

Roger Tory Peterson Honored By The Lancaster County Bird Club

The banquet given by the Lancaster County Bird Club in honor of Roger Tory Peterson brought together the largest and most distinguished group of Ornithologists ever assembled in Lancaster County. Mr. Peterson had been awarded a Doctor of Science degree by Franklin and Marshall College June 6, and the banquet on the evening of that day, at the General Sutter Hotel, Lititz, came as a complete surprise to him.

The response to the invitations indicates the high regard in which Roger Peterson is held by the Ornithologists of America. Among the many guests at the table were Alexander Wetmore, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution; Ludlow Griscom, of Harvard University; Kenneth Morrison, Editor of the Audubon Magazine; Irston Barnes, President of the Audubon Society of the District of Columbia; Earl L. Poole, Director of the Reading Public Museum and Art Gallery; Seth H. Low, of Fish and Wildlife Service, Patuxent Research Refuge; James Fowler, of the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences and the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club; Mrs. C. N. Edge, President of the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association; Francis J. Trembly, of the Department of Biology, Lehigh University; Maurice Broun, Curator of the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary; Orville W. Crowder, Past President of the Maryland Ornithological Society; Roger Conant, of the Philadelphia Zoological Society; Shirley Briggs, Editor of the Atlantic Naturalist, publication of the Audubon Society of the District of Columbia; Albert Conway, of the Chester County Bird Club; Edward A. Hill, lecturer of Berks County; Theodore Hake, of the York County Bird Club; Maxwell E. Hannum, Assistant to the President of Franklin and Marshall College; John L. Atlee, of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall; Harold Wood, of Harrisburg, representatives of the Bird Clubs of York, Reading, West Chester, Baltimore, Wilmington, Harrisburg and Perth Amboy; also representatives of National Park Service, Brandywine Valley Association, Gettysburg and Lafayette Colleges.

President Kenneth B. Corbett, to whom the major credit goes for assembling a group of this high character, acting as toastmaster, called on the following for short addresses: Mrs. Roger Tory Peterson, Alexander Wetmore, Irston Barnes, Mrs. C. N. Edge, Earl L. Poole, Ludlow Griscom, Kenneth Morrison, Francis J. Trembly, Herbert H. Beck and Roger Tory Peterson. The speakers commended the guest of honor for his high merits as an Ornithologist and as an Artist as viewed from their various angles; and all had remarks of interest to the Ornithological audience.

Dr. Peterson spoke on his prospective publication, Birds of Western Europe, from the regional research on which he had just returned to America.

As though to honor Roger Peterson, Nature furnished a rare Ornithological exhibit for the occasion. There, in full life, was a Yellow-Crowned Sparrow, far away from its Alaskan range, which Albert Conway had recently trapped at Easton, Pennsylvania, and brought with him to the banquet. Altogether the banquet by which the Lancaster County Bird Club honored Roger Tory Peterson was an impressive and memorable event; made so by the character and cordial spirit of the assembled company, by the presence of the avian straggler from the far Northwest, and by the superb display of flowers on the tables brought there and placed by Mrs. H. W. Rueger and Mrs. Charles Y. Tanger. 114 persons attended the dinner.

Herbert H. Beck