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CALENDAR

Field Trips*

Nov. 7, Saturday, the Clyde Prussmans will lead a trip to the Kane Ranch. Beautiful country, both open and wooded. Bring lunch and meet leaders at intersection of Black Road and U.S. highway 17, a couple of miles west of Los Gatos, at 8:30 a.m.

Nov. 22, Sunday, Al Wool will guide a tour through the Los Banos Game Refuge. Ten miles of roads cross this bird sanctuary affording extraordinary opportunities of viewing ducks, geese, gallinules, egrets horned larks and literally dozens of varieties of birds, large and small. Meet at Tiny's Cafe in Los Banos at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast. The party will leave Tiny's at 9:15 a. m.

Regular Meeting*

Nov. 9, Monday evening at the Palo Alto Junior Museum at 8 p.m. Gay H. Savage of the Stanford University Natural History Museum will present an illustrated talk on "The Common Reptiles and Amphibians of Santa Clara County."

Screen Tours*

Nov. 13, at 8 p.m. in the Morris Daley Auditorium at San Jose State College. "Outlaws in Nature" a colored movie of wild life creatures that live by fang and claw; Murl Densing, Director of Education at the Milwaukee Public Museum, will present nature's rogues gallery.

Board of Directors Meeting*

Nov. 3, at 8 p.m. in room 216 Science Bldg. at San Jose State College. William P. Goodall, of National Audubon will be present.

Junior Museum Opening*

At Alum Rock Park on or about Nov. 15.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"With this issue of the Bulletin of Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society we extend a warm welcome to our new Editor, Mrs. Charles Doe of Palo Alto, and our sincere expression of gratitude to Miss Emily Smith who over the years has promoted and maintained the high editorial standard of the Bulletin and on whom we expect to continue to call for assistance.

We are confident the new Editor will enjoy working with all our members in her new assignment. All of us should remember that for the successful accomplishment of her duties, she will need to receive material intended for use in the Bulletin before the 21st of each month. The editorial committee has set up some rules which allow Mrs. Doe to edit our contributions, but lets all cooperate by responding to her requests and getting information to her, signed, and in a form she can use.

Let's all help Mrs. Doe so she knows we really mean our good wishes for her success."

- Elsie D. Hoeck

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EDITORIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, Wilbur F. Luick, reports: "The Editorial Committee is happy to announce the appointments of Mrs. Charles Doe (Mrs. Doe) editor, and Mrs. Charles J. Swaal circulation manager, to the staff of the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society Bulletin. We are sure that all the members will rejoice with us in the knowledge that one of the major problems of the Society, to find replacements for Dr. Charles Sibley and Miss Emily D. Smith, has been solved.

Mrs. Doe comes to the editorship highly recommended by members of the Society and the committee familiar with her ability. Some of you may be acquainted with her through your experience of reading her travel column, "Lets Go Places" which appears weekly in the Palo Alto Times. Also, Mrs. Doe was public relations chairman for the Palo Alto-Stanford Community Chest in 1951 and 1952 and is handling the publicity for the Palo Alto Chapter American Red Cross blood program.

Mrs. Zwaal has served as circulation manager for several years, although her contributions heretofore have not been recognized with a title. That you receive your Bulletin on time and at the correct address you have Mrs. Swaal to thank.

Mrs. Doe will need help and cooperation from all the members if the Bulletin is to measure up to expectations. Volunteers for publications staff positions are welcome right now. Let her know if you want to help. (70 Kirby Place, Palo Alto, DA 2-6542)

Editorial committee members were appointed by Dr. H. E. Humphrey and reappointed by President Elsie Hoeck. They developed nine publication standing rules (see pg. 4) which were approved by the Board of Directors at their September meeting. Appointment of Mrs. Doe and Mrs. Zwaal was approved by the Board at that time.

Editorial committee members are; Mrs. Donald C. Frances, Wilbur Luick, Miss Emily Smith, Miss Christine Tapley and Pres., Elsie Hoeck.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, Mrs. I. W. Snow defines the purpose of her committee which is "to attract desirable members to our society by convincing them that the aims of the National Audubon Society are worthy of their support and that belonging to our branch will enrich their lives through greater knowledge of nature."

PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN Dr. Malcolm Miller states the objective of his committee: "To provide programs by qualified individuals on topics of as wide range as possible in the province of natural history and conservation."

SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN Mrs. H. A. Peterson reports her associates are: Mrs. George Bottini, Mrs. Lester Sleeper, Clyde Brusman, and Miss Elsie Hoeck. "Our committee will work as a whole to introduce new members at meetings and on field trips. It is hoped that at least one member of the committee will be present at each affair. On occasion there will be refreshments - such as we had at the Screen Tour stuffing meeting."

FIELD TRIP CHAIRMAN George R. Bottini summarizes the purpose of his group: "To plan, organize and arrange field trips for the members of the Audubon Society and all people interested in conservation of our natural resources."

EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN Miss Jeanie Nieri presents the aims of the Educational Committee: "There are many constitutional duties to accomplish, but we are emphasizing two programs which are both in the planning stages.

1. A student group shall be organized as a functioning membership in the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society to be open to serious minded young people (perhaps grades 6-12) who will assist in leading their own trips.

2. Junior Audubon groups will be promoted in the Santa Clara County area by holding a meeting which all interested persons may attend. Additional meetings will be held to exchange ideas and discuss technique of enjoying Nature Study.

With approval of the executive board, we hope to begin both of these programs by mid-November."

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE is without a chairman. President Elsie Hoeck reports: "We need interested members for this important committee which has as its duties, 1) to keep informed on conservation legislation and 2) to study wildlife conservation problems of this area and recommend courses of action. If you are interested in this phase of Audubon Society work, would you let any one of the board members know?"

OBSERVATIONS

At the October meeting, Mrs. Nanette Wittgenstein reported seeing a white-faced ibis at Moss Landing near the bridge on the construction road. The Charles Andersons saw the same bird another day. Mrs. Wittgenstein also reported a white-winged dove at Byzbee Park.

Etta Smith reported a golden plover among black-bellied plover at Alviso and a pair of spotted sandpipers near the salt flats.

John Harville reported seeing a fox in Los Gatos and described collecting the insectivorous plant, Sundew, on a log floating in a Sierra lake, at 8000 ft. elevation.

INTERESTING SIMILARITIES

Similarities are what are interesting, not differences, Dr. Malcolm Miller told his audience at the Oct. meeting as he compared reproductive cycles in fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals. Briefly outlining apparatus and methods used by vertebrate types, he explained the influence of nerves on reproduction and their place in the theory of bird migration.

The October meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society was held in the Science building at San Jose State College. William P. Goodall, West Coast representative of National Audubon, attended the meeting.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN Wilbur E. Luick, reports: "According to the provisions of article VIII, section 12, of the By-Laws of the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, the By-Laws Committee shall examine the By-Laws to determine any revisions; shall receive suggested amendments from the members; shall draft proposed amendments in proper form and style; and shall initiate action with the Board

of Directors for any proposed amendment. The committee presently consists of two people, President Elsie Hoeck, ex-officio, and the chairman.

One of the projects upon which the committee is working is an amendment which will help avoid calendar congestion, such as having a Board of Directors meeting, an Audubon Screen Tour and a regular meeting within a week's time."

DWARF FOREST AND TIDE POOLS

The sixteen venturesome Society members who braved the rain on Sunday, Oct. 13, to accompany Dr. James Heath of the Department of Natural Sciences of San Jose State College were rewarded by having the sun appear when they arrived at the Asilomar beach tide pools. Although the visit to the dwarf trees in the Del Monte Forest was a wet affair, inspection of the marine life visible at minus tide was carried on under a blue sky.

The coast of the Monterey Peninsula is famous for its marine gardens and the group was impressed to discover so much and such a variety of activity present. In the pools were 'Tide-pool Johnnies', a small fish, and starfish, anemones, limpets, crabs, chitons, abalones, periwinkles, algae and colonies of gooseneck barnacles.

Four black turnstones, a phalarope and some cormorants made an appearance for the visitors' inspection.

PUBLICATION STANDING RULES

of the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society

1. The Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society shall publish a bulletin each month of the year containing any of the following:
 - a. calendar of activities
 - b. official announcements
 - c. articles on natural history and conservation
 - d. field trip reports and seasonal observations
 - e. other appropriate matter, such as book reviews, etc.
2. The name of the bulletin shall be _____.
3. The publication staff shall consist of an editor and a circulation manager, appointed by the President, upon the recommendation of the Editorial Committee, with the approval of the Board of Directors; and staff members, appointed by the editor.
4. It shall be the duty of the editor:
 - a. to plan, organize, and arrange for the publication of the bulletin
 - b. to assemble and arrange material for the bulletin
 - c. to write an editorial for the bulletin (optional)
 - d. to edit submitted material in any case in which such material is not acceptable for publication in its original form
 - e. to schedule staff meetings
 - f. to appoint staff members
5. It shall be the duty of the circulation manager to handle the distribution of the bulletin to the members; to libraries and institutions, or individuals, not participating members of the Society.
6. The duties of the staff members shall be assigned by the editor.
7. The bulletin shall be distributed during the last week of the month preceding its publication date.
8. The publication staff shall prepare a budget to cover the costs of publication during the fiscal year of the Society, the budget to be submitted to the Editorial Committee for presentation to the Board of Directors for approval.
9. Material submitted for publication must be in the hands of the editor not later than ten days before publication date. All material submitted shall be signed by the writer. The editor may reject material submitted.