

taches itself to the leg of the young bird. He believes that this is a protocalliphora grub. Dr. Gatterdam also refers to an experience of last year when he found 14 dead Bluebirds in a shack used in connection with the raising of pheasants by the local sportsmen's group. The birds had entered through a ventilator in the roof and were unable to get out. He urged them to screen off the ventilator to prevent such catastrophes in the future.

SOCIETY'S FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION SUCCESSFUL

The Fifth Annual Convention of The Wisconsin Society for Ornithology, held at the Public Museum and City Club of Milwaukee on May 1 and 2, attracted an attendance of over 200 bird lovers and ornithologists and was considered a very successful meeting. A great amount of the credit for this success is due to program chairman Murl Deusing and his local committee.

After an address of welcome by Dr. Ira Edwards, Director of the Museum, the Saturday afternoon program featured papers and talks by Earl L. Loyster, W. S. Feeney, Kenneth MacArthur and Earl G. Wright. The business session followed immediately after this program.

Dr. B. L. von Jarchow Elected President

At the business session the following officers were elected: President, Dr. B. L. von Jarchow, Racine; Vice-president, N. R. Barger, Madison; Secretary, Mrs. A. P. Balsom, Milwaukee; Treasurer, J. Harwood Evans, Oshkosh; Editor, W. E. Scott, Madison; Directors-at-large, Rev. Howard L. Orians of Milwaukee and Earl G. Wright of Green Bay.

Professor George Wagner of the University of Wisconsin was elected an honorary member of the Society.

The Society voted unanimously to affiliate with The Wilson Ornithological Club, following the recommendation of the Affiliations Committee as reported by its Chairman, Murl Deusing. This affiliation has now been consummated and the following articles of affiliation are published for the information of members:

ARTICLES OF AFFILIATION

In order to promote an interchange of ideas, to interest more people in birds and in their study, to encourage cooperation in research, to further efficient conservation, to exchange facilities for publication, to hold joint meetings for increasing personal contacts of mutual benefit, the undersigned organizations without loss of individual entity or autonomy and without financial obligations of any sort and with practical unanimity among their members signify this 25th day of June, MCMXLIII, their affiliation to obtain the objectives above enumerated.

Organization: **Wilson Ornithological Club**

President—S. Charles Kendeigh

Secretary—Maurice Brooks

Organization: **Wisconsin Society for Ornithology**

President—B. L. von Jarchow

Secretary—Ivy N. Balsom (Mrs. A. P.)

Brief reports were also made by Chairmen of the Sanctuary, Library, Membership and Passenger Pigeon Monument Committees, as well as the Editor and Treasurer. The Treasurer's report is printed here for the information of members who were not present:

Treasurer's Report, May 1, 1943

Printing Costs

Publication of The Passenger Pigeon

April, May, June, 1942.....	\$170.50
July, August, Sept. 1942.....	55.50
Oct., Nov., Dec. 1942.....	59.00
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\$285.00

Cuts	20.23	
Total		\$305.23
Stationery, Bookplates, Subscription and Renewal blanks		22.50
Programs and menus (Green Bay meet- ing)		15.00
Mailing Costs		50.16
Miscellaneous Expenses		
Incorporation costs	6.50	
Binding two sets of Passenger Pigeon....	3.20	
Bank money orders75	
Total		10.45
Grand Total		\$403.34
	Income	
Membership Dues		\$367.45
Back Issues sold		3.70
Interest on bank account98
Green Bay meeting balance		51.80
Donations for cuts, etc.		10.58
Grand Total		\$434.51
Balance to May 1, 1943	\$ 31.17	
Balance at beginning of year, April 12, 1942....	97.71	
Total cash on hand	\$128.88	

A special feature of the meeting was the first public showing of some of Owen Gromme's paintings to be used in the book "Birds of Wisconsin." Members viewed these paintings between sessions and unanimously proclaimed the work "very good" or "excellent." Cash offers for some of the original paintings were very generous.

Cleveland P. Grant's Pictures Featured at Dinner

Besides having an excellent meal at the Annual Dinner held at the City Club, a full house of members and visitors paid special tribute to the genius of Cleveland P. Grant with their discerning applause when watching his color movies "Adventures with Western Birds."

Possibly the most novel portion of the evening's program was the auction of bird paintings, photographs, and wood carvings donated by members and friends of the Society. Due to the excellent work of Auctioneer Evans Houtz, a total of over \$200 was realized for the Society's publication fund from this auction. Before he was through, Mr. Houtz had sold everything that had been donated, as well as a few additional items such as the floral decorations on the tables. An ivory miniature of ducks in flight by Frank Clark, which was donated by George Weinhagen, Jr., brought the highest price, immediately followed by Warren Dettman's wood carving of a male Wood Duck, and Owen Gromme's water color of the Rose-breasted Grosbeak. Groups of etchings by Walter J. Breckenridge and Earl G. Wright, donated by them, proved to be in considerable demand.

Toastmaster J. Harwood Evans did an excellent job of introducing the Pixie Bird to members of the Society, and as will be noted by the accompanying illustration, both were in fine fettle. To those who are not aware of the propensities of this "gremlin" of the ornithologists, the following quotation from the Milwaukee Journal of May 2 may be enlightening: "He's the cocky fellow that bird students and photographers never saw before but knew about for years—the binocular-eyed creature that pulls the cloud across the sun just before you are ready to snap the color picture, holds a branch back from your camera lens while you sight your game and then lets it snap back, chases away the birds you've found just as soon as you get your field glasses in focus. If you become



Reprint From The Milwaukee Journal

J. Harwood Evans (left), Society Treasurer, and Warren Dettman of the Milwaukee Public Museum staff look at the "Pixie Bird."

lost in the woods on a bird hunt, it's because the Pixie was leading you." Co-discoverers of this unusual bird were Warren Dettman and Walter Pelzer, taxidermists at the Public Museum, and Dettman was the manufacturer. And the auctioneer even sold the Pixie Bird!

Bird Hikes Feature Sunday Program

Early morning bird hikes were held at Jacobus Park, Lake Park and Estabrook Park in spite of a light rain which simply seemed to be more of a challenge to the bird students than a dampener. Although the weather reduced the "take," a number of good records for this day will be found elsewhere in the bird field notes.

The Sunday afternoon program in the Museum lecture hall featured colored motion pictures by Rev. Howard L. Orians, Miss Elizabeth Oehenschlaeger, Staber W. Reese and Olin S. Pettingill, Jr., as well as illustrated talks by Dr. B. L. von Jarchow and Mrs. Walter A. Pierce. Papers were read by Earl T. Mitchell, Harold C. Wilson and N. R. Barger.

In general, the entire program was most successful and special thanks should be given to the Milwaukee Bird Club which sponsored the convention.