

# The Avocet

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## President's Message

Every good book has a theme which winds its way from beginning to end, always holding the reader's interest. Our Society endeavors, since last June, 1962, likewise have followed a theme moulded from what President Buchheister has said: "We have dedicated ourselves to the pleasant task of opening the eyes of young and old that all may come to cherish and enjoy the beauty of the earth, which is our home, and share in conserving its wonders forever." Many of our members have participated in the "pleasant tasks". Below are details.

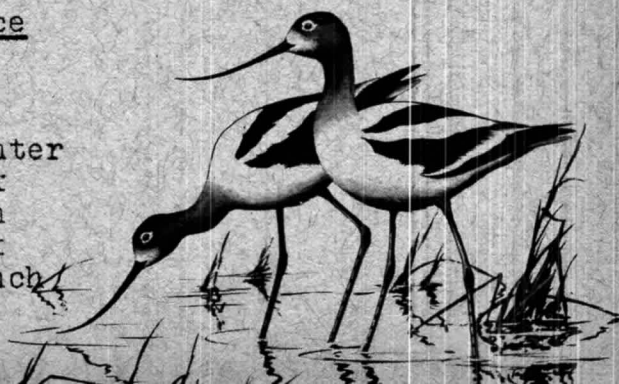
### Education Committee- Mrs. Diane Conradson, Chairman.

- 9 nature and bird trips to the Palo Alto Yacht harbor, each trip averaging 15 children and 3 adults, were led by our members.
- 5 other nature and bird trips to a variety of places, again averaging 15 children and 3 adults per trip, were led by our members.
- Members conducting these trips were:
  - Mrs. Virginia Bothwell 2 trips      Mrs. Florence La Riviere 2 trips
  - Mrs. Carol Zabel 3 trips              Mrs. William Proctor 3 trips
  - Mr. & Mrs. Turner 2 trips            Mrs. Diane Conradson 2 trips
- 10 nature talks to various school and scout and Brownie meetings were given. Members giving these talks were:
  - Mrs. Riebe 1 talk                      Bob Fuller 1 talk
  - Mrs. Conradson 8 talks
- 4 special training trips for Girl Scout leaders and Camp Fire leaders, averaging 8 leaders per trip. Members conducting these trips were: Mrs. Jill Cisne, Rebecca Turner, Diane Conradson.
- 19 field trips in which 274 children and adults participated.
  - 1 Garden Club visit
  - 1 Girl Scout Leadership training course. Member responsible for this activity--Claude Smith. The field trips included Den Mother workshops or meetings and Girl Scout conservation work for badges.
- 13 weekly field trips for Palo Alto public participation averaging more than 20 people per trip to Yacht Harbor, Dumbarton Bridge area and sundry places. Members conducting these trips were Warren & Rebecca Turner, Ralph Trullinger and Bill Wissel.
- 6 showings of our Society-owned color and sound 16mm film "Nature Next Door" to such organizations as Palo Alto Kiwanis Club; San Jose DAR, 300 children at the Ralph Noddin School in San Jose and others. This work has just begun.

To be continued in the June AVOCET. -- Warren M. Turner.

## Coming Events At A Glance

Sat. May 4	9:00 a.m.	Mt. Hamilton Area
Sun. May 5	9:00 a.m.	Los Altos Hills
Mon. May 6	8:00 p.m.	P.A. Community Center
Wed. May 8	8:30 a.m.	Stevens Creek Park
Wed. May 22	8:45 a.m.	Hidden Villa Ranch
Sat. May 25	9:00 a.m. <u>sharp</u>	P.A. Foothill Park
Sat. Jun. 1	9:00 a.m.	Audubon Canyon Ranch
Mon. Jun. 17	7:30 a.m.	Santa Cruz Wharf



May Calendar

Regular Meeting:

Monday, May 6, at 8:00 p.m. in Room R, Palo Alto Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road. Mr. Eric Carruthers, Senior Planner for Santa Clara County Planning Commission will again discuss the County's plans for conservation and recreation. Come to hear how your taxes may be spent and how you can influence what happens to your countryside. Local members Connie and Horace Hinds will talk on the birds and plants of Venezuela and Central America. They will bring with them color slides and two fine green parrots from the area.

Field Trips:

Saturday, May 4, to the Mt. Hamilton Area. Public invited. Meet at the junction of Mt. Hamilton Road and Quimby Road at 9:00 a.m. Bring lunch. Leader: Wilma Thompson (296-2410).

Sunday, May 5, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., there will be a nature walk on the Wolcott Ranch (Fair Hill, 25611 Altamont) with Howard Wolcott leading. The Town Crier, Los Altos weekly, plans to do a feature article on the Audubon Society and will be photographing people there. The walk is announced in the Crier as open to the Los Altos public, and a good turnout of S.C.V.A.S. members is desirable.

Wednesday Morning, May 8, to Stevens Creek Park, in foothills of Santa Cruz Mts., southwest of Cupertino, Meet at 8:30 a.m. in parking area at Stevens Creek Reservoir. If you want to come earlier, some of us will be birding around the reservoir from 8:00 to 8:30. The leaders: Mrs. Fumiko Pentler (867-3669) and Miss Emily Smith (354-2494).

Wednesday Morning, May 22, to the Duveneck Ranch, "Hidden Villa" on Moody Road, Los Altos. The ranch is recognized by the thick grove of olive trees near the entrance. Meet at 8:45 a.m. near the entrance. Leader: Kay McCann (DA 4-1380) or call DA 2-1209 for information.

Saturday, May 25, to the Palo Alto Foothill Park on Page Mill Road. Meet at 9:00 a.m. sharp, at the entrance, since gates will be locked after the group goes in. The Park gate is on Page Mill Rd. between Altamont and Moody Road - about  $5\frac{1}{2}$  miles from El Camino Real. Leader: Lucy Evans. For information call WH 8-6821.

Saturday, June 1, a visit to Audubon Canyon Ranch. This is the famous ranch which is being acquired, as a nature area and sanctuary, through the great efforts of the Marin Audubon Society and Golden Gate Audubon Society. We shall probably wish to give them further aid after visiting the area. Meet at the Ranch at 9:00 a.m. Bring lunch. Directions: Twenty-five miles north of San Francisco on Highway 1, between Stinson Beach and Bolinas on the Lagoon. Entrance marked with a sign: Audubon Canyon Ranch. For further information call 296-2410.

Monday, June 17, at 7:30 a.m. a boat will leave Stagnaro's Landing, Municipal Wharf, Santa Cruz, for a trip 12 miles offshore. Tickets (15 of them) are \$1.50, available from Joyce Todd (DA 2-1787). This is a joint trip with Santa Cruz and Monterey. Instructions: Come warmly dressed; bring blanket, overcoat, binoculars, camera and lunch. Take some bread for the birds. Arrive at the landing  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour early to take seasickness prevention pills. Free parking. Boat inspected by U.S. Coast Guard. The trip will again be led by Leavitt M. McQuesten of Santa Cruz.

New Members

We extend a hearty welcome to the following new members:

Mr. John A. Deady	30 University Dr., Menlo Park
Mr. & Mrs. Harlan T. Sethe	1810 Duval Dr., San Jose 30
Mr. L. E. Moses	120 Carmel Way, Portola Valley
Miss Margaret L. Sherrill	14290 Paul Ave., Saratoga
Mr. Kenneth John Bone (student)	6641 Camelia Dr., San Jose 20
Mr. Philip Cannon (student)	733 Mayfield Ave., Stanford
Mrs. Marie Rushmore Thorp	1010 Waverly St., Palo Alto
Mrs. Betty M. Brown	P.O. Box 134, Los Altos
Miss Francis Felin	2250 Amherst St., Palo Alto
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond B. Wheeler	1725-A Marshall Court, Palo Alto

We are sorry that we misspelled the name of Mr. E.W. Troetschler in last month's list.

--Angelina Snow,  
Membership Chairman

NATIONAL AUDUBON WESTERN CONFERENCE

OUR LIVING HERITAGE - GOING WHERE?, the challenging theme of the National Audubon Western Conference held April 6-9, 1963 at Asilomar, was tragically illustrated in the reading of Sierra Club Executive Director David Brower's regrets at his inability to be present, as convention time would find him on his way for one last view of RAINBOW BRIDGE. The flood gates of the dam in Glenn Canyon had been closed, the diversion canals provided by law were never built, the waters were rising around RAINBOW BRIDGE. An irreplaceable creation of nature has been irretrievably lost. Individually we should ask ourselves: "How do we go about guarding OUR HERITAGE?"

It is impossible to enumerate all the outstanding state, federal, and other dedicated conservationists or to comment on all their speeches - from the keynote address OUR HERITAGE, WHAT ARE ITS VALUES? by Carl W. Buchheister, National Audubon President, to the address of Dr. Cadet Hand, Director of Bodega Bay Marine Laboratory of the University of California, OUR SEASHORES' SILENT STRUGGLES. Dr. Hand feels that struggle for survival of sea and wildlife around the San Francisco Bay Area has not been entirely silent! The Bay is our last local great frontier and in an expanding world the shores have paid the penalty with filled areas and the loss of wildlife habitat. Our increasing population and our way of life are polluting our shores with industrial wastes, wastes from society, and insecticides which are all being poured into the bay and ocean in ever larger amounts. When will we irreparably overload the bay and ocean with these pollutions and find that nature exacts a penalty for our mistakes?

This world of technology and the Space Age lure the mind of man away from the earth itself in which he is still firmly rooted. As individuals we must decide now what kind of world we want to live in and strive to achieve it. Our "open spaces" and our former extensive eminent domain are fast disappearing. What is being saved? How much is being saved of our irreplaceable forests, seashores, free-flowing streams, unique scenic areas or wildlife? Is there time to save more or will the demands of industry and sprawling subdivisions overrule those who would save OUR HERITAGE, of which we are but tenants or stewards for a relatively short lifetime?

Recreation areas and existing parks are proving inadequate in both number and distribution to meet the demands of an expanding population.

This can lead to planned management and intensive but wise use of our lands, with the 65-acre Asilomar State Park as good example.

Only the leadership of individuals, diligence of organizations, and team work of defenders of the nation's wildlife, scenic and wilderness resources can insure the preservation of more extensive areas of natural open space.

Mr. Newton B. Drury, a Californian and Secretary of the Save-the-Redwoods League, has been instrumental in saving important bits of OUR WILDLIFE HERITAGE. While he was Director of California's State Department of Beaches and Parks and Director of U.S. Park Service, the Big Sur State Park, Asilomar State Park, Everglades National Park, Jackson Hole Preserve and Teton National Park were saved. For his work of a lifetime, Mr. Drury was given the National Audubon Conservation Recognition Award, presented by Mr. John H. Baker, National Audubon President, Emeritus.

--Lucy Evans

### Conservation Notes

THE LOCAL NATURE-CENTER PROJECT: We gleaned much valuable information at "The Pacific Coast Conference on Natural Areas, Nature Centers and Outdoor Education", which preceded the Audubon Conference at Asilomar. We are now making plans for a second "joint-committee" meeting. It is hoped that we will be able to interest several other large groups in supporting the project, and key members of these groups are being invited to this meeting.

PALO ALTO YACHT HARBOR AREA: Miss Lucy Evans has consented to act as the Chairman of a "Conservation Sub-Committee" which will be specifically concerned with the situation at the Palo Alto Yacht Harbor area. We are all aware of the dedicated activity of our members who reside in that area, particularly Margaret Wolcott, Harriet Mundy, and Kay McCann, as well as a number of others, such as Dr. Tom Harvey and Mr. John Brokenshire, who have appeared at hearings and presented the cause of conservation, as interpreted by our S.C.V.A.S. We have asked Miss Evans to act as a "Chairman" of this group who are working so devotedly on this problem, in order that 1) individual effort can be coordinated into concentrated effort, 2) we can all be kept informed of what action is taking place, both pro and con, 3) we who do not reside in that area can help in the achievement of our Society's efforts to save a portion of those tide-lands, not only as a sanctuary, but also as a natural area for both enjoyment and nature-study.

ON THE NATIONAL SCENE: THE WILDERNESS BILL continues to be the most important single item. The Senate Committee added four minor amendments to the bill, the most important of which would prohibit the exercise of "eminent domain" by the federal government if it should undertake to acquire small private inholdings which now exist in some wilderness areas. We have just heard that the bill was passed by the full Senate, but we have been unable to find out if the proposed amendments were included or rejected.

A feud still threatens the bill, however! In the House, Rep. Wayne Aspinall (Colo.), Gordon Allott of Colorado, and certain western mining interests challenge the right of the Chief Executive to set aside land from the public domain. In the past, several previous presidents, including Theodore Roosevelt, have exercised this power. The mining interests are afraid that the bill "will lock up, forever, the mineral resources of Western Public Lands". As was brought out in the battle last year, the amount of land that would be set aside for Wilderness is such a very small percentage of the remaining public domain

that if we cannot live without exploiting the relatively small amount of minerals therein, we are indeed already bankrupt! The Wilderness Bill still needs the ACTIVE support of all who truly love Nature, and who wish to save areas of unspoiled beauty for ourselves and the future generations.

CALIFORNIA'S TULE LAKE - KLAMATH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE is again before Congress. Legislation intended to give permanent protection to the vital complex of National Wildlife Refuges in that area will be the subject of a hearing on April 24, before the Senate Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation. The National Audubon Society believes that of the two bills being presented, S. 793, introduced by Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel (Calif.), is slightly better than S. 784, introduced by Sen. Clair Engle (Calif.). Sen. Engle's bill contains language that would leave the future water supply of the refuges in jeopardy. It is well known that Reclamation wants to drain and "reclaim" the area, supposedly for agriculture, - but it would undoubtedly end up by being subdivided into tract developments. In either case, this necessary resting and feeding area for hundreds of thousands of our migrating wildfowl would be gone forever. Sen. Frank E. Moss (Utah) is the chairman of the Irrigation-Reclamation Sub-committee. Messages pertaining to the hearing, or to the Tule-Klamath Bill should be addressed to his attention, - and time is short! Opinions received after the hearing still carry weight.

CALIFORNIA WILDLANDS are facing a new danger: a THREAT-ON-WHEELS! Motor-bikes and other machines (Tote-goats, etc.) are taking over wild-land trails, especially in national forests outside the vehicle-restricted, primitive, wild, and wilderness areas. To make it worse, SENATE BILL 117, which would open up wilderness, primitive or wild areas to motorized travel, has been introduced into the California State Legislature by Sen. Edwin J. Regan. The Fish and Game Department and the Forest Service oppose this bill, and could use help from all of us! Your State Senator and/or Assemblyman in Sacramento should be informed of your opinion regarding this proposed legislation.

THESE MECHANIZED MONSTERS are also infiltrating the National Forests. Government administrators must learn how strongly the people oppose such travel on trails and cross-country regions if the last unmechanized territory for hikers and horseback riders is to be preserved. One large organization, dedicated to conservation, and with which we are cooperating, has the following plan of action to combat this menace:

- 1) A letter to Secretary Orville Freeman, who has jurisdiction over the Forest Service. A copy of the same letter to Chief Forester Edward P. Cliff (U.S. Forest Service, Washington 25, D.C.).
- 2) The exercise of your right to communicate with your Senators and Congressmen. They help to determine Forest Service policy.
- 3) The encouragement of members of other organizations to cooperate with us in campaigning against the misplaced machines.
- 4) The encouragement of individuals to help protect our parks and trails from this destructive invasion.

How would you enjoy hiking up the trail in Alum Rock Park with motor-bikes roaring up and down the trail? How long would the trail last under the wear-and-tear of those wheels? Imagine the same situation on the trails in our State Parks, and in our National Parks, in our matchless Sierra. Does that picture make you want to scream? Well, be sure that you scream loudly enough to be heard in Sacramento and/or Washington, D.C.

A REMINDER: Each of us has the legal right, and the moral responsibility,

to express our opinions on these vitally important matters, whether they be at the level of the State Legislature, the National Congress, Secretaries of Departments, or even to the President himself. When irreplaceable natural resources are critically endangered, to delay deliberately in taking action can be interpreted only as anti-conservation!

TO END ON A HAPPY NOTE, States whose legislatures are considering bills to regulate the use of chemical pesticides now include Maine, Connecticut, Ohio, and New Hampshire. Introductions are expected shortly in Illinois, and there may be others about which we have not yet heard. Write to Dr. Rollin H. Baker, Director of the Michigan State University Museum at East Lansing for a free copy of a new booklet, "Studies on the Effects of DDT on Birds", by Richard F. Bernard.

### Notes From Afield

When sending in your observations, please include the following basic facts: Species, Quantity, Location, Date, Observer. Please send your observations so that I may compile them and send them to the Editor of the Avocet by the 20th of each month.

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#### Felt Lake Trip - March 27

Six persons saw a total of 32 species on a rainy day at Felt Lake, near the Ladera Shopping Center. Species seen: Western Meadowlark, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Mourning Dove, Band-tailed Pigeon, Acorn Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Robin, Brown Towhee, Mocking Bird, Violet-green Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Oregon Junco, House Finch, Red-winged Blackbird, Brewer's Blackbird, Starling (one only), Great Blue Heron, Savannah Sparrow, Plain Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Audubon's Warbler, Cedar Waxwing, Scrub Jay, Coot, Pintail, Flicker, Killdeer, California Quail, Pied-billed Grebe, Greater Yellowlegs (one only).  
Leader: Carol Zabel.

#### Huddart Park Trip - March 30

A group of 15 had a very enjoyable trip. The sky was partly cloudy and the temperature just right for walking. We were treated to several exceptionally fine views of a couple of Allen's Hummingbirds. (Note: A stop on the way home along the King's Mountain Road rewarded your compiler with a fine aerial display of the Allen's Hummingbird with its bussing, steep wavering climb, and as it swoops back, the sharp vrrrip at the "focus".) A total of 22 species of birds was seen, and several species of wild flowers. At the conclusion of the trip we enjoyed lunch at one of the picnic areas under the trees. Bird species seen: House Finch, Purple Finch, Scrub Jay, Steller's Jay, Anna's Hummingbird, Allen's Hummingbird (2), California Quail, Wrentit, Band-tailed Pigeon (55), Bewick's Wren, Orange-crowned Warbler, Brown Creeper, Oregon Junco, Rufous-sided Towhee, Townsend's Warbler (2), Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Brown Towhee, Red-shafted Flicker, Great Blue Heron. Some of the wildflowers seen: Pitcher Sage, Blue Witch, Grass Iris, Shooting Stars, Hooker's Fairy Bells, Plantain, Sun cups, Trillium, Mission Bells, Zygadene, California Bee Plant, Hound's Tongue, Spikenard (False Solomon Seal). Leaders: Bill and Bernice Pillow.

#### Dumbarton Bridge Area Trip - April 14

This was a combined trip with the Sierra Club on a rainy day. The species seen: Snowy Egret (100), Blackbirds (Brewer's and Red-winged),

Lesser Scaup (100's), Sandpipers (Dunlin, Western, etc. 1,000's) Willets (100's), Cliff Swallows, Sparrows (Song and Savannah), Water Pipits, Cinnamon Teal, Killdeer, Terns (Caspian and Fortser's), Grebe, Clapper Rail, Dowitchers, and possibly a Knot, but not sure. Leaders: Howard Wolcott, Audubon Society and Al Draper, Sierra Club.

Field Trip - April 10

This trip included Los Gatos Golf Club, Calero Reservoir and Metcalf Road. A total of 62 species was seen by 7 people. The weather was cloudy, with showers and wind at times. Time 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Species seen: California Quail, Anna's Hummingbird (1), Red-shafted Flicker, Scrub Jay, Robin (2), Western Bluebird (1), House Sparrow, Western Meadowlark, Blackbirds (Red-winged and Brewer's), Brown-headed Cowbird, House Finch, Goldfinch (Lesser and American), Towhee (Rufous-sided and Brown), Oregon Junco, Song Sparrow. At Los Gatos Golf Club: Acorn Woodpecker (2), Nuttall's Woodpecker (1), Yellow-shafted Flicker, Western Flycatcher (1), Plain Titmouse (2), White-breasted Nuthatch (2), Brown Creeper (1), House Wren (3), Bewick's Wren (1), Hutton's Vireo (1), Warbling Vireo (1), Orange-crowned Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, Bullock's Oriole, Black-headed Grosbeak (1), Purple Finch (2). At Calero Dam: Great Blue Heron (1), Greater Scaup (5), Ruddy Duck (1). At Los Gatos: Cliff and Violet-green Swallows. On Metcalf Road, San José: Cinnamon Teal (2), White-tailed Kite (2), American Coot (2), Horned Lark (1), Tree Swallows, Common Crow (3). On Coleman Road: Yellow-billed Magpie, Mockingbird (2), Northern Shrike (1). On the scouting trip, 12+ Myrtle Warblers were seen at the Los Gatos Golf Club. Leader: Mrs. Edward Lintott.

Maurice Barnhill reports the following:

Ducks and Coot - Lake Lagunita - All numbers are estimates:

<u>Species</u>	2/4	2/11	3/4	3/11	3/27	3/31	4/4
Ring-necked D.				*	30		
Canvasback	20	15	1	20			
Scaup, <u>sp.</u>	20	20	6	50&&		6	2
Common Goldeneye		2		6	2		
Bufflehead	6	5	4	2	1	4	4
Ruddy Duck	50	50	40	50		2	3
American Coot	30	6	3	6	20	10	6
Total Ducks	96	92	51	128	33	12	9
Obs. Time (Min.)	45	60	60	60	5	5	5

\* I thought that there might be a Ring-necked present on 3/11.

\*\* The Scaup count is an estimate of all Scaup-like birds on that date only.

The observations for the four earlier dates seem fairly consistent with each other. Thus it seems that the majority of the ducks must have left between the 11th and the 27th of March. It would have been nice to be able to pinpoint the date much better, and I hope to watch the Lake more carefully next spring, since this data looks so promising. The Ring-necked Ducks were obviously migrants rather than winter birds, but the length of stay is not evident.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 2 on Page Mill Rd., April 13; Starling - 4 on Stanford Campus, March 26, my first on campus; Band-tailed Pigeon - about 50 near the Mausoleum, March 26; Barn Swallows - 3 at Lake Lagunita, March 11; Cliff Swallows - 10 (est.), Stanford Campus, March 8.

Emily Smith reports: Vaux's Swifts have been roosting in our chimney (in Saratoga) since April 14th. If they are preparing to nest, it

will be the fifth successive season they have nested in our chimney.

Eye Case reports: The first Orange-crowned Warbler on March 26. One in the garden on each of the succeeding four days. A Rufous Hummingbird at close range on the evening of March 26 and the morning of March 27. A flock of 5 Cedar Waxwings April 19 and a large flock (est. 25) on April 16.

Charles and Fanny Zwaal report: Our Bullock's Orioles are back. They were in our yard Friday morning, March 29. It seems remarkable that every year these Orioles come back to our neighborhood (478 Clifton Ave., San Jose) when it is so built up here. This pair is courting, spends a lot of time in the Deodar tree just to the north of us, and are feeding on the blossoms of an Abutilon Shrub (Flowering Maple). On April 17 a Hooded Oriole came but the Bullock's drove him away. It remains to be seen if the Hooded will come back.

(The Editor, too late to catch Mr. Trullinger this month, observed on 3/31 150+ Avocets in breeding plumage standing together at the Palo Alto Yacht Harbor. They made a beautiful pattern - all facing the same direction. On Roble Ridge, south of Palo Alto, I saw the first Wilson's Warbler in the seven years we've lived here. On 4/20 a pair of Bullock's Orioles here.--J. Todd)

#### Editor's Notes

The National Audubon Western Conference at Asilomar was attended by 28 Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society members and officers including our President, Mr. Warren Turner; Vice President, Dr. Eve Case; Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Wolcott; Director, John R. Brockenshire; Conservation Chairman, Mr. Lloyd Case; Field Trip Chairman, Mr. Howard Wolcott, and Membership Chairman, Mrs. Irving Snow.

CALIFORNIA GOING, GOING... by Samuel E. Wood and Alfred E. Heller, published by CALIFORNIA TOMORROW, 1962, 63 pages. Obtain the book from : California Tomorrow, 334 Forum Building, Sacramento 14 Calif. It should be read by all the public for a greater awareness of our problems. (Sample copies are provided free. Additional copies 75¢. Prices on bulk orders of ten or more provided on request.)

--Lucy Evans

Past President Charles D. Williams is recuperating from a back injury in Oak Knoll Naval Hospital in Oakland. Mrs. Williams said he should be home toward the end of April, after he is walking again.

The world's sole flock of Whooping Cranes was down from last spring's 38 to 32 birds, with "no youngsters sighted". Congressman Henry S. Reuss (D) of Wisconsin laid the blame on "the experts of the Interior Dept." for this loss. Mr. Reuss said the department "goofed in allowing an open season" in Texas and New Mexico on the Sandhill Crane. He believes last fall's hunters undoubtedly bagged some of the Whooping Cranes by error because Sandhills and young Whoopers can hardly be distinguished in flight. He asked the Interior Dept. to end open season on Sandhill Cranes. As of January 15, 1963 he had received no reply. Mass crop spraying is another destroyer of birds and wildlife which feed on insects. The quail, in particular, is becoming a great loss to agriculture because it is destroyed through starvation and poison when strong chemical sprays are used on massive scale.

Paw Prints 3/63 (from Virginia Bothwell)



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Mrs. M. Rutherford, 52 South 15th St., San Jose (259-1928), in a card to Fanny Zwaal, says that she has for the taking thornless black-berry plants which birds like for their fruit and cover. If you are interested, telephone Mrs. Rutherford.

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Assembly Bill 1877 (and Senate SB1004) provides that California riding and hiking trails become part of the state park system, thus making it possible to acquire land for such purpose through eminent domain proceedings. The bill is now before the Natural Resources Committee of the Assembly. The Santa Clara County Riding and Hiking Trails Committee, on which the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society is represented, believes approval of this legislation will facilitate completion of a system of trails for Santa Clara County, as well as for the State. Those interested are writing Assemblyman Edwin L. Z'berg, Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee, 219 Forum Bldg., Sacramento, California.

--John R. Brokenshire