

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING, 1942

At the meeting of the Council, December 28, 1942, Hotel Astor, New York, the business of the year was transacted. No open session was held because of the war situation, hence no papers were presented and the meeting confined its attention to strictly business matters. The President, Harold W. Thompson, presided. The following resolutions were made, seconded and carried:

Resolved, that the new president appoint one person to report at the next Council meeting the content of the Society's constitution with any recommendations for change or additions thereto.

Resolved, that the residue moneys from the Parsons bequest after providing for the costs of Memoir Volume 26, Part 3 be set up in a special fund to be known as the Parsons fund; this fund to be added to from various sources in the future and to be used in payments of other than ordinary expenses of the Society.

Resolved, that any moneys secured through sale of securities now held by the permanent fund or any other additions to this fund be reinvested in United States Government Bonds, Series G.

Resolved, that the 1942 sales policy and practices be approved and the new Treasurer instructed to continue it.

Resolved, that the Treasurer be instructed subject to the constitution to drop members who have not paid dues for two years.

Resolved, that a representative be appointed for each state and for various other areas or localities as may be desirable with powers to solicit membership, the representatives to be selected from the membership of the Society or from the officers of local organizations.

Resolved, that up to \$50 be appropriated for publishing certificates of membership.

Resolved, that the Society pay the cost of the annual bonding of its Treasurer for \$10,000.

Resolved, that a fire insurance policy in the amount of \$5000 for a three year period be taken on the publication stock of the Society housed in Weightman Hall, University of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, that up to \$100 for secretarial assistance to the Secretary-Treasurer for the year 1943 be appropriated.

Resolved, that the Society approves in principle the policy of joint publications between the American Folklore Society and other societies.

Resolved, that the Parsons fund be deposited in a Savings Bank.

Resolved, that the Society approves in principle the formation of an index for subsequent issuance as a Memoir, but makes no appropriation for this for 1943.

Resolved, that the Treasurer's report be accepted subject to approval of an auditing committee consisting of Frank G. Speck and J. Alden Mason.

Resolved, that the Society express its gratitude to D. S. Davidson for his services to the Society as Secretary-Treasurer.

Resolved, that the Society express its gratitude to Erminie W. Voegelin for her services as Editor.

Resolved, that the Society notes with sorrow the death of two of its members during 1942, Professors Franz Boas and B. Malinowski.

Resolved, that the American Folklore Society express its profound sense of loss in the death on December 21, 1942 of Professor Franz Boas who was in every sense a pillar of the Society, one to whose efforts and vision its very existence and progress are due, and one upon whom we depended for wise advice even after he ceased to be an active officer. This resolution is an expression of appreciation for the uncountable hours and the thought he spent in behalf of the Society.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Leslie White, Chairman, Ann Gayton and Marian W. Smith, presented a slate for officers for the year 1943. Other nominations were made from the floor and the following officers were elected: President, Gladys A. Reichard; First Vice-President, John M. Cooper; Second Vice-President, Emelyn E. Gardiner; Secretary-Treasurer, MacEdward Leach; Editor, Erminie W. Voegelin; Associate Editors, Marius Barbeau, Aurelio Espinosa, A. H. Gayton, George Herzog, Gladys Reichard, Archer Taylor, Stith Thompson and J. W. Ashton, the latter to serve as Book Review Editor; Executive Committee, D. S. Davidson and L. C. Jones; Councillors to serve through 1945, L. J. Davidson, A. Espinosa, R. Flannery, G. Foster, A. I. Hallowell, J. H. Herriott, F. W. Hodge, T. James, MacEdward Leach, R. Jente, E. M. Loeb, A. Lomax, L. C. Jones, W. LaBarre, H. Lee, A. Lesser, A. Rey, L. L. Seale, F. G. Speck and T. Starck.

The membership list of the Society is encouraging in view of all circumstances, yet it should be pointed out to all members that our prosperity as represented in the size and number of our publications is primarily dependent on dues collected each year. For instance, if it were possible to double our membership we could more than double our services to our members.

During 1942 the Society lost forty-two members as the result of resignations, deaths, dropping of members with delinquent dues, and cancellation of foreign memberships. It is to be hoped that the latter will return to the Society after the war. As of December 31, 1942 the members of the Society were distributed in the following categories:

Honorary members	6
Life members	10
Annual members	418

D. S. DAVIDSON, *Secretary-Treasurer*

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1942

Receipts		Expenditures	
Bank Balance 1-1-42	\$1568.13	Journal 211-12	\$ 478.32
1942 Dues	1323.71	Journal 213-14	547.62
Gift for Memoir 37	551.21	Journal 215-16	503.04
Interest (Permanent Fund)	70.87	Journal 217	397.26
Advance Dues for 1943	547.20	Journal 218	364.64
Sales	1288.89	Memoir 37	631.13
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	\$5350.01	Review Editor's Expenses	20.00
		Administration	181.30
		Refunds	15.50
		Bank Balance 12-31-42	2174.55
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D. S. DAVIDSON, *Secretary-Treasurer*
 F. G. SPECK, *Auditor*
 J. A. MASON, *Auditor*

EDITOR'S REPORT, 1942

During 1942 six numbers of the JOURNAL and one Memoir were published by the American Folklore Society.

Numbers 213-14, edited by Archer Taylor, appeared in late spring. Shortly afterward Numbers 215-16 were distributed. In August Number 217, the third number for 1942, was released, together with title-page and table of contents for Volume 53 (1940). Early in November Number 218 was issued with title-page, table of contents and index for Volume 55. Volume 55, 1942 (Numbers 215-18) contains 268 pages and carries five musical notations and one line drawing.

During 1942 the editor's efforts were mainly directed toward bringing the JOURNAL up to date. With the generous cooperation of two former editors, Gladys A. Reichard and Dr. Taylor, and under the wise stewardship of the secretary-treasurer, D. S. Davidson, this aim has been achieved. It was also possible to institute a few new features in the 1942 JOURNALS. The department of Folklore News was begun as a regular feature of each issue. A current list of national, state, and regional folklore societies with their officers and publication organs was compiled by Wayland D. Hand and printed as a cover announcement in each issue. The department of Some Recent Publications was changed to a more current Recent Publications Received section in which are listed all books and articles sent to the JOURNAL each quarter. The membership list of the Society as of December 1941 was printed in the first issue for 1942.

A gradual upswing in membership, and therefore in our printing budget, permits definite plans for reestablishing the JOURNAL as a quarterly in 1943. Most, if not all of the manuscripts accepted prior to 1942 will have been printed by the end of 1943.

Several suggestions regarding changes in JOURNAL format were made to the editor during the year. After consultation with the officers of the Society, it was decided to put certain of these suggestions into effect in the 1943 JOURNAL. The size of type page was enlarged, a new cover design adopted, and a somewhat less expensive paper selected for the inside stock. The difficulties which formerly arose when articles submitted for publication needed special phonetic characters have now been eliminated. After securing bids from various publishers the printing of the JOURNAL was placed with the George Banta Publishing Company, a firm able to supply us with a large stock of special characters at no extra charge.

One Memoir, Volume 37, *Myths and Tales of the Chiricahua Apache Indians*, by Morris Edward Opler with an Appendix of Apache and Navaho Comparative References by David French, was seen through the press in 1942 by Dr. Taylor and was issued free to members of the Society in the fall of 1942. Another Memoir, Volume 26, Part 3, *Folklore of the Antilles*, by Elsie Clews Parsons, was seen through the press by Dr. Reichard and will be distributed free to members early in 1943. The editor wishes to thank Dr. Taylor and Dr. Reichard for having given so generously of their time and effort in seeing these two Memoirs through to publication.

ERMINIE W. VOEGELIN, *Editor*