

There was a discussion of the advisability of having a winter business meeting, probably in Birmingham or Montgomery, so there would be less business at the spring and fall meetings. No action was taken.

The President reported that Dr. Gaillard has organized an A. O. S. Chapter in Mobile.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to the home of J. W. Dewberry, where Jim Keeler presented the program--two excellent films, "The Life Cycle of the Dove", and "The Whooping Crane".

The meeting was concluded on Sunday by compiling a list of birds seen during the weekend. A total of 98 species was recorded.

Respectfully submitted,
MARGARETTE PERSONS, Sec.

DR. HENRY G. GOOD NEW HONORARY MEMBER

Dr. Henry G. Good, Professor of Zoology-Entomology at Auburn University and Charter Member of the A. O. S., was elected to Honorary Membership in the Society at the recent meeting at Dauphin Island.

Honorary membership is reserved for those whom the Executive Board and the Membership deem eminent in the field of ornithology. It was felt that Dr. Good has achieved eminence through his service in the past 36 years of teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in ornithology at Auburn. Many biologists in Alabama, for example, Tom Atkeson, Walter Rosene, Ren Thrasher, James Davis, and Walter Bashears, learned their first ornithology from Dr. Good. In addition, he has willingly given much time and talent to lectures to interested groups, for a long time being the ornithological authority throughout much of Alabama.

We, therefore rejoice and welcome him to his new status in the Alabama Ornithological Society.

--JULIAN DUSI

SAW-WHET OWL AT BROWNSBORO

Most of our wintering birds learn quickly to avoid our netting areas if the nets are in use for several days. Therefore we have been putting nets up after dark, making one run early the next morning, then furling the nets and waiting a few days to use them again. On the morning of November 10, we found we had fooled 23 birds which had flown into 3 nets. We had been discussing our not having caught a Screech Owl for a long time, so in the rush to get all the birds from the net, we took a small owl and hurriedly placed it in the gathering box without examining. We laughed about the coincidence of having caught a Screech Owl after saying what we had.

When we took out the owl to band it, we suddenly realized it had no "ears", had the wrong markings, was not the right colors to be a Screech Owl, and was not scratching and pecking as have the other Screech Owls we have caught. It was not a Screech Owl! Our books showed that we had caught an adult Saw-whet Owl. As Peterson says in A Field Guide to the Birds, it is "a tiny, absurdly tame little owl." It seemed to enjoy being handled and didn't seem to object to our taking flash pictures for color slides. (We have learned that Saw-whets are sometimes caught by hand or with butterfly nets).

We were unable to learn much, before this report, of its occurrence in the Gulf states. The field guides say the Saw-whet Owl breeds south to northern Indiana and the mountains of West Virginia, and winters south to Virginia and Louisiana. We know it breeds in the Smoky Mountains around Gatlinburg, Tennessee, and learned from Demett Smith, of Huntsville, that there are records for Memphis, Elizabethton, and perhaps a few other places in Tennessee. We should appreciate any information anyone might be able to furnish us concerning the Saw-whet, and records of its appearance in Alabama or neighboring states.

--JIM AND MARGARET ROBINSON

We welcome to our official staff Mr. F. Bozeman Daniel, as librarian. His address is 4320 5th Avenue, South, Birmingham, Alabama.