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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- September 12 Board of Directors Meeting, Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. at the home of R. Hassur, 14875 Cole Dr., San Jose. Any SCVAS member welcome.
- September 15 Bird Discussion Group, North County, Friday, 9:30 a.m., at the home of Ione Bradley, 1450 Greenwood Ave., Palo Alto; 327 - 5973. Topic: "Birds Seen During the Summer".
- September 17 Pescadero Beach Pigeon Pt., and Pescadero Marsh Field Trip, Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Take La Honda Rd. through San Gregorio to Highway 1, go 5 miles south on Highway 1 to Pescadero Rd. Meet at Highway 1 and Pescadero Rd. Leader: Ted Chandik, 493 - 5330.
- September 20 General Meeting, Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Homestead High School, Room 5, Building C. Mr. Charles Mehlert will discuss Pescadero Marsh - its environs, its bird inhabitants, and the role of the state in conserving it. Learn what you can do to aid in the conservation of Pescadero Marsh. See Program Note on page 3. See Page 8 for a map directing you to Homestead High School.
- September 24 Alum Rock Park Field Trip, Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Meet in the parking lot in front of the Junior Museum. Leader: Betty Burge, 253 - 3545.
- September 27 Field Trip North, Palo Alto Baylands, Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. Meet at the end of Embarcadero Road at the duck pond. Leader: Martha Wilbur, 324 - 4873.

AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILM SCHEDULE

As in the past, the Audubon Wildlife Films will be shown at the Palo Alto High School Auditorium, so Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto, at 4:00 p.m. on the dates listed below.

A season ticket for the 5 films is \$6.00. Single ticket prices are as listed:

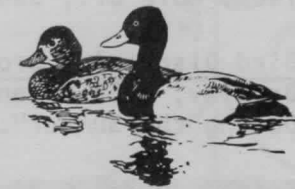
- Adults. \$1.50
- High School or College Students \$1.00
- Elementary Students. \$.75

Tickets can be obtained from:

Palo Alto High School
 50 Embarcadero Road
 Auditor's Office
 Phone: 327 - 7100 - Ext. 4347

The dates and film titles are:

- Tuesday, October 24 - "Yosemite: An Ecological Visit" by John Taft
- Tuesday, November 21 - "The Big Sky Wilderness" by Allan Cruickshank
- Tuesday, January 23 - "Sky Island: Arizona's Chiricahua Mountain Range" by Robert Fultz
- Tuesday, February 23 - "Wildlife Safari to Ethiopia" by Jeffrey Boswall
- Tuesday, April 3 - "Twentieth Century Wilderness" by Tom Sterling



FIELD TRIP REPORTS

The field trip to Foothills Park, Palo Alto, on May 24 was attended by 22 birders. Leaders lone Bradley and Barbara Allen report over 20 species seen, among which were Western Flycatcher, Western Wood Peewee, Red-Shafted Flicker, and Spotted Sandpiper.

Mac's Albatross Expedition, an annual event sponsored by the Santa Cruz Bird Club, was attended by 50 enthusiastic birders on June 12. Eight black-footed albatrosses settled on the water close to the boat and a dozen photographers got good shots. Other species listed were: Arctic tern, Fulmar, Pink-footed shearwater, Sooty shearwater, Brandt's cormorant, Glaucous-winged gull, Western gull, Herring gull, Ring-billed gull, Common murre, Pigeon guillemot and an Allen's hummingbird. Our thanks to Leavitt McQuesten and Malio Stagnaro for making the event possible. See page for an upcoming Santa Cruz Bird Club Field Trip.

PROGRAM NOTE

Wednesday
September 20, 8:00 p.m.

Homestead High
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PESCADERO MARSH

With Palo Alto Baylands Wildlife Refuge and, hopefully, South Bay Wildlife Refuge offering a habitat to wetlands birds, we now focus on coastside refuges. Pescadero Marsh is the only large, fresh-water marsh on the coast of California north of Moss Landing. Not only is it a breeding reservoir for marsh-dependent fauna, especially birds, but it offers wildflower displays, Indian middens, and a heron rookery. Like most wetlands, however, it is threatened by development, overuse, and abuse.

Charles Mehlert of California Department of Parks and Recreation, will be our guest speaker at the first SCVAS meeting of the 1972 - 1973 series. Mr. Mehlert will describe the marsh and its inhabitants and discuss the problems of preserving the area and the role of the state in securing the marsh. He will display a large map illustrating the marsh with its unique features, and hopes to have bird lists of the area to give out. Learn what you can do to aid in the conservation of Pescadero Marsh so you can continue to enjoy it.

YOUTH SCIENCE INSTITUTE FALL NATURAL HISTORY COURSE

Youth Science Institute of San Jose will offer a course in natural history this fall to prepare concerned citizens to take part in YSI's Saludos and Walkabout programs. The course will encompass the natural history of the valley, natural history of the animals displayed in the Junior Museum, and the lifestyle of the Costanoian Indians of the area.

Members of Saludos will be asked to work two half days a month in the museum for one year following training. Members of Walkabouts will conduct public nature walks in Alum Rock Park on a rotating basis next spring and summer.

The \$15 fee for the course entitles one to a Family Membership in YSI.

For further information contact Aletha Powers at 243 - 3416 or 258 - 7382.

SANTA CRUZ BIRD CLUB FIELD TRIP

The Santa Cruz Bird Club will sponsor a fall offshore trip on Monday, October 2. A Stagnaro sport fishing boat will leave Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf at 7:30 a.m. and return about noon. Tickets are \$1.50 for members - \$2.00 for non-members. If interested, send reservation check and self-addressed, stamped envelope to V. Anderson, 227 Linden Street, Santa Cruz, California 95060.

THANK YOU, JOE

SCVAS and THE AVOCET would like to take this opportunity to thank Joe Greenberg for his past work on behalf of Audubon, and wish him well in future endeavors. Thanks again, Joe.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Ethel Beede	520 Valencia Dr.	Los Altos, Calif.	94022
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SAN FRANCISCO BAY WILDLIFE REFUGE NOTES

Following is the latest report from Congressman Don Edwards on the Bay Wildlife Refuge:

The appropriation of \$110,000 for planning for this fiscal year has just been approved by Congress. The money is in the budget. Congresswoman Julia Hansen of Washington, Chairwoman of the Appropriations Subcommittee handling the bill, has assured me personally that she will safeguard it.

Negotiations will begin immediately with the owners, primarily Leslie Salt (or Mobil Oil Estates, Ltd., Leslie's successor). I expect amicable settlements. The Federal government will be fair, its offers always relating to market values as established by licensed appraisers.

The purchase money, estimated at \$8.7 million, will come from funds already earmarked for open-space purchases, the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Duck Stamp Fund. Portions must be appropriated. No problems are anticipated.

Development money, estimated at \$9.5 million, will build public recreation and education facilities.

- Three major interpretive centers will be established, with boardwalks over marsh areas and facilities for lectures, movies and audio-visual aids.
- All development will relate to naturalist interests such as nature study and education, photography and bird watching.
- Unique features will be protected from overuse. Foot trails, boardwalks, observation towers, photography blinds and mechanized travel routes will be constructed where they will not conflict with wildlife.
- Carefully supervised interpretive boat tours of refuge areas will be offered to the public. They will be designed so as not to disturb the wildlife.
- The Interior Department estimates an annual Federal cost of operation and maintenance of \$750,000, providing 1,037,000 visitor days per year.

Thanks go to the many thousands of Bay Area inhabitants who gave such consistent and articulate support.

- To diligent leader, Arthur Ogilvie, and many others too numerous to mention.
- To City and County governments that cooperated with zoning regulations and resolutions of support.
- To all the conservation groups and hundreds of citizens who provided me with encouragement and support during the difficult years of congressional consideration.
- To reporters and media commentators who carefully followed and reported on progress.
- To Senators Cranston and Tunney for skillful management of Senate approval.
- To Bay Area congressmen, unanimously in support.
- To Nathaniel Reed, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, for his learned and enthusiastic support.

Important Note: Inhabitants of the refuge thank you including endangered species California least tern, clapper rail, and salt marsh harvest mouse.

- Thanks too come from the millions of birds of the Pacific Flyway, who use this area as a major resting and feeding area.
- And lastly, you are thanked by the shore birds, the herons and egrets, the harbor seals whose nursery area will be saved, and the striped bass and sturgeon.

Sincerely,

Don Edwards (signed)
Member of Congress



EMILY D. SMITH SUCCUMBS

Emily D. Smith, one of the founders of the Santa Clara County Audubon Society, died August 14 at a convalescent hospital in Los Gatos after a long illness. She was 85.

Miss Smith came to the Santa Clara Valley with her family in 1912. She taught for a time at Los Gatos Grammar School and then for many years at San Jose State University until her retirement in 1945.

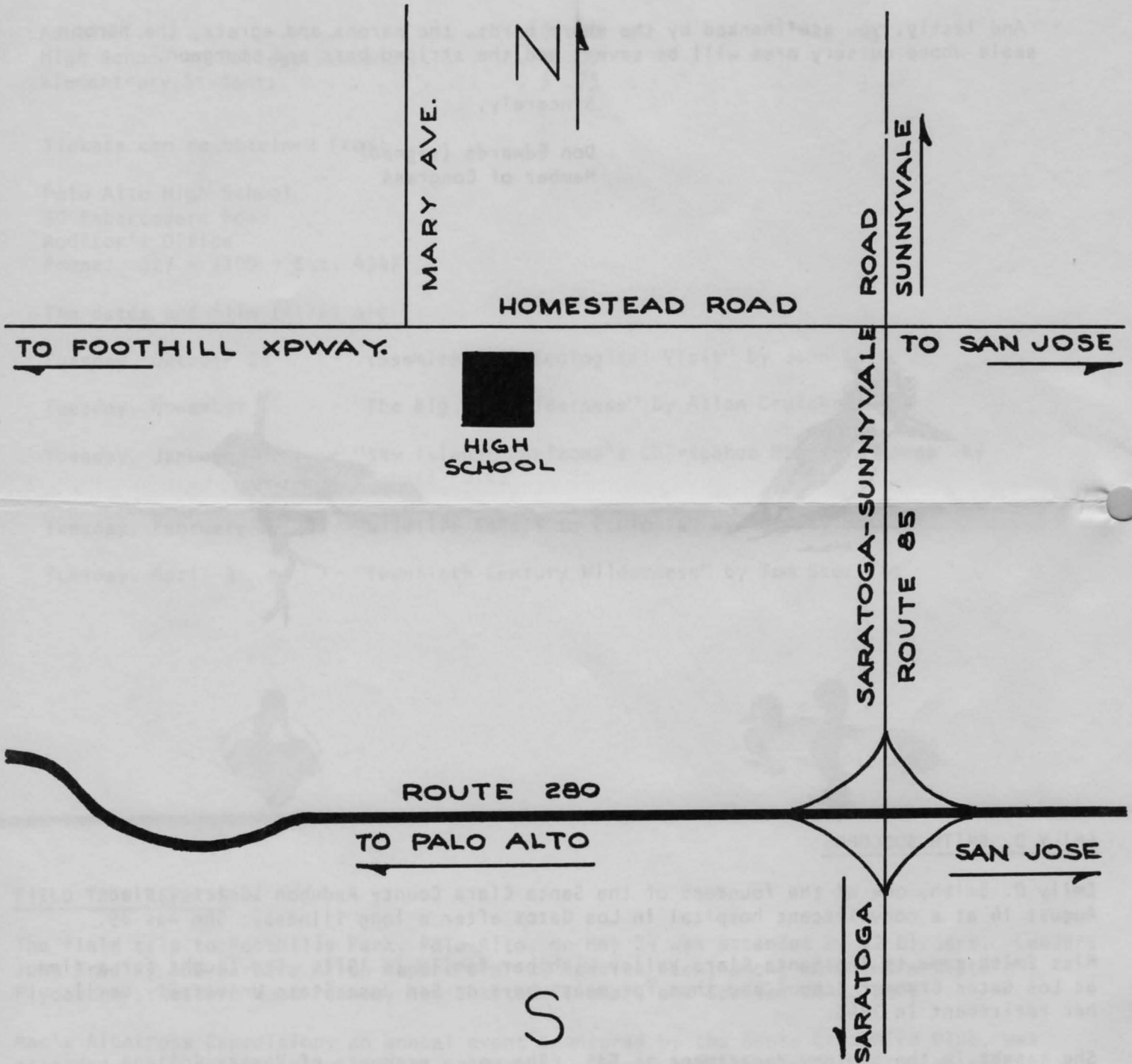
She taught in the biology department at SJS. She was a graduate of Vassar College.

Miss Smith had a lifelong interest in birds. In addition to being a co-founder of the Audubon Society here, she was a life member of the Wilson Ornithological Society, the American Ornithological Union and the National Audubon Society.

She was a native of Connecticut.

HOW TO GET TO HOMESTEAD HIGH SCHOOL

The map below shows how to get to Homestead High School for the General Meetings of SCVAS.



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