

July 1, 1957

SANTA CLARA VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

July-August 1957

MEETINGS

No regular meetings during July and August, as is customary.

Meeting of the Board of Directors, Monday, July 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Dorothy and Al Wool.

FIELD TRIPS

Sunday, July 14, to Fremont Peak State Park in San Benito County. Meet at 9:00 a.m. in the town of San Juan Bautista, at the entrance to the old mission of the same name. The Mission is now a State Historical Monument and part of the State Park System. Fremont Peak is 11 miles south from San Juan Bautista. Bring lunch. There are camp sites as well as picnic areas in the Park. Leaders: Frank and Jane Goraj, DA 5-8847.

Wednesday Morning, July 24, to Portola State Park, among redwoods near headwaters of Pescadero Creek in San Mateo County. Meet at 8:30 a.m. on Skyline Blvd. at junction with Alpine Road (about 6 m. south from Saratoga Gap and 7 north from La Honda Road crossing). Bring lunch if you want more than a morning's trip. Leaders: Clyde and Agnes Prusman, EL 4-9914.

Saturday, August 10, to the Sharon Estate (the Sharons of Comstoke Lode fame) in the country back of Menlo Park. Meet at 8:30 a.m. in Menlo Park at corner of Alameda de las Pulgas and Avy Ave. Bring lunch if you want to spend the day on this interesting estate of the late 19th century, or in nearby areas. Leaders: John and Joyce Todd, DA 2-1787.

Wednesday Morning, August 21, to salt marshes and salt ponds near Alviso, at the south end of San Francisco Bay. New areas, away from all the "progress" that is going on in vicinity of Alviso, will be explored. There should be shore birds returning from nesting grounds far north, as well as resident birds of the marshy places. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Alviso Elementary School on San Jose-Alviso Road. Leaders: Grace Brubaker, CL 8-2289; Emily Smith, EL 4-2494.

BRIEF REPORT OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting, which was held on June 10, 1957, in the Junior Museum in Alum Rock Park, followed the customary late afternoon bird walk and picnic supper. (Of especial interest on the walk were the birds feeding at the orange flowers of Grevillea trees: a family of Bullock's Orioles, two Nuttall's Woodpeckers, one Acorn Woodpecker, and a Black-headed Grosbeak, along with an Allen's Hummingbird. Were they all sipping nectar? E.S.) Reports read at the meeting by the chairmen showed accomplishment. Membership, according to Angelina Snow, has reached 250. Henry Weston reported meetings held regularly in both Palo Alto and San Jose. William Ouderkirk reported completion of two projects: one in which we joined other local Audubon Societies, The National Audubon Society, and the Sierra Club to establish the South San Francisco Bay Marsh Sanctuary; the other, the posting of the grounds of Villa Montalvo as a Wildlife Sanctuary. He also told of communications sent to assemblymen and senators urging passage of the bill to revise the California Fish and Game Code, relating particularly to protection of hawks and owls. Francis Goraj reported 32 field trips, with attendance varying from 5 to 75. Jand Goraj told of increased effectiveness of the Publicity Committee and wider participation in its work by members. Emily Smith reported that Joyce Todd will

take over the editorship of The Avocet, beginning with the September-October issue. Fanny Zwaal's Treasurer's Report showed our financial status to be good, and Dr. Marion Kirkwood, as the auditor, attested to the accuracy of the report. Dr. Arnold Applegarth reported a financially successful Screen Tour season. This has made it possible for us to grant seven scholarships to West Coast Nature School and two half scholarships to the Audubon Camp of California. The awarding of these scholarships is a concrete way to further our belief in the value and need of conservation education. Harriet Mundy, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, submitted the names of the following for officers and directors for 1957-1958: President, Dorothy Wool; Vice-president, Henry Weston; Secretary, Roberta Wright; Treasurer, Fanny Zwaal; Directors, Anne Peterson, L. Richard Mewaldt, Charlotte McBride, Francis Goraj, and Robert Wood. After the slate was unanimously accepted President Dorothy Wool thanked the past officers and directors for their work of the past year and introduced the members of the incoming Board of Directors.

Following the business meeting, Mr. Larry Moitozo, Director of the Junior Museum, presented a very interesting program about the "long field trips" which the Museum is now offering boys and girls, illustrating his talk with Kodachrome slides of a recent camping field trip to a desert area. He then introduced Jean Erdelyi who was one of the dozen or so boys and girls on the trip. She told, in her own delightful way, about the things they saw and learned and the fun they had. The program was one we shall long remember as a fine example of conservation education in action.

Elsie D. Hoeck

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1956-1957

Commercial Checking Account

Balance June 1, 1956	\$220.28
Receipts during 1956-1957	
Dues	416.77
Screen Tours (1955-1956 Season)	300.00*
Refund	3.42
	<u>\$940.47</u>
Disbursements	
<u>The Avocet</u>	\$175.92
Speaker, projector rental	20.00
Publicity	41.80
Expenses of officers and committee chairmen	33.26
Christmas Bird Count	12.50
Posting Villa Montalvo	53.86
Scholarships	255.00
	<u>592.34</u>
Balance June 1, 1957	\$348.13

Savings Account

Balance June 1, 1956	\$1478.57
Receipts	
Interest	\$ 37.31
Screen Tours	300.00
	<u>337.31</u>
Balance June 1, 1957	\$2164.01

*Transferred from Audubon Screen Tours Account, kept at San Jose State College, to this account after books were closed June 1, 1956.

A REMINDER

To those who are Local Members of the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society (not Joint Members of both the National Audubon Society and our Society): dues of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) become due July 1, payable to the treasurer, Mrs. Charles J. Zwaal, 478 Clifton Ave., San Jose 28. Please mail your dues promptly and save Fanny the necessity of sending you a special reminder.

AUDUBON SCREEN TOURS 1957-1958

Dr. Arnold Applegarth announced at the Annual Meeting that the following schedule for Audubon Screen Tours, to be held in San Jose, has been arranged.

October 30, 1957	Bert Harwell	"Forgotten Country"
November 22, 1957	Murl Deusing	"Adventure in Africa"
January 15, 1958	Cleveland P. Grant	"Yukon ^{Inglan} Summer"
February 18, 1958	Olin Sewell Pettingill	"Penguin Summer"
April 17, 1958	Telford H. Work	"Monsoon Mosaic"

SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTED

To California Audubon Camp: Miss Katherine McQueen Smith who is now a freshman at Stanford University. She has been associated with the Los Angeles County Museum and the Los Angeles Audubon Society, and will do Campfire work this summer. The recipient of the second Scholarship has not yet been chosen.

To West Coast Nature School: Miss Carol Lovely, Miss Kay Heywood, and Miss Joan Zilliox. All three are General Elementary majors at San Jose State College (preparing for teaching in the elementary schools). Two will graduate this spring and one is a Junior. Miss Zilliox helped with tickets at Screen Tours and Miss Heywood with posters. Ronald M. Hagelin, Robert D. Hassur, and George Pickwell (George is son of Dr. Gayle B. Pickwell whom so many of us remember with pride and affection. E.S.). The first two are in graduate school at S. J. State College, completing requirements for teaching in secondary schools. George Pickwell is a Zoology major and plans to go into graduate work. The seventh recipient, Miss Joanna G. Petkiewicz, is a student at San Jose Junior College. She will do Nature Study counseling this summer, as she has done in past summers, and plans to teach school when she has finished college.

Eva McRae, Chairman of Scholarship Committee

LEST WE FORGET

We are almost over the hump in our effort to place all hawks and owls under protection, but not quite. The bill revising our State Fish and Game Code has been passed by the Senate and is now on the Governor's desk. But it could easily die there unless signed within a certain length of time. Write now to The Hon. Goodwin Knight, Governor of California, Sacramento, urging him to approve the bill.

Charlotte McBride

"THE AVOCET" WILL FLY AGAIN

With the September-October issue of The Avocet, Joyce Todd (Mrs. John E. Todd) will assume responsibility for publication of our bulletin. Her chief needs are: (1) someone to type a good stencil of the bulletin, (2) material for The Avocet. The material must reach her on or before August 15. As to the material, Joyce writes: "The Avocet welcomes all material and suggestions which members consider valuable. Its success depends more upon the concern of individual members than upon the labors of the Editor." It's our bulletin—let's help where we can. E.S.

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