

Mr. Steven Dempsey moved acceptance of the resolutions which was done unanimously.

The Nominating Committee for 1971 was elected as follows, without opposition: Maxwell Wheat, Chairman, Harold Mitchell and Mrs. Janet Greenfield.

The Auditing Committee, consisting of Lillian Stoner and Dorothy McIlroy, was elected without opposition.

Mr. Mitchell announced the A.O.U. meeting in Buffalo Oct. 5-9 and urged members to attend.

The resolution thanking the host club for its hospitality was read by Mrs. Tullar. Dr. Reilly announced that the Federation has been invited by the John Burroughs Natural History Society to have the 1971 Annual Meeting at Lake Mohonk. No date has been set.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. on the motion of Walton Sabin.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Sunderlin

Any club which was not represented at the Council Meeting may obtain a copy of the 1971 roster of officers, committee members and member clubs, by writing the secretary, Mrs. Mary Ann Sunderlin, 505 Bay Rd., Webster, N.Y. 14580.

THE PAPER SESSION

Annual Meeting — September 12, 1970

The following technical papers were presented on Saturday afternoon:

1. Pollution Dr. John A. Gustafson, SUNY, Cortland, N.Y.
2. Blue Herons on Ironsides Island
Dr. George R. Maxwell II, Director: Rice Creek Biostation, SUNY, Oswego, N.Y.
James McAllister, Oswego, N.Y. — James Parker, Redwood, N.Y.
3. Bird Populations of Bermuda
..... Dr. Kenneth Crowell, St. Lawrence University, Canton, N.Y.
4. Behavior of Rock Ptarmigan
..... Dr. S. D. MacDonald, National Museum of Canada, Ottawa, Canada
5. Changing Bird Populations in Upstate New York
..... John Belknap, Gouverneur, N.Y.

JOHN J. ELLIOTT MEMORIAL PRIZE — 1970

At the Council Meeting on September 12, Dr. Edgar M. Reilly, Jr. announced that the John J. Elliott Memorial Prize for 1970 had been awarded to William Post and Frank Enders for their article "Reappearance of the Black Rail on Long Island" published in the October, 1969 *Kingbird*. This prize is awarded annually to "that author of a paper published during the preceding year, in the *Kingbird*, deemed the most worthy by a panel of judges."

1971 ANNUAL MEETING

The 1971 annual meeting of the Federation of N.Y. State Bird Clubs will be held June 4-6, 1971, at the Mohonk Mountain House, New Paltz, New York, with the John Burroughs Natural History Society, Inc., acting as hosts.

The Mohonk Mountain House is situated on 7,500 acres of forests, lakes, streams and open fields. A great variety of habitat is available just outside your window, and you can bird from your balcony. However, field trips will, of course, be arranged, including one for the hardy who might wish to add the Bicknell's Thrush to their life list. This would require a strenuous 3-mile climb to the top of Slide Mountain, in the Catskills.

It is regretted that the date must conflict with that of the Allegany Pilgrimage, but spring weekends, especially during the mountain laurel season, are in great demand at the Mountain House. Automobiles are allowed to the door, but no further, and the 85 miles of carriage roads and trails are sacred to foot and horse traffic, with the exception of an occasional work truck. Swimming will be fine at that time, and all sports are available, for the jaded companions of avid birders.

Further details will be included in the next issue of the *Kingbird*.

ADDENDUM TO HAWK OWL RECORDS

Dr. K. C. Parkes has pointed out to me an additional record of the Hawk Owl (*Surnia ulula*) to those listed in "The Kingbird" (Vol. 19 p. 187, 1969). This record, unrecorded in "The Kingbird" and "Audubon Field Notes," refers to one captured alive at Slide Mountain in the Catskills in mid-January 1953. It died in mid-April; photographs and the decayed body were identified by Dr. Parkes and the record published in the "Annals of the Carnegie Museum," Vol. 33, p. 156-7, 1964.

D. B. Peakall

FIELD NOTES

First Recorded Nesting of the Cattle Egret in New York State. The Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*) has occurred irregularly on Long Island since the first observation of an individual in East Moriches in the spring of 1954. To my knowledge, however, no nesting record either for Long Island or any other area in the State has been reported. I therefore wish to report the first observed nesting.

Gardiner's Island, Suffolk County, is a privately owned, undisturbed island, some 8 miles long, lying off the eastern end of Long Island. Near its northern end a vigorous colony of Black-crowned Night Herons and Snowy Egrets has existed for many years. For the past several years, several pairs of Little Blue Herons have also nested within this heronry. This year (1970) while engaged with several other ornithologists in our annual study of the reproductive success of the Osprey colony on the Island, we observed a Cattle Egret at a nest in the heart of the heronry on June 7. The nest was in a dense bank of catbrier (*smilax*). Upon returning to the Island on July 2-7 to band fledgling Ospreys, I observed two young Cattle Egrets among