Wilbur Brown, a very caring man, who did so much for WSO, left this earth on April 7, 1991. Wilbur Brown was the man who handled the contracting for, and with very little help, the construction of the Cox Memorial Nature Center and the companion sanitary facility at Honey Creek. In July 1972 Harold Kruse reported to the Board that “Mr. Wilbur D. Brown has practically single-handedly erected the 24’ X 30’ Nature Center building. He has donated all his time and labor.” Mr. Brown was a self-employed carpenter and built many homes in the Madison area.

He was a man who was always on hand for week-end work parties, for fencing, and whatever else was needed during the early days at Honey Creek. He had the first signs made and built the tables and benches in the Nature Center. With his wife of almost 65 years, Eva, and daughter Joyce Ann he was always on hand with a large pan of popcorn at camp outs, field trips, and other events.

Mr. Brown was given the Silver Passenger Pigeon Award in 1973 for his significant contributions to Honey Creek and the Society. As is the tradition of such award winners, he continued to serve the Society as Circulation Manager
from 1973 until 1985. With the help of his family he handled the sizable job of preparing and mailing each issue of *The Passenger Pigeon* for these 12 years. Organizations like WSO need more selfless volunteers like Mr. Brown. He will be missed.—Edward Peartree, 36516 Lisbon Rd., Oconomowoc, WI 53066 and Alex Kailing, W330 N8275 West Shore Drive, Hartland, WI 53029.