

FIFTIETH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
AMERICAN FOLKLORE SOCIETY

The Council of the American Folklore Society met at the Hotel Commodore, Tuesday, December 27th, 1938 with President Stith Thompson in the Chair.

The Secretary-Treasurer reported on the year's activity and the reports were referred to the Annual Meeting.

The Editor reported the death of Heinrich W. Augustin, for many years the Society's publisher and friend, and the changes his death had brought about in our relations with the publishing firm. The Council recommended that publication be transferred to America and empowered the Editor to take action. Two Memoirs have been distributed during the past year, and one Memoir for 1939 is nearing completion.

The Council approved the continuance in office during the coming year of the present officers of the Society.

The following Councillors were elected: For term ending December, 1939: Ralph Boggs, J. F. Dobie, F. G. Speck, Clark Wissler, Harold W. Thompson, Archer Taylor. For term ending 1940: Ruth Bunzel, John M. Cooper, E. Kirkland, A. L. Kroeber, Louise Pound, Duncan Strong. For term ending 1941: A. L. Campa, Mellinger Henry, D. Jenness, Ralph Linton, J. Alden Mason, Robert Redfield, J. R. Swanton, A. M. Tozzer, Leslie White, Reed Smith, Verne Ray and Gladys A. Reichard.

The Council discussed the new Joint Committee on Folk Arts of the Works Progress Administration and the following resolution was adopted:

The Council of the American Folklore Society notes with interest the organization of the Joint Committee on Folk Arts of the Works Progress Administration under a trained folklorist, Dr. B. A. Botkin, and expresses its willingness to cooperate in its activities.

It was recommended that the President appoint a committee of the Society to cooperate with the Joint Committee on Folk Arts.

The Council expressed its profound regret at the loss the Society has sustained in the death during the year of three of its outstanding members, Truman Michelson, G. B. Grinnell and Robert Lehmann-Nitsche.

At the Annual Meeting the reports and resolutions presented by the Council were approved.

Respectfully submitted,
GENE WELTFISH, Secretary

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The membership of the American Folklore Society is as follows:

	1938	1937
Honorary members	9	5
Life members	9	10
Active members, of whom 43 are Memoir members . . .	189	202
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Total	207	217
Subscribing Libraries	185	211

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Income		
From Members at large	\$ 553.25	
From Branch Societies: Canadian	142.00	
Hoosier	39.00	
Herzog for thesis reprints	72.00	
Permanent fund, interest on bonds	40.16	
Gifts—Memoir XXXI	1,408.60	
Cash on hand	1.50	
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Total Income		\$2,256.51
Balance from December 1937	2,501.21	
Credit Augustin December 31, 1938	254.78	
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Total Assets		\$5,012.50
Expenditures		
Memoir XXXI	\$1,408.60	
Meeting 1937	10.00	
Augustin, Memoirs and Journals	2,519.87	
Stechert	14.38	
Binding Memoir Volume	253.63	
Review Editor's expenses	11.24	
President's expenses	10.78	
Columbia Press Stationery	13.97	
Mailing Bills	3.42	
Secretarial expenses	100.00	
American Anthropological Association	16.35	
Cash	17.00	
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Total Expenditures		\$4,379.24

Total Assets	\$5,012.50
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Balance on hand.....	\$ 633.26

Respectfully submitted,
 GENE WELTFISH, Treasurer

EDITOR'S REPORT, 1938

In spite of the unanimous desire of the Folklore Board to discontinue publication in Germany, the Board last year was forced by financial considerations to make no recommendation of change. This year the situation has changed in several respects. Not only has the international situation become more difficult, but the owner and director of the Glückstadt publishing house, Heinrich W. Augustin, the Society's friend, an upright business man of long standing, died as a result of an automobile accident, and business dealings with the Glückstadt printing establishment have been radically altered. Meanwhile J. J. Augustin, who already handles distribution of our publications from his New York office, has established a publishing house in this country and is submitting estimates on new publication which are less than the bills presented from Glückstadt for the last Journal. The Editor strongly recommends therefore that publication be transferred to J. J. Augustin in America, with the reservation that music or texts may be set up in Germany if necessary.

The program of bringing the Journals up to date this year has failed primarily due to the death of Heinrich W. Augustin. Manuscripts for the 1938 issues, which had been in the printer's hands for six to twelve months, were all held up at the death of the head of the firm. Work has been recommenced and they will appear shortly. To the Review sections edited by Dr. Gayton have been added Folklore News Notes contributed by our President, Professor Stith Thompson.

If publication in America is recommended, any publication delays with the 1939 issues will be financial. The Editor is trying to reduce the latest bills for Journals, submitted from Glückstadt, and as distributor for the Memoirs this year and of Memoirs and Journals next year, J. J. Augustin has increased our income, but it is obvious that if the 1938 and 1939 Journals are all to be paid for out of next year's income there will be a deficit.

The Memoirs for 1938 were *Myths and Tales of the Jicarilla Apache* by Morris E. Opler, Memoir 31, and *Mandan-Hidatsa Myths and Ceremonies* by Martha Warren Beckwith, Memoir 32. The former was the gift of Dr. Parsons and the latter of Dr. Beckwith, to both of whom the Society owes much. One 1939 memoir, *Tales of the White Mountain Apache*

by Grenville Goodwin, is ready for page proof, the publication being financed by gifts obtained by the author and by a gift of the Southwest Society. The publication of two other Memoirs has been underwritten by Dr. Parsons for the coming year: Wheeler's *Jalisco Tales* from Mexico, and Opler's *Myths and Tales of the Lipan Apache*. Estimates have already been obtained on the first two manuscripts and they can be published in America if the Council approves such contract. The Editor wishes to express to Dr. Parsons the Society's great debt of gratitude in making these publications possible.

RUTH BENEDICT, Editor