

and on the following day a photographic record of the nest was taken by Puleston.

It is probably significant that the four new Veery nesting locations discovered in the last twenty years are along Long Island's four largest rivers, the Nissequogue, Connecticut, Carmen's and Peconic. A natural alteration of habitat has been taking place in each of these regions which has rendered them attractive to the Veery for the first time. Observation indicates that plant succession in all four areas has been similar. Since the Peconic River is most familiar to the writer, the changes there will be described.

Originally, the Peconic River was bordered largely by wide, grassy fresh water marshes with only a narrow fringe of brush between the marsh and the adjacent upland forest. During the last twenty to thirty years, the marsh has been progressively overgrown with shrubs and trees, primarily High-bush Blueberry, Button-bush, Alder, Poison Ivy, Pepperidge and Swamp Maple, while near by swampy areas once largely bushy have been overtopped by moderate sized trees. These changes have created vast stretches of seemingly ideal Veery habitat and it is anticipated that much of it will be occupied in coming years.

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W. O. S. MEETING

LILLIAN C. STONER

The Federation of New York State Bird Clubs, Inc. was quite well represented at the Fortieth Annual Meeting of The Wilson Ornithological Society at Rockland, Maine, June 11-14, 1959. Included in the attendance were 12 of our Federation.

Six of the 24 papers presented on the two-day paper session were given by the following New York State members: Kenneth C. Parker, Eugene Eisenmann and Stephen W. Eaton, each, offered papers on the Wood Warbler Symposium; while Eleanor E. Dater, Walter R. Spofford and Lawrence I. Grinnell spoke respectively on Lawrence Warbler, Golden Eagle and Tropical Birds of Australia.

The picture of the head of the Puffin, the peculiar looking bird with the large and colorful beak, was the emblem Ralph S. Palmer had prepared for this meeting. It was used on the Information and Abstract Booklets and Banquet Menu cards.

This organization, which was founded December 3, 1888 and named after Alexander Wilson, the first American ornithologist, had a membership last year of 1485. New members accepted at the business session numbered 188.

Registered attendance of 295 showed a wide Geographic representation as they were from 24 States, District of Columbia, Africa, Canada and Netherlands.

Sponsors of the Rockland, Maine, meeting were the Farnsworth Museum and Homestead, Portland Society of Natural History and the Maine Audubon Society.

The next annual meeting of The Wilson Ornithological Society will be held at Gatlenburg, Tennessee, May 5-8, 1960.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FEDERATION OF NEW YORK STATE BIRD CLUBS, INC.

Watertown, June 5-6-7

Minutes of the Council Meeting

The twelfth annual meeting of the Council of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs, Inc., was held in the Watertown High School on June 6, 1959. Allan S. Klonick, the president, opened the meeting at 1:15 p. m. Delegates from 19 of the affiliated clubs answered the roll call.

The minutes of the 1958 meeting were read, corrected, and accepted.

Gerald Rising, the 1958 treasurer, reported a balance of \$731.02 on hand Dec. 31, 1958.

Treasurer's Report

Balance — January 1, 1958	\$ 642.48
Receipts — Total for 1958	1,225.48

Gross Total	\$1,867.96
Expenditures for 1958	\$1,136.94

Balance on Dec. 31, 1958 \$	731.02
Balance in Permanent Fund on Dec. 31, 1958	\$ 779.75

The treasurer's report was accepted.

Reports of committees were given as follows:

Financial:

Mrs. Dayton Stoner, treasurer for 1959, presented the 1960 budget proposed by the Finance Committee. This budget was accepted by the Council, a complete report being placed on file.

Budget for 1958	\$1,335.00
Expenses for 1958	\$1,136.94
Proposed budget for 1959	\$1,385.00

Mrs. Stoner gave a progress report for 1959 which she had prepared for the information of the Council. (Editor's Note — This report has been printed in The Kingbird for the interest of its readers. Federation members will note the attention and care being given to the financial affairs of their organization.)