

FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
AMERICAN FOLKLORE SOCIETY

The Council of the American Folklore Society met at the University of Chicago, Tuesday, December 26th, 1939.

The reports of the Editor and of the Secretary-Treasurer were read in their absence and referred to the Annual Meeting. The report of the Secretary-Treasurer was ordered filed, pending fuller data.

EDITOR'S REPORT, 1939

Last year's decision of the Executive Council to publish the *Journal* in America was abundantly and tragically justified by the outbreak of the European war. International difficulties have put constant obstacles in the way of completion of the 1938 volume which was currently in press at the time of last year's decision, but the last issues are now printed and distributed. Issues for 1939 are in press in this country through the New York firm of J. J. Augustin, and will be distributed rapidly.

The Memoir distributed this year was Grenville Goodwin's *Myths and Tales of the Western Apache*, Vol. XXXIII, financed through gifts of the author's friends and of the Southwest Society. Dr. Parsons' *Taos Tales*, Vol. XXXIV and Mr. H. T. Wheeler's *Tales from Jalisco, Mexico*, Vol. XXXV are in press. Dr. Morris Opler's *Mythology of the Lipan Apache*, Vol. XXXVI, should appear early in 1940. All these three are made possible by the generosity of Dr. Parsons, to whom folklore students in this country owe such great and continuing indebtedness.

RUTH BENEDICT.

The Council recommended the election of three Vice-Presidents instead of one. It nominated the following slate of officers: President: Irving A. Hallowell, First Vice-President: Archer Taylor, Second Vice-President: Melville J. Herskovits, Third Vice-President: Leslie White, Editor: Ann H. Gayton, Secretary-Treasurer: George Herzog. Those Councillors whose terms expire December 1939 were renamed as Councillors to retire in 1942, and the following new Councillors were named: William Bascom, Cora Du Bois, William Fenton, Jane Hanks, Dorothea D. Lee, William Lipkind, Katherine Luomala, Alfred Métraux, Morris Opler, Gladys A. Reichard, Ruth M. Underhill, Erminie Voegelin.

The Council recommended that the incoming President appoint an auditing committee to pass on the Treasurer's report and the books of the society. At the suggestion of J. Herbert Spinden it recommended that the incoming President appoint a delegate to the Eighth American Scientific

Congress in Washington, D. C., May 1940. It expressed itself in favor of joining with other societies in inviting the projected 1942 International Meeting in Anthropology to the United States.

A statement submitted by Stith Thompson describing his plans for revising his motif index was read. Available copies of the statement were distributed, and members were urged to cooperate with Stith Thompson.

The Council expressed its profound regret at the loss the Society has sustained through the death during the year of Professor E. F. Piper and Dr. William Whitman.

At the Annual Meeting held on the same day the nominations, reports, and recommendations presented by the Council were approved.

Submitted for the Secretary, by

GEORGE HERZOG.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The membership of the American Folklore Society is as follows:

	1939	1938
Honorary members	9	9
Life members	9	9
Active members	184	189
Memoir members	41	
Subscribing members, at large	82	
Subscribing members, Canadian branch	41	
Subscribing members, Indiana branch	20	
Total	202	207
Subscribing Libraries	234	185

Respectfully submitted,

GENE WELTFISH, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income	
From Members at large	\$ 492.50
From Branch Societies: Canadian	129.00
Permanent fund, interest on bonds	120.48
Gifts: Memoir 33	477.40
Memoirs 35, 36	1,266.67
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Memoir 34	440.00
Credit with J. J. Augustin, Inc., for sales of publications during 1939	1,388.88
Total Income	\$5,581.60

Credit with J. J. Augustin, Inc., for sales of publications during 1938	\$ 439.04	
Credited with J. J. Augustin, Inc., January 1, 1939.	254.78	
Bank balance, December 1938	378.48	
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Balance and Credits		\$1,072.30
Total Income	\$5,581.60	
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Total Assets		\$6,653.90
Expenditures		
Mailing and clerical assistance	\$ 7.05	
Printing and mailing of cards, Annual Meeting	12.92	
Review editor's expenses	11.41	
Secretarial expenses	50.00	
Memoir account with J. J. Augustin, Inc.		
Memoir 33	477.40	
Memoirs 35, 36	2,533.34	
Memoir 34	440.00	
Mailing of Memoir 33	19.45	
Duty on Memoirs imported	12.95	
Journal account with J. J. Augustin, Inc.		
Printing of Journal no. 199	440.36	
Printing of Journal no. 200	401.15	
Printing of Journal no. 201	537.06	
Printing of Journal no. 202	332.51	
Mailing of Journal nos. 199-202	47.58	
Mailing of paper to printer	58.27	
Paper for Journal vol. 52	138.66	
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Total Expenditures		\$5,520.11
Total Assets	\$6,653.90	
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Balance on hand		\$1,133.79

Respectfully submitted,
 GENE WELTFISH, Treasurer.