided that the bird was possibly only dazed and may have been hit with an auto. We decided that the bird had recovered sufficiently for liberation and let it fly out of our window, but it only fluttered down to the gravel roof just below and about ten feet from where the three of us were watching. The tiny bird hopped around quite helpless and mouselike. We had just decided that it was in no condition for liberation and had about made up our minds to go out and recover it, when we were astounded by the sudden appearance on the scene of a Sparrow Hawk. The Hawk came in from the left as fast as a shadow and for about two seconds hovered over the Creeper before pouncing on it. The Hawk immediately made off with the victim in its talons and while in the air started picking at it. In a moment the Hawk was having a meal over on one of the Court House ledges. This drama took place so fast and in such an unexpected manner that we stood with open mouths and after it was all over had noted that none of us had observed the sex of the Sparrow Hawk."