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Audubon Society



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A HISTORY OF THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

The purpose of this history is to record in one document a summary of the events and growth of the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society from the opening meeting on January 8, 1925 to the end of June 1962.

Endeavor has been made to inject enough notes, specific events, descriptive details and personalities so that the reader may find interest and atmosphere, in addition to history, in these recordings.

The First Meeting

So let us begin with the opening minutes of the first meeting, as written by Recording Secretary, Henrietta E. Riebsam. "A group of people, about forty-five in number, interested in the preservation and protection of bird life, met at the Saratoga Inn, Saratoga, California on the evening of January 8, 1925, for the purpose of forming an Audubon Society.

Officers elected at this first meeting were:

President--Mrs. Charles C. Bell	Saratoga
1st Vice President--Mr. George W. Lane	Morgan Hill
2nd Vice President--Karl S. Hazeltine	San Jose
3rd Vice President--Mrs. E. R. Tait	Palo Alto
Recording Secretary--Henrietta E. Riebsam	San Jose
Corresponding Secretary--Emily Smith	Los Gatos
Treasurer--Mr. J. U. Higinbotham	Saratoga

The name of the new group was to be "Santa Clara County Audubon Society." "The constitution and by-laws adopted were similar in nature to that of the National Organization." The executive committee consisted of the seven officers named above and the four following: Mrs. George F. Wakefield, San Jose; Miss Lulu Sours, San Jose State Teachers College; Mr. Charles P. Smith, High School, San Jose; and Dr. J. O. Snyder, Stanford University.

In the minutes for January 17, 1925, the Secretary writes: "The evening of the first Thursday of each month was selected for the time of the general meeting. The place of the meeting is to be selected by the executive committee; the February meeting is to be held in San Jose, the March meeting in Palo Alto, and the April meeting in Saratoga."

The February 5, 1925 minutes contain the following: "Sanborn Young's bill concerning the protection of Fish and Game and Mr. Reindollar's bill providing for the protection of animal riding on the running board of motor vehicles, were approved." Quoting again from the same minutes: "The business meeting adjourned to meet with the social one, at which Mrs. Charles Bell presided. Mr. Charles Piper Smith of San Jose High School gave a very instructive and exceedingly interesting talk on the 'Thrush Family.' Many charts and pictures and several mounted specimens added very greatly to the pleasure of the auditors. Throughout the talk questions were permitted and freely answered."

Minutes of the March 5, 1925 meeting, held at the Palo Alto Community House, tell of the talk by Dr. J. O. Snyder of Stanford University as follows: "Dr. Snyder then in a very interesting way told of the study of birds and their habits in his backyard at 8 Alvarado Street, Stanford. On Christmas day, 1924, 191 birds visited the yard which had been made attractive by the planting of trees and shrubs and the making of a small pond. The banding of many birds enabled him to ascertain whether any of the birds returned another season."

The October 1, 1925 minutes mention that: "Miss Emily Smith, who spent the summer in Yosemite Valley, preparing herself for a nature guide, told of her field work under Dr. Harold Bryant, who has a training school for those interested in that work. Five men and fifteen women, twenty in all, composed the group."

1926 and 1927

Skip now to the October 7, 1926 minutes and here is an excerpt: "We met at the call of the President at the Saratoga Club House, around the dinner table. An excellent meal for the insignificant sum of twenty-five cents was prepared and served by a committee of our younger members, under the very capable leadership of our corresponding secretary, Miss Emily Smith."

"A letter concerning the growing scarcity of the Condor and the Pelican was read and a petition to save the same was circulated and signed by all present."

The year 1927 showed minutes of meeting on only two dates: January 6 and October 6. "Forty-seven members and friends gathered at the Saratoga Inn on January 6, 1927 for their annual dinner and business meeting." The program included a debate on: "Are English Sparrows more Harmful than Beneficial?"

Mr. J. U. Higinbotham of Saratoga took the affirmative side, while Mr. Karl Hazeltine and Miss Lulu Sours, of San Jose, represented the negative. No decision seems to have been made for either side, but there was lots of fun. At the same meeting Mr. Charles Piper Smith told of his preparation of a book on "Birds of Santa Clara County" and asked for advice and financial assistance in getting the book published. The minutes record no definite action was taken on Mr. Smith's project due to the lateness of the hour. The same minutes show the treasurer announced a bank balance of \$25.31.

The October 6, 1927 meeting congratulated Dr. Charles Piper Smith on receiving his Ph.D. degree. At this meeting Dr. Smith gave--"an exceedingly interesting and instructive address on 'Lupines.' He had many specimens, which all enjoyed."

1928 Records Voluminous

There were regular monthly meetings in 1928 and voluminous minutes were kept. On January 6, 1928, seventy-six members and friends met in the cafeteria of Teachers College. Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Smith of Los Gatos; Dr. and Mrs. Tait of Palo Alto; Mr. Bert Harwell, Chairman of the State Bird Commission and Dr. Gayle Pickwell were introduced. Cards were distributed and each person was requested to write his preference for a state bird. Dr. Charles Piper Smith gave principles to be observed in making this choice.

1. The bird should be a permanent resident.
2. It should be generally distributed over the state.
3. It should not be antagonistic to any group.
4. It should not be an object of ridicule.

Also at the January 28, 1928 meeting a change of name from the Santa Clara County Audubon Society to Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society was voted.

Marshland Sanctuary Sought

Dr. E. R. Tait reported that Palo Alto owned a tract of marshland suitable for a bird sanctuary and desired that a committee be appointed to investigate the matter and report. Dr. Gayle Pickwell gave the address of the evening, taking as his subject, "The American Lark." Dr. Pickwell stated that the horned lark was the only real lark in our country and there were more subspecies in California than in any other state. The lark is found in barren places such as prairies and deserts. The flight is from 400 to 800 feet in the air and while it sings on the ground, the best song is given in flight. After the song, the wings are closed and it drops like a rocket to 15 or 20 feet from the ground, then opens its wings and sails to the ground.

In a meeting on March 1, 1928, the minutes mention the following: "Miss Emily Smith reported being at the February meeting of the Cooper Club in Berkeley where a report of the committee on the State Bird was read. The committee reported a list of 22 birds which is to be sent to all the schools in the state and after the different birds on the list have been studied, the children are to vote for the State Bird of California."

In the April, May and June, 1928 minutes, there was much evidence of work for the Palo Alto marshlands. Mr. Malcolm, Palo Alto City Council agreed to furnish the Society committee on the "Bird Preserve" with copies of all statutes relative to establishing a Bird Preserve. He also advised going to San Francisco "to interview other property owners of that vicinity." The owners visited were "Spring Valley Water Company--Western Electro Chemical Company--Alviso Salt Company." The minutes also state that: "A representative of the California Fish & Game Commission had been down to look over the marshlands and said that probably the Commission would declare the whole region a Bird Preserve."

However, the June 7 minutes sound familiar: "Under old business, a letter from Mr. Malcolm, Palo Alto City Attorney was read in which Mr. Malcolm stated that matters regarding the Bird Refuge were at a standstill until some technicality of the law had been interpreted by the State Attorney General."

Dr. Pickwell Elected President

Dr. Gayle Pickwell became president of the Society in the fall of 1928. The November 19 minutes mentioned: "Dr. Pickwell lay before the Society a proposal to issue a publication comparable to that issued by the San Francisco Audubon Society." In the December 17 minutes Dr. Pickwell stated: "The periodical would be called 'THE WREN-TIT' and he would be the editor." Four issues of the

WREN-TIT were issued quarterly in 1929. Copies of each issue will be included with this history. They were delightful publications!

Also in the November 19 minutes, the first mention of the Christmas Bird Count is given as follows: "Dr. Smith announced that the December field trip would be taken to Alum Rock Park. Miss Emily Smith suggested a Christmas Bird Census be taken on the December trip."

Minutes of the January 21, 1929 meeting mention that the vote of the public schools of California for the State Bird favored the Western Blue Bird.

To give an idea about the size of the Society at this time, the February, 1929 minutes mention: "Miss Riabsam gave the treasurer's report stating there were 41 paid up members in 1928 and the balance on hand at February 18, 1929 was \$21.82.

There was an odd remark in the minutes dated March 18, 1929. "Proposals for the March field trips were called for. After some discussion, it was decided to wait as usual until the day of the trip to decide the place."

One senses from the minutes and from reading the WREN-TIT that the interest of the Society was devoted principally to field trips and bird study. For instance, minutes for May 1929 run like this:

"Miss Yvonne Champreux gave the report of the April field trip.
A report of the high spots of the recent Ornithology field trip was given.
Mr. Alton Alderman presented the results from his Killdeer observations.
Mr. Wilbur Shelley gave a report on a Mocking bird nest that he found.
Dr. Pickwell gave a brief talk on the Ornithological publications of the West."

Christmas Bird Census

In the December 30, 1929 minutes, the following appeared: "The Christmas Bird Census was reported as of sixty-five species."

The minutes of the February 15, 1930 meeting state: "A letter from the Audubon Memorial Society of America requested the Society to write to our Congressmen urging them to endorse a bill providing for the erection of a suitable memorial to the memory of John James Audubon at Henderson, Kentucky was read. After some discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried that the letter be laid on the table."

Other comments in the February 15, 1930 minutes included: "Among bird observations reported was the finding by Miss Gladys Record of an Anna Humming bird's nest just finished February 16th. Mr. Landels reported a mockingbird singing near Alum Rock Canyon during the week preceding February 15. Dr. Gayle Pickwell reported seeing Turkey Vultures in Santa Clara Valley February 15. The speaker of the evening was Dr. Charles Piper Smith who gave a comprehensive review of Herbert Friedmann's monograph 'The Cowbirds' and added some of his own interesting experiences with cowbirds here in central California."

1930 Speakers

Speakers at monthly meetings during 1930 included:

January 30	Dr. Dean Linsdale	Bird Protection in California
February 15	Dr. Charles Piper Smith	The Cowbirds
March 17	Dr. Gayle Pickwell	Arctic Birds of Mt. Rainier
April 17	Dr. Harold Bryant	Interrelation among Birds
May 19	Dr. Gayle Pickwell	Review of Dr. A. A. Allen's new book, "The Book of Bird Life"
September 22	Various	Round table of reports on summer experiences with birds.
October 20	Dr. Gayle Pickwell	Round Table Discussion of Shore Birds
November 17	Dr. Alden Miller	Behavior of the Loggerhead Shrike
December 15	Dr. Charles Piper Smith	Getting Acquainted with European Birds

Following are some of the summer experiences with birds. Dr. Pickwell began the reports with two personal records and probably firsts for this immediate locality: an Arizona Hooded Oriole near his home on South 9th Street in August; also Dwarf Cowbirds near the Coyote Creek Bridge on the Milpitas-Alviso road in July. Dr. Pickwell also reported Snowy Plover nest, with eggs, at Moss Landing on July 26.

Miss Helen Wright reported that a screech owl was spending its day in a bird house set on the Los Gatos Grammar School grounds by the children.

Mr. Cobb asked for a discussion of the purpose of the cry of the Redtailed Hawk which seemingly would frighten away the birds of prey. Dr. Pickwell suggested it might be a vent to excess energy, just as children shout in play, or as someone suggested, to send prey scurrying to cover and so aid the hawk in sighting it.

Miss Plum told of the birds that came to her campsite in Tuolumne Meadows.

Dr. Charles Piper Smith traced the route he followed in his recent trip to Europe and reported a list of 116 birds for the trip, all but three new to him.

Field Trips Monthly

Apparently in 1930 only one field trip a month was taken. The November 17, 1930 meeting program notes: "Report of October Field Trip will be made by William Landels."

It was announced at the November 17 meeting that: "Last year there were 54 paid-up members. So far this year there are only 20." Also it was noted: "The next field trip will be to the always interesting Uvas Valley, Saturday, November 22. It will be an all-day auto trip, starting at 8 o'clock from San Carlos and 5th Streets in San Jose."

Throughout the year 1930, one monthly meeting was held each month, always in Room 17 of San Jose State College at 7:30 P.M. around the middle of the month. The program usually consisted of:

Reports of January field trip by _____
Seasonal Observations of Birds by Members

Lecture by _____ on the topic _____
Next Field Trip will be taken on _____
Meet at corner of San Carlos and 5th Streets at 8:00 A.M.

1931 Lectures and Field Trips

For the year 1931, perhaps a list of lectures and field trips for each month might be of interest. There is a uniformity of reporting that permits such a list.

January 19, 1931

"In Quest of birds of the Southern Hemisphere" by Mr. Rollo Beck. Mr. Beck will illustrate his lecture with very fine pictures taken while he was collecting in the South Seas and on the Galapagos Islands for the American Museum of Natural History.

The next field trip to hills back of Los Gatos.

February 16, 1931

"The Flocking Habits and Local Movements of the California Quail and Other Birds" by Mr. John B. Price of Stanford University.

The next field trip will be taken to the Almadon Mines, Saturday, February 21.

March 16, 1931

"Changing Conditions of Bird Life" by Dr. Joseph Grinnell, Director of the California Museum of Vertebrate Zoology.

The next field trip will be taken March 21 to the Silver Creek Hills.

April 20, 1931

"Swifts, Especially Black Swifts" by Miss Emily Smith.

Field trip to Dumbarton Bridge to observe Shore Birds, April 25.

May 18, 1931

"Some Nesting Birds" by Dr. Gayle Pickwell.

May field trip will be taken Saturday, May 23 to Alum Rock Canyon. The trip will take the form of a bird nest hunt.

September 21, 1931

"This meeting will be given over to 'Summer Experience with Birds.' Contributions to these experiences from members or guests welcome."

First field trip of season, September 26 to Dumbarton Bridge.

October 18, 1931

"Meeting this month to be held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Piper Smith. There will be a short annual business meeting, with annual reports and election of officers for the new year, and a little time devoted to reports of seasonal observations of birds by members.

This month's field trip will be taken to the always interesting Uvas Valley, Saturday, October 24.

November 16, 1931

"Ancestry and Evolution of Birds" by Mr. Earl W. Count.

November field trip on Saturday, November 21 to Alum Rock and Sycamore Canyons.

December 28, 1931

"Plumage of Birds" by Dr. Gayle Pickwell.

The December field trip will be devoted to taking our annual Christmas Bird Census. The trip will be taken Saturday, December 26, and will include the Alviso marshes and Alum Rock Canyon. It will be an all-day auto trip starting at 8:00 A.M. from the corner of San Carlos and Fifth Streets.

An unusual lecture was given on January 18, 1932 by Dr. Karl S. Hazeltine. It was called: "The Building-up of a Nature Library."

At the April meeting there was a lecture by Mr. Brighton Cain: "Banding Ducks on Lake Merritt (Illustrated with moving pictures)." Also the April 1932 field trip on Saturday, April 23, was to Moss Landing to observe shore birds. The trip was taken in company with Dr. Pickwell's Ornithology Class at the State College. This party started at 5:30 in the morning.

The field trip in May 1932 was to Lone Hill, between Campbell and Los Gatos, and the trip "will take the form of a bird nest hunt." This was an all-day trip.

It is interesting that as far back as 1932 no regular December meeting was held. Instead, the Society took the Christmas bird census. That year the territory covered included the Alviso salt marshes, Milpitas and Alum Rock Canyon. The start was 8:00 A.M. and members were to bring lunch for the trip which "will take all day--an all-day auto trip."

Unusual 1933 Program

There was an unusual program on Monday, February 13, 1933. "Discussion of the Policies of the National Association of Audubon Societies and the Attack upon those policies by the Emergency Conservation Committee. The discussion will be led by Dr. Charles Piper Smith and Dr. Gayle Pickwell."

There was a new place for the monthly field trip. "This month's field trip will be taken on Saturday, February 18, to the Howell Lakes at Lakeside. It will be an all-day auto trip."

It is noted in October 1933 at the monthly meeting annual dues were requested. The dues were to run from October to October and the cost was as follows:

Active Membership Dues	\$1.00
Contributing Membership Dues	\$5.00
Sustaining Membership Dues	\$10.00
Life Membership	\$25.00

Checks were to be sent to Mr. Fred Cobb, Route 1, Box 281, Los Gatos.

At the monthly meeting January 8, 1934 held in the new Science Building, Room 102 San Jose State Teachers College, Miss Emily Smith reported on the Christmas Bird Census. The lecture was given by Mr. Elmer Aldrich on: "High Spots on My Life-list of Birds." Mr. James Peterson also spoke on "Some Notes on Road-runner and Shrike."

Mr. Karl S. Hazeltine was President this year and Elmer Aldrich, Secretary. Mr. William Landels led many of the field trips.

Sycamore Canyon Road and Silver Creek Hills were two of the most frequented trips held this year of 1934. Only Alviso Salt Marshes and Alum Rock Canyon were visited by the Annual Christmas Count.

In 1935 there was a noticeable change in type of programs held at the monthly meetings. Here are some topics:

"Mushrooms" by Mr. J. I. McMurphy, Professor of Plant Pathology at Stanford.

"California Trees in Relation to Life Zones" by Mr. George E. Stone.

"Field Experiences in Southern Idaho" by Mr. Elmer Aldrich.

Landels President in '36

Mr. William Landels was president in 1936 and Grace Brubaker, secretary. The announcement of meetings were made on $3\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ glazed cards with an artistic drawing at the top and the announcements below in small type. Apparently photographs in reduced size were taken of an original composition. The little card was most attractive with always a bird motif. The April announcement card shows a bespectacled and be-shawled mother bird of unknown species sitting on a limb next to a round nest, completely filled with four offspring and on branches near the nest hung a patched pair of small pants and a tiny dress.

The lecture for the April 1936 monthly meeting was entitled: "The present Wildlife Crisis and the National Program which has been designed to Meet It." The speaker was Mr. E. Lowell Sumner, Jr., Regional Wildlife Technician.

The announcement of the October 28, 1936 meeting shows Dr. Gayle Pickwell again as President of the Society and Phyllis Brown as Secretary. The speaker was Mrs. Junea Kelly, President of the Audubon Association of the Pacific. The topic was "Activities of the National Association of Audubon Societies."

Members at the October meeting were asked to bring ten cents for refreshments.

The Late 30's

During the years of 1937, 1938, and 1939 Dr. Gayle Pickwell continued as President of the Society. All monthly meetings continued to be held at Room 210, Science Building, San Jose State College. A monthly field trip was scheduled and always the Christmas count covered Alviso Marshes and Alum Rock Canyon.

In May of 1937 one Society meeting was held in the "New Lodge" at Alum Rock Park. The speaker that evening was Mr. Jack Applegarth and his subject was: "Intensive Study of Clapper Rails." The May field trip was taken to San Felipe Valley under the leadership of the Kersells.

What must have been an interesting lecture was given March 14, 1938 by Dr. E. Whitney Martin on: "A Year with the Shore Birds." Also the March field trip was to Chemeketa Park. Wonder where that is.

A special meeting was held in April of 1938 to see and hear Dr. A. A. Allen of Cornell University. The title of his lecture was "Hunting with a Microphone." Dr. Allen also showed his famous sound films depicting birds in song and other motion pictures. The meeting was under the auspices of San Jose State College and the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society.

There was a most unusual monthly meeting program in December 1933 when three San Jose State College students presented research done by each student in the spring of 1938. The title of each study was as follows:

A Full Day's Observation at the Nest of a Mockingbird--Clifford Atkins

A Full Day's Observation at the Nest of a Bullock's Oriole--Dorothy Markwad

Observations of the Oregon Junco--Rocci Pisano

The summary of the Christmas Census in December 1938 was made at the home of Mrs. R. C. McRae, 55 Manning Street. The group met at 3:30 P.M. for the summary. This would seem to be an innovation since such a summary meeting had not been mentioned before in the Bulletins.

The notice of an unusual field trip was given in September 1939. "In accordance with plans made at the last regular meeting in May, a field trip has been held each month this summer. The September field trip will be a week-end trip to Carmel and Point Lobos, September 16 and 17, to look for turnstones, oyster-catchers, and other birds among the shores. The party under the leadership of Mr. Landels, Mrs. Hackley, and Miss Smith will start at one o'clock Saturday afternoon from the usual meeting place at the San Jose State College (San Carlos and South Fifth Streets). The route will be by way of Los Gatos and Santa Cruz to Pacific Grove, the party spending the night at an auto camp near Asilomar. The Sunday birding will begin as soon as breakfast can be had."

Dr. Pickwell Continues as President

In looking over the years 1940-41-42, it is noticed that Dr. Pickwell remained President of the Society until October of 1942. That made six consecutive years he was president. Surely, this was a wonderful service performed by Dr. Pickwell.

The May 13, 1940 monthly bulletin had the special announcement as follows: "The Pinnacles National Monument has asked Mrs. Elizabeth Price to do a broadcast over K.Q.W. San Jose on 'The Water bird Wealth at Moss Landing,' at 4:45 P.M. Thursday, May 9. The script of the April 24 broadcast on 'Birds of the Pinnacles' and for the 'Moss Landing' broadcasts are available free on request to anyone dropping a card to the Pinnacles National Monument or to K.Q.W."

The announcement of the December 1940 Christmas count was as follows: "Members interested in taking the bird census will meet at the regular corner at San Carlos and South Fifth Streets at 8:00 A.M. One party under the leadership of Mrs. Elizabeth Price will go to the Alviso Marshes; and a second party, under the

leadership of Dr. Pickwell and Miss Emily Smith, will go to Alum Rock Park. After the census taking, the parties will return to the home of Mrs. Lester Brubaker at 191 Mt. View Avenue (just off Alum Rock Avenue in the vicinity of the San Jose Country Club, see sketch) at 4 o'clock to compile a report for Bird Lore. Members unable to attend the field trip are invited to come and hear results of the census.

At the March 10, 1941 meeting of the Society, consideration was to be given to a revision of the Society from the status of an affiliated organization to that of a branch of the National Audubon Society. Quoting now from the notice--"If we become a branch, every member of our group will also be a member of the National Association and will receive the Audubon Magazine (formerly Bird Lore) and such mimeographed and published material as there may be produced by the local group. As a Branch, the organization will be in a position to work forcibly for conservation measures, as for instance, the establishment of a game refuge for shore birds and the California Clapper Rail on the margin of San Francisco Bay."

Reports from Asilomar

An announcement in the May 13, 1941 meeting states--"Reports of the State Convention of Audubon Societies will be presented by members who will have just returned from the Convention at Monterey." Perhaps this was the first Asilomar convention for our Society.

The November 1941 meeting must have been interesting since Allan D. Cruickshank was to be the speaker on the subject, "Wildlife through the Lens."

Apparently there was at least one summer field trip in 1942. Here is a description of the proposed trip. "The July field trip will be an overnight camping trip taken on Saturday and Sunday, July 11 and 12, into the vicinity of Corralitos and Brown Valley which is approximately forty miles from San Jose. If you need transportation or have room for passengers in your car, please advise Frances Fisher at Columbia 4900J. Arrangements have been made for those who would rather not sleep on the ground to stay at Bahnsen's Home Ranch in which case sheets, pillow cases and extra blankets should be brought. Campers should bring sleeping bag or canvas and bedding, flash light, wash basin, towel, and other personal toilet articles." Everybody brings food for Saturday supper, Sunday breakfast, and Sunday lunch. Bring your own dishes, cutlery, and cooking utensils. There will be gasoline stoves or grills to cook on."

Starting in 1943, Mr. Bert Harwell is mentioned frequently. The February 15, 1943 meeting announces an illustrated lecture--"Birds from the Sea to the Sierras" by C. A. Harwell. The announcement goes on: "Mr. Harwell has moving pictures in color of many of the most interesting birds of California. In addition, as many of you know, Mr. Harwell adds to the interest of his talks with his lifelike imitations of bird songs. This was the most important meeting of the year."

A special meeting and dinner was called for May 17, 1943 when Mr. John Baker, President of the National Audubon Society, and Mr. Bert Harwell, California representative were to be present. The dinner was to be held at the "Garden House, 1008 Alameda, at 6:00 P.M.

To quote--"Following the dinner, Mr. Baker will tell us of the current work and plans of the National Audubon Society and will show colored moving pictures of birds. Price of the dinner will be \$1.25 per person."

"Branch" Status Again Considered

Apparently the Society did not become a branch of the National Audubon Society when the matter was considered in March of 1941, because the announcement of the June 13, 1944 meeting contains the following: "To members of the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society--Our Society has again been asked to become a Branch of the National Audubon Society; i.e., change its status from an Affiliate to a Branch. In June of 1941, our Society voted to accept the Branch Plan providing the Society be allowed the right to have local members as well as national members. The plan being presented to us at this time is similar to the first but more moderate in its membership regulations. A Society having a majority of its members 'National members' may vote to become a Branch of the National. A Branch may have two types of members, National and Local. Dues for National members are \$5.00 per year and include subscriptions to 'Audubon Magazine.' \$1.50 of the \$5.00 is refunded to the local Branch for Local dues. Dues of the minority local members are to be fixed by the Branch. Since we cannot function as a Branch of the National Audubon Society unless a majority of our members take out the \$5.00 National membership, it is important that we have an expression of the wish of every member of our Society. We are therefore attaching a blank on which we ask you to vote."

At the January 8, 1945 monthly meeting, the speaker of the evening was Mr. Ed Levin who showed motion pictures of birds and other wild life of Alaska. Mr. Levin with Father Hubbard had recently returned from Alaska.

The speaker for the April 11, 1945 monthly meeting was Mr. Albert Wool. "The Nest Life of the Turkey Vulture" was his subject and he illustrated his lecture by kodachrome slides.

On Sunday, April 15, 1945, the monthly field trip was taken to Montalvo--the "Phelan Estate" near Saratoga. Frances Dieterich was the leader of the trip. Later in the afternoon the group was invited to the home of Mrs. Paul De Wolf near Cupertino where Frances showed moving pictures.

The May field trip on Sunday, May 20, 1945, was taken to the Egret Heronry on the Guadalupe Creek in the morning and to Alviso Salt Marshes in the afternoon. The June trip of the same year was led by Albert Wool--"who took us to a colony of nesting Caspian Terns." This was considered a "rare treat."

In December of 1945 there is complete detail of the Christmas Bird Census. Apparently only the Alviso Marshes and Alum Rock Canyon were visited. Here is the summary--"Total 76 species; about 3,413 individuals (almost no ducks because of presence of duck hunters); those seen in flight could not be positively identified. Grace Brubaker, Kent Carnie, Curt Dietz, Florence Durfee, Dorothy Ernst, George Forman, Henri Hill, Janet Koppel, Bill Kurtz, Ernest Meyers, Ann Peterson, J. G. Peterson, Neil Phillips, Elizabeth Price, Hubert Price, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Smith, Emily Smith, Serena Thompson, M. F. Vessel, Agnes Wesemann, Al Wool, Linda Woods.

Albert Wool Increasingly Active

Albert Wool was increasingly active in 1946 in leading field trips and giving talks. In February he led a field trip to "Soap Lake" en route to Pacheco Pass, and in March of the same year he was speaker on the subject, "Birds of the San Francisco Bay Region." In April he led a field trip to La Costa Valley located near Calaveras Dam to observe nests of the Golden Eagle, Barn Owl, Horned Owl, and Great Blue Heron.

During 1946 meeting places alternated between 700 Wellesley Street at the South Palo Alto branch library and Room 210 San Jose State College Science Building. Also, a meeting was held at the Lodge in Alum Rock Park and another held at the home of Mrs. F. J. Perry, 651 University Avenue, Palo Alto, and in November at the home of Mrs. Miller living at 159 Melville Avenue, Palo Alto.

The January 8, 1947 monthly meeting is worth noting. It was held in the Faculty Room, Menlo Juniot College, Menlo Park. Mrs. G. Earle Kelly was the speaker telling about her "Thrilling Expdrience with Birds at Churchill on the shores of Hudson Bay." Slides supplemented her talk.

The January 1947 field trip went to Berkeley to bird in Strawberry Canyon. This trip was led by William Landels.

Grace Brubaker and Bernice Kersell led a trip on May 25, 1947 to the San Felipe Valley about 15 miles southeast of San Jose. The Bulletin contained the following instructions for this trip: "Mr. Tourtillott has invited the members of the Society to come early and cook their breakfasts on the barbecue grill in his garden in the San Felipe Valley. The leaders will make coffee but bring cup and spoon. Meet at the corner of E. San Carlos and 5th Street, San Jose at 6:30 A.M. Bring lunch as well as breakfast if you want to bird in the afternoon. Members who wish to join the group after breakfast (9:00 A.M.) drive south from San Jose on King Road to Evergreen and then south on San Felipe Road to Metcalf Road a short distance and watch for sign on the left with Mr. Tourtillott's name on it."

In September 1947 comes the first announcement of selling tickets for the Audubon Screen Tours. "The Society's chief object in cooperating with San Jose State College to bring the Screen Tours to San Jose is to help arouse more interest in wildlife and its conservation in our community. If this civic project is to succeed, we must fill the Montgomery Theater with an interested audience." Mrs. Grace Brubaker was Chairman.

In this year of 1947 quite elaborate field trip reports were sent to members. Here is a quote from one of these reports: "We were amazed to see a great blue heron feeding out in the middle of a stubble field. Suggestions as to the nature of its meal included 'lizard cocktail' and 'snake pie.'

Peterson Gives Screen Tour Lecture

The following notice was in the January 1948 Bulletin. "The Third Screen Tour Lecture will be given Monday evening, January 19, 1948, in the Montgomery Theater in the San Jose Civic Auditorium at 8 o'clock. Mr. Roger Tory Peterson will talk

on 'The Riddle of Migration,' illustrating his talk with colored motion pictures. Many of us know Roger Tory Peterson as the author and illustrator of our much used copies of 'A Field Guide to Western Birds'."

Here are some of the present day names of Audubon members participating in 1947 Christmas Count as detailed in January 1948: Grace Brubaker, B. N. Dickinson, Curt Dietz, Elsie Hocck, Eva McRae, Emily Smith, Clyde and Agnes Prusman, Albert and Dorothy Wool, Charles and Fanny Zwaal.

Albert J. Wool wrote the February 1948 field trip report. It is too long to quote in full. Following is the beginning of his report: "February 15, 1948. Very early in the morning seventeen members of the Santa Clara Valley Society journeyed to Los Banos. After an 8 o'clock breakfast at Tiny's we drove out to the Bird and Game Reservation north of Los Banos. Everywhere the fields were brown because of the worst drought since records have been kept, and water was low in the sloughs. But the day was perfect for birding--almost no wind, pleasantly warm, and the blue sky traced over with beautiful cirrus clouds. Just before reaching the reservation we stopped to watch 20 honkers come flying high over the field and settle down to join many more Canada geese, barely visible in the brown grass.--"

For the first time since the Christmas Bird Count was started in 1928 a new area was covered in December 1948. Details are quoted from the Bulletin: "Mr. Rigby is inviting the Society to join him in a bird count in the Palo Alto region this year. He has mapped out an area which reaches across the Peninsula from San Francisco Bay to the Pacific Ocean at Half Moon Bay with Crystal Spring Reservoir near its center. This circular area, fifteen miles in diameter, includes many types of bird habitat and should furnish a spectacular bird count. Mr. Rigby has divided the area into eight likely birding territories and he states that the minimum coverage of the whole area requires at least one car and two observers for each division." Results--112 species and 11,872 individuals.

Buchheister Starts Screen Tours, 1949

The first screen tour in 1949 was given by Carl Buchheister and it was called "Wild Life Down East." General admission was 75¢ and 60¢ for students. Mr. Buchheister was Vice President of National Audubon Society at that time and the announcement stated he was director of the Audubon Nature Camp at Medomak in Maine and--"from all reports Mr. Buchheister is a very pleasing, stimulating speaker and is showing very fine color motion pictures."

Meetings were still being held in Room 210 Natural Science Building, San Jose State College. The February 1949 meeting announcement asked for "Reports of seasonal bird observations" to be given at the meeting. For example--"(Are robins, varied thrushes, and hermit thrushes unusually common this winter in your neighborhood? Have you seen Bohemian waxwings or other rare visitants from the far north? Do birds seem to be having trouble finding food these days? Have you heard any resident birds singing persistently the last two or three weeks, or seen any signs of nesting?) Please bring bird observations in writing, giving date and place of observation for our files."

The March Bulletin has the following note: "Mr. John Harville who was a member of the staff of the Audubon Nature Camp of California at its first session this last summer will show a colored motion picture film depicting the activities of the camp in its high Sierra setting at Norden near Donner Lake."

Up to 1947 announcements were sent out each month to each member. These were single sheets containing announcements of field trips, monthly meeting and director's meeting. Beginning in 1947 two or more mimeographed sheets were published giving more details about field trips. Also "Seasonal Observations" by Emily Smith appeared. Results of Christmas Counts were shown in detail. This new type publication was known as "The Bulletin." By 1949 and 1950 The Bulletin had as many as six or eight or even ten pages especially when Mr. Sibley was editor. It was not until 1954 that "The Avocet" was born.

In June of 1949 the following news item appears in the Bulletin. "KARL S. HAZELTINE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. At its meeting in April the Society voted to make its Audubon Nature Camp scholarship a memorial to Dr. Karl S. Hazeltine. Dr. Hazeltine helped found the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society twenty-four years ago, and for several years he served as the Society's president. Always he gave much time and thought to help carry on the work of the Society. Although in recent years he was not able to attend the meetings, he kept up his membership and was always warmly interested in the Society's welfare."

Dr. Gayle Pickwell Succumbs

"Our beloved Dr. Gayle Pickwell died May 29, 1949. The memory of his rich, inexhaustible enjoyment of birds and his gay comradeship on field trips will be always with those of us who knew him when he was an active member of our Society. A busy professor of ornithology and zoology at San Jose State College and a writer of many books on birds and other nature study subjects, Dr. Pickwell found time to share with the members of the Audubon Society his profound knowledge of birds and his delightful enthusiasm for bird watching.

On his fiftieth birthday last March lying almost completely paralyzed on a hospital bed, he was made very happy by letters of love and appreciation which came to him from his Audubon Society friends and from many, many other friends from everywhere he ever lived."

In the October 1949 Bulletin the following is noted: "Last June the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society voted 35 to 6 to change from an Affiliate of the National Audubon Society to a branch of that Society--." So, it took from March of 1941 until mid 1949 to make this change in the status of the Society.

Neil and Les Sleeper wrote the November 12, 1949 field trip report. Guess where the trip was taken? Of course, to the Dumbarton Bridge area. Even as this is written, the Sleepers conduct this trip.

Christmas Bird Count, 1949

The Bulletin issue of January 1950 contains details of the December 26, 1949 Christmas Count. It was the nineteenth for the Society and was led by James G. Peterson. For the first time San Jose was divided into five segments and each

segment was worked to some degree. Center of the count area was the corner of Capitol Avenue and Maybury Road. The circle coverage included salt marshes 20%, stream thickets 6%, pasture 26%, reservoir 1%, foothill canyon 23%, suburbs 16%, orchards 4%, waste fields 4%. Time was 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Weather clear and temperature 30 to 60 degrees; wind variable under 3 mph. There were 24 observers in five parties. Total hours on foot 29--total miles on foot 24.6. The following people were mentioned as participating: Mrs. Grace Brubaker, William Creelman, Curt Dietz, Mrs. W. A. Hillebrand, Miss Elsie Hoeck, Mrs. Emma Miller, Mrs. Harvey Miller, Catherine and Mary Ann Miller, Mrs. Beatrice Nielson, Mrs. Anne Peterson, James Peterson, Sharon and Laurel Jean Peterson, Mrs. and Mrs. Clyde Prusman, C. G. Sibley, C. L. Sleeper, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Snow, M. F. Vessel, Albert Wool, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zwaal. Total 98 species; 19,221 individuals.

It was noted that Audubon Screen Tours were being held in Palo Alto at the Palo Alto High School auditorium under the auspices of the Palo Alto Garden Club.

A paragraph in the March 1950 Bulletin states: "Our Society now has a paid-up membership of about one hundred, half of whom are joint members of both the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society and the National Audubon Society." In the same issue Mrs. Irving W. Snow, membership chairman, announced new members and welcomed them to the Society. Two new members in February 1950 were Mrs. Bertram F. Jakobsen of Menlo Park and Mrs. R. Wesley Wright of Atherton.

There were two Audubon Screen Tours given by Mr. Maslowski on Saturday, October 7, 1950. One was a matinee planned primarily for children at 2:30 P.M. called "Our Heritage in the Rockies" and the other for the general public called "Beneath Buckeye Skies." Both were held in the Montgomery Theater, San Jose Auditorium. There was a note to the Audubon Society members saying--"Members wishing to dine with Mr. Maslowski meet at Lou's Village, 1465 West San Carlos, San Jose, October 7 at 6:00 P.M."

The February 1951 Bulletin announces--"The Ornithology Lectures by Dr. Charles G. Sibley, which our Society is sponsoring, are being well attended and enthusiastically received. The third lecture, "Bird Behavior," will be given in San Jose on Wednesday, March 7, at 8:00 P.M. in Room 210 of the Science Building, San Jose State College; and the same lecture will be repeated in Redwood City on the following Monday, March 12, at the same hour in Room 26, Music Building, Sequoia High School, Redwood City. Single admission at any one lecture is 75¢.

Field Trip Innovation

In October, 1951 the Bulletin indicates that at least two field trips a month were being taken. This is an innovation since for years only one field trip per month was made. Also, this is the first time a mid-week trip is mentioned. Following is the announcement:

"The Mid-Week Bird Trip: This is planned especially for beginners and will be Wednesday morning, October 10, to Aldercroft Heights with Mrs. Irving Snow as leader. Meet at the Shell station in Alma on the old Los Gatos--Santa Cruz Highway at 8:00 A.M. These Wednesday

morning trips should be over by 11:00 A.M. If the day is nice and you want to picnic, bring along lunch. Mrs. Snow will provide hot coffee in her garden." Leona Jakobsen was Program Chairman at this time.

Another item in the October 1951 Bulletin asks--"HAVE YOU EVER SEEN AN ALBATROSS? --or a Fulmar?--Or passed close to shearwaters, murrelets, auklets? Here's your chance. On Sunday, October 28, the "Tom Swift" with Captain Grozzmann at the helm will take a group offshore from Santa Cruz to observe oceanic birds. The "Tom Swift" is a 40' gasoline powered cruiser with space for 30 passengers. There are only 14 spaces left. Cost is \$2.00 per person. Save your stale bread and get all the suet you can. Bring both along for "chum" bait for the birds. This is the time of year when the maximum variety and numbers may be expected.

At this time Dr. Charles Sibley was Editor of the Bulletin and Miss Emily Smith was Associate Editor. The November, 1951 issue of the Bulletin had a heading as follows:

BULLETIN OF THE
SANTA CLARA VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY
November 1951

There were four pages comprising this November issue. At the bottom of the first page was the following: "Wanted a heading design for the Bulletin. Lend your talents to the cause. Submit idea and sketches to the Editors so that a new heading may be prepared with which to start the New Year. Note the space--7 x 1½ inches. Use wording as above.

Nesting Study Proposed

The first Bulletin for 1952 calls for:

NESTING STUDY--A Cooperative Research Project

Dr. Charles Sibley supplied blanks to obtain nesting information from the Society members. Here is what he said: "The nesting season is already under way. The eggs of the Anna Humming bird have been found in December and the Horned Owl begins nesting in January. Bush-tits and Allen Hummingbirds begin in February. The success of such a project depends upon the sustained interest and cooperation of all the membership. Let's make it a friendly contest (as well as a research project) to see who can record the largest number of nests this coming year. Also--who will find the first nest of the season?"

Anyone interested in early day ornithologists in the Bay Area should read Dr. Sibley's lead article in the March 1952 Bulletin. It was called--"Some Ornithologists of the South Bay Region." Here are several names: Thomas Bridges 1807-1857; John Van Denburg living in Los Gatos in 1885; Chase Littlejohn 1854-- death unknown, who lived in Redwood City; Chester Barlow, one of the founders of the Cooper Ornithological Club; W. E. Unglish of Gilroy in 1910. That year Mr. Unglish began publishing results of his work in southern Santa Clara and northern San Benito counties. Many of the "firsts" for the county are due to his activities."

Apparently the request for nesting information met with success for the June Bulletin records nearly two pages to nesting details, and Dr. Sibley observed: "The response of the members to our plea for contributions of records to the 'Nesting Survey' has been extremely gratifying." In a later Bulletin he writes: "The nesting survey continues to be more successful. Several hundred nesting records were submitted during the past three months."

Field trip activities continued right through the summer of 1952. A news item in the Bulletin in the summer read: "With regret we report the passing of the only known breeding colony of the American Egret in the South Bay area. The grove of eucalyptus trees one mile southeast of Agnew was cut down in early July. On July 8 most of the trees had been felled and four nestling Great Blue Herons were found on the ground. The bulldozers had doubtless covered many more."

The November 1952 monthly meeting was held in the Junior Museum, Community Center, Palo Alto. There were field trips on November 9, 15, 23, and one mid-week trip November 19. This indicates a stepping up in the number of field trips as compared to previous years.

A notice appeared in the February 1953 Bulletin as follows: "BIRDBANDING DEMONSTRATION on Sunday, March 1, at the home of Charles and Frances Sibley, 15880 Ravine Road, Los Gatos (about half way between Los Gatos and Saratoga). Come any time between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Bring lunch and plan to take a bird walk in the vicinity."

Another notice in the same Bulletin states: "NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY is being prepared. Has your address been changed by the Santa Clara County Planning Commission? If in any way the address on your Bulletin envelope this month is not correct, please let Emily Smith know."

A real honest-to-goodness advertisement appeared in the April 1953 Bulletin:

HOUSE FOR SALE--On an acre between Los Gatos and Saratoga; secluded and quiet, except for high level of bird song from February to June; large live oaks and other trees; mature shrubs; a creek; deer often seen; Gray Fox and Screech Owls as nocturnal entertainment; Olive-sided Flycatchers; Western Tanagers, etc. as breeding birds. Owners moving to Ithaca, New York and hoping to find another place just like it!

Phone ELgato 4-4429---(Please pass the word along).

--Charles and Frances Sibley

1953-54 Leaders

To show how well organized the Society was in 1953-54, note the following:

Committee Chairmen for year 1953-54

By-laws--Mr. Wilbur F. Luick	Membership--Mrs. Irving Snow
Conservation--Mr. David L. Samuels	Program--Dr. Malcolm R. Miller
Editorial--To be appointed	Publicity--Mrs. H. B. Humphry
Education--Miss Jeanie Nieri	Social--Mrs. Homer E. Peterson
Field Trip--To be appointed	Screen Tours--Dr. F. M. Vessel
	Dr. Arnold G. Applegarth

President--Miss Elsie D. Hoeck
Vice President--Dr. Malcolm R. Miller
Secretary--Miss Lynn Robbins
Treasurer--Mrs. Eva McRae

In November 1953 President Hoeck announced a new editor for the Bulletin, Mrs. Charles Doe of Palo Alto; and at the same time Miss Hoeck expressed sincere 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 call for assistance." Editorial committee chairman Wilbur Luick also paid tribute to the retiring editors, Dr. Sibley and Miss Emily for truly outstanding BULLETINS.

Mrs. Charles Doe wrote in the December 1953 issue of the Bulletin:

"Young birds and fledgling editors have at least one characteristic in common. Their first flights are highly experimental and often humorous. The next time we see a reluctant feathered baby teetering on the edge of the nest, we will understand his problem--perfectly!"

In 1954 more emphasis was placed on student and Junior Audubon group training by the education chairman, Miss Jeanie Nieri. The January 1954 Bulletin contains this news item.

"Report of the Student Group's first field trip, led by Jeanie Nieri, December 5, 1953. The student group met for the first time for a field trip to Crystal Springs Lakes. The leader welcomed seven members for the trip. It was a fine day with clear skies and a brisk wind. As the group worked its way along the string of lakes, 47 species of birds were seen."

How "Avocet" Was Born

The March 1954 Bulletin states that a new name for the publication is being considered. To quote: "The Editorial Committee, Will Luick, Chairman, received a list of 17 names submitted by various members participating in the contest to select a title for the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society Bulletin."

Four names were finally chosen, and members were asked to select their favorite.

The Avocet

The member submitting this entry gave this explanation. "This idea is not original with me. It was suggested by Dr. Sibley who called my attention to the fact that this bird, in a black and white sketch, would be an attractive illustration--used either in flight or standing."

The American Kestrel

The member submitting this title referred to Dawson's "Birds of California" and gave this explanation, quoted in part--"You are now probably wondering what in Bunker Hill is an American Kestrel. This name is altogether too uncommon a title for the pretty little falcon we seldom fail to see hovering over a field or perched on a fence post. It is the sparrow hawk, an ugly name for such a beneficial bird--Our Society's calling this hawk an 'American Kestrel' would help toward the better welfare of this bird."

The Chat

No comment by member except to say--"See pages 160 and 150 in Peterson."

The Kite

No comment by member except to say--"See pages 34 and 45 in Peterson."

The deadline for balloting was set as April 15, 1954. The winner was to receive a copy of Olin Seward Pettingill Jr.'s book, "A Guide to Bird Finding West of the Mississippi."

The Winner: Mrs. Eva McRae's entry, THE AVOCET.

Next Best: THE CHAT, proposed by Manette and Herbert Wittgenstein.

And so, THE AVOCET was born.

In the "President's message for September 1954, Elsie Hoeck mentions--"The Society membership had reached approximately 200; local dues for 1954-55 would continue at \$1.50. She asked members paying \$5.00 dues to the National Audubon Society should be sure to mention that they wished their local membership be refunded to the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society.

The following agenda was accomplished at a special Board of Director's meeting held September 13, 1954.

Dr. Richard Mewaldt was appointed to the Board to fill a recent vacancy.

The proposal that the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society join with the Sequoia Audubon and National Audubon in a sanctuary project involving salt marshland in San Mateo County and Alameda County was rejected.

It was decided that field trips shall be limited to three per month.

It was decided that two of the regular monthly meetings of the Society shall be held at Los Gatos between November 1954 and May 1955.

Incorporation Proposed

A resolution that the Audubon Society of Santa Clara Valley shall incorporate for reasons of protection of its members was passed and this proposition is scheduled for presentation at the October monthly meeting.

In the November Avocet (1954) a news item stated: "At the October 1954 meeting of SCVAS it was voted that the Society shall incorporate. Mr. Henry Hill is to be requested to proceed with the necessary steps to achieve this purpose."

A couple of news items by President Elsie Hoeck were of interest (in the December Avocet).

"National Audubon Society announces the opening of new and larger quarters for the Pacific Coast Office at 2426 Bancroft Way, Berkeley 4, California."

"Congratulations to Charles and Viola Anderson on their article on 'Humming birds' in National Audubon Magazine for July-August, 1954. Its title is 'At Home with the Allen's Hummingbird.'"

Bi-Monthly Avocet

Volume 2, Number 1 of the AVOCET dated January-February 1955 contained this announcement:

"Beginning with this issue, the AVOCET will be published bi-monthly. The change has been made in the interests of economy and to announce the schedule of field trips, meetings and screen tours earlier than has been possible in the past.--"

Mrs. Charles Doe resigned as editor of the AVOCET. To quote: "The members will miss her inimitable creativity and quiet efficiency." "The bulletin you are reading is the product of a pro tem staff composed of Emily Smith who put the material together, and Janice and Will Luick, operators of the Society's mimeograph machine. Grace Brubaker continues as circulation manager."

In the May-June 1955 AVOCET a membership roster was published showing the distribution of the members. Below are details.

<u>Santa Clara County</u>		<u>San Mateo County</u>		<u>Monterey County</u>	
Agnew	1	Atherton	2	Salinas	2
Campbell	1	Menlo Park	18		
Cupertino	4	Redwood City	2	<u>San Francisco Co.</u>	
Los Altos	12	San Mateo	1	San Francisco	3
Los Gatos	41		23		
Morgan Hill	3			TOTAL	216
Mountain View	4	<u>Santa Cruz County</u>			
Palo Alto	41	Boulder Creek	1		
San Jose	49	Mt. Hermon	3		
Santa Clara	7	Santa Cruz	2		
Saratoga	8		2		
Stanford	8	<u>Alameda County</u>			
Sunnyvale	1	Niles	1		
TOTAL	180	Oakland	1		
			2		

Articles of Incorporation of Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society were endorsed and filed in the office of the Secretary of State of California on May 20, 1955; and the Seal of the State of California was affixed on May 24, 1955.

"In appreciation of Mr. Henri G. Hill's legal assistance and counsel in the processing of the incorporation of the Society, a resolution creating an honorary life membership for him was adopted."

An excellent financial statement was given for the 1954-55 year in the July-August 1955 AVOCET.

Savings Balance 5-30-55	\$852.82
Audubon Screen Tour Account	\$235.38
Commercial Checking Account--5/30/55	\$647.77

In the fall of 1955 Mr. Will Luick became the new editor of the AVOCET; Dr. and Mrs. Dick Mewaldt operated the mimeograph machine and Mrs. Lester Brubaker handled circulation. Miss Emily Smith became "Seasonal Observation Editor."

The March-April 1956 AVOCET carried our now familiar printed format. So, Volume 3, Number 2 issue was the first showing of our present day letter head and magazine format.

Three Conservation Projects

President Harville's message in the March-April 1956 AVOCET states: "Your Society currently is engaged in three conservation projects of great importance to this Valley.

1. With the Montalvo Association we are continuing our efforts to develop that beautiful natural area as a wildlife sanctuary.
2. We are assisting with the re-examination of California's game laws, particularly as they pertain to the shooting of birds. Hawks and owls were mentioned especially.
3. We have joined with the National Audubon Society, the Golden Gate Audubon Society, the Sequoia Audubon Society, and the Sierra Club in helping to set aside a wild-life reserve in San Francisco Bay. There are two reserves, Greco Island, near Redwood City, and the other near the east end of Dumbarton Bridge."

The March-April issue of the AVOCET contained ten pages, a new high for content, surely reflecting a busy Society.

In the fall of 1956 Dr. L. Richard Mewaldt assumed the duties of editor of the AVOCET.

Quoting from the November-December 1956 AVOCET, President Dorothy Wool writes: "The Dumbarton Bridge and Greco Island sanctuaries are a reality with the arrival of friendly Warden John O. Larson, Jr. The effectiveness of our postings and the efforts of Warden Larson are being put to their first real test with the opening of the duck hunting season October 20."

1956 Christmas Bird Count

The 1956 Christmas Bird Count met at the home of Frances and Dick Mewaldt at 7:30 A.M. Tally of the count was at 4:30 P.M. The five sector leaders were:

Alviso--Frances Goraj	Alum Rock--Jim Peterson
Calaveras--Albert J. Wool	Evergreen--Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Prusman
Southwest--Mrs. Homer E. Peterson	

The January-February 1957 AVOCET announces the resignation of Dr. Dick Mewaldt as editor.

An announcement shows the January 1957 meeting was held at the Palo Alto Junior Museum and the February 18 monthly meeting was held at San Jose State College. John Larson spoke to the members in January on "Reminiscings of a Game Warden," and Tom Harvey was speaker in February. His topic was "The Evolution of Birds."

On April 6, 1957 there was a cooperative census of white-tailed kites. "Howard Cogswell, who is coordinating the census for northern and central California, is asking our Society to take the territory which includes a bit of Alameda County around the north end of Calaveras Reservoir and all of Santa Clara County south to and including the Galero reservoir and vicinity."

At the annual meeting June 10, 1957 Miss Emily Smith reported that Mrs. Joyce Todd would be the new AVOCET editor beginning with the September-October issue.

Conservation news was a feature of the September-October AVOCET. "We should be proud of our help toward the recent passage in California of the MacBride Bill, AB 2831. The portion of the bill of particular interest to the Audubon Society is the section protecting all species of hawks and owls. There are no more 'birds of prey.' The terms, 'predatory mammal' and 'predatory birds,' are obsolete--in line with modern findings on the balance of Nature."

Mrs. Todd's "Editor's Notes" in the September-October 1957 issue includes the following:

"Elinor V. Cogswell in her column 'EVC at Bat,' Daily Palo Alto Times, Tuesday, July 2, 1957 mentions something better than sprays and baits to combat grasshoppers common in rural areas of Palo Alto and Menlo Park this summer. A resident was appalled to see thousands of grasshoppers spreading from her driveway all over the garden. In an instant a flock of English Sparrows swooped down and began eating. The number of grasshoppers seemed endless, but the sparrows ate them all in a few days."

The lead article in the November-December AVOCET was titled "Waters of the San Francisco Bay Still Being Polluted."

In the same AVOCET issue was an announcement of the Richardson's Bay Wildlife Refuge. It states that "The National Audubon Society (through the Marin Branch) and the Marin Conservation League are actively cooperating with the

Richardson Bay Foundation to establish and maintain a wildlife refuge in Richardson Bay between Belvedere and Strawberry Hill.

Avocet Resumes Monthly Schedule

Beginning in January 1958 the AVOCET returned to monthly instead of bi-monthly publication. The lead article was titled CONSERVATION IN 1958. This was written by editor Joyce Todd. She detailed the conservation bills to be acted upon by the 85th Congress as follows:

The Wilderness Preservation Bill (S-1176)

Legislation to earmark Duck Stamp receipts or otherwise provide funds for acquisition of rapidly disappearing waterfowl marshes (HR-8699)

Chemical Pesticide Research (HR-783)

Humane Methods of Trapping Animals and Birds of Federal Lands (S-2489)
Senators Neuberger, Humphrey and Kefauver sponsored the bill.

The editor's note on page 14 of the February 1958 issue reads as follows:

"The Maricopa Audubon Society (Phoenix, Arizona) received a message at Christmas from Toronto, Canada reporting the presence of (of all birds) a Western Tanager. After considerable excited planning, he was to be sent by United Airlines to Phoenix where he will rest up in a near-by member's flight cage before being released."

Another editor's note in the April 1958 issue of the AVOCET states: "The Avocet would like to thank Miss Emily Smith, retiring 'Bird Observation Editor,' for her faithful and outstanding work. It is not often that such a small bulletin can boast work of a professional calibre. Perhaps she will have time to contribute special articles occasionally in the future. And on field trips, she will continue to be a much better field guide than any book."

"Mr. Robert Wood, Palo Alto Junior Museum instructor and education chairman of the Audubon Society, is Miss Emily's very able successor. We have much to learn from him."

The June 1958 AVOCET mentioned the following:

AUDUBON SCHOLARSHIPS TO AUDUBON CAMP
AND WEST COAST SCHOOL OF NATURE STUDY

Applications for scholarships may be obtained from

Mrs. Charlotte McBride

25441 Crescent Lane, Los Altos

The scholarships include up to six \$50 grants to Audubon Camp at Norden, California and up to six \$15 tuition grants to the West Coast School of Nature Study at Mt. Lassen, Yosemite, or Asilomar. These are offered by the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society and the money comes from Audubon Screen Tour proceeds.

The Society treasurer's report covering June 1, 1957--May 31, 1958, as submitted by Fanny Zwaal:

Funds on Hand:	Checking Account	\$563.12
5-31-58	Savings Account	1,733.68
	TOTAL	<u>\$2,296.80</u>

Dues Increased

Some bad news in the Fall of 1958:

Expenses force first Audubon National dues increase--the first since 1905. New rates applying to all renewals after September 1958 change from \$5.00 to \$6.50 for one member and husband and wife changes to \$10.00. "Under the branch plan dues received from joint memberships are divided equally between National Society and the branch after deductions of \$2.50 for the Audubon Magazine."

The first mention of the Society bulletin board at the Palo Alto Yacht Harbor is to be found in the January 1959 issue of the AVOCET. Captain Nesbit suggested that the Society maintain a permanent bulletin board at the Yacht Harbor showing the bird species present during winter and summer. At the February 1959 Board meeting Mr. Harley Bothwell gave a report on the cost of material for the bulletin board as around \$100 and offered to donate his services to construct it. The Board voted the money to be spent and gratefully accepted Mr. Bothwell's generous offer.

The February 1959 AVOCET announced: "Our new identification cards will soon be a reality. These are to be worn on field trips and at meetings and should help us all to become better acquainted."

In the same issue Mrs. McBride wrote: "A great deal of time has been spent on the proposed changes in the By-Laws and much progress has been made. Also coming up for the same kind of planning will be a set of working rules."

The lead article in the October 1959 AVOCET was a quote from the Christian Science Monitor giving details of the Point Reyes National Seashore Park. Senator Clair Engle introduced a bill in the summer of 1959 authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to proceed with acquisition.

Also in the October AVOCET was the following: (written by Joyce Todd)

"The first all-color photography evening (September 14) revealed a wide choice of outdoor subjects and high degree of technical skill by some of our own members.

Lynn Robbins--native California shrubs and wildflowers.

Al Wool--nesting rufous-crowned sparrows; young great horned owls; a king snake swallowing a gopher snake entirely; all manner of other snakes and reptiles; baby turkey vultures.

Mark Massey--astonishing pictures of nesting water ouzels in King's Canyon National Park; North Carolina red bud.

Frank Goraj--"4 Corners Area;" Canyon de Chelly; brilliant sand dunes and cloud formations; beavers working.

Dr. Woodward--two superb slides of nesting hummingbirds (one an Allen's)."

Field Trip Policy Established

President Charlotte McBride wrote in the December 1959 AVOCET:

"The Society has been presented with a problem concerning field trips, and the Board has decided that future policy shall be as follows:

1. All individuals are welcome to our field trips, but organized groups must make arrangements with the field trip chairman for specially arranged trips.
2. Children accompanied by their parents are always welcome. However, all youth groups, Scouts, Campfire Girls, School and Religious groups must contact either our Educational Committee or the Field Trip Chairman, and arrangements will be made for a properly conducted trip.

The President's Message for February 1960 AVOCET gives details of the 7th Annual Audubon workshop held January 9 at the University YWCA in Berkeley. To quote: "Among the major problems, non-participation of the membership seemed to be the most troublesome to the majority of branches. Other problems were:

Overburdening of those willing to work
Training of field trip leaders
No specific goal to work toward
Finance--how can a Society raise money?
Territory--how can a Society with a large territory provide for its members?
Saving the Tidelands before it is too late
Youth education--groups from the junior to college students."

In the same February 1960 AVOCET Joyce Todd notes: "Several Santa Clara Valley Audubon members participated in the Tomales Bay Christmas Count held (like ours) on January 3, 1960. Phyllis Lindley of Berkeley sent us a copy of the count results which recorded 164 species (one more than the San Diego total). Thirty-nine observers counted about 53,380 individuals on a clear, cold day. Of special interest were some 1,850 Red-throated Loons, 7,651 Brandt's Cormorants, a Bald Eagle, a Spotted Owl, 2,492 Water Pipits, 6 Red Crossbills, and a Green-tailed Towhee."

News Item by Mrs. Todd:

We Have a Bird Nurse!

Mrs. Tom Dolan
123 Hillside
Menlo Park, Calif.--DA 2-5302

"Mrs. Dolan has successfully raised young birds of several species and has tended injured ones, too. When I mentioned that SCVAS has always needed someone to care for unfortunate birds referred to us, she volunteered to take them on. Thank you, Mrs. Dolan. We are very happy to find someone in this world who still has time and patience!"

Admiral Williams Discusses Plans

Rear Admiral Charles D. Williams, newly elected President, wrote in the September 1960 AVOCET: "We're a strong group when it comes to membership on the rolls. Some 300 strong. We're more than solvent financially. There will be no appeal for money, no membership drives.--You will, I hope, help me to do the things that are needful to:

Keep the Society as an active, interested group of good people;
Help make the meetings such that no member will intentionally miss one;
Broaden the appeal of the local Society to bring more of the young people into active participation."

The following announcement was given in the October 1960 AVOCET:

"The Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society plans to offer a training program for field trip leaders. It will be held on alternate Saturday mornings, October 15 and October 29, so as not to conflict with presently scheduled field trips. The time and place of meeting will be announced later.

The instructors will be Miss Emily Smith and Dr. H. Tom Harvey who will present lectures and discussions on field trip techniques and content. In addition, time will be spent in the field applying these ideas."

Finally! A San Jose Meeting Spot

Quoting from President Williams in late 1960: -- "The members of the Society in San Jose, headed by our treasurer, Mrs. Zwaal, have arranged for particularly fine quarters for the monthly meetings that are held in the southern area. The room in the Rosegarden Branch of the San Jose Library is new, bright and well adapted to the needs of the Society. It is easily reached and parking facilities are good. We want to congratulate Mrs. Zwaal and the others who worked with her in solving the problem of holding our meetings in San Jose.

--Charles Williams President"

Screen Tours Expand

In January of 1961 President Williams announced: "Stanford will have the Audubon Screen Tours next year (starting in the fall of 1961)--a major accomplishment of our Society."

A plan was to be tried of publishing brief biographies of selected Society members. Evelyn H. Case, M.D., Vice President of S.C.V.A.S., was chosen for the January 1961 issue of the AVOCET.

Field trips in 1961 were arranged and supervised by co-chairman. Dr. Case and Howard Wolcott took care of the week-end field trips (two each month), alternating Saturday and Sunday dates. Miss Emily Smith and Mrs. Virginia Bothwell arranged for two pleasant Wednesday field trips (two each month).

An interesting summary of Christmas bird counts covering eight preceding years was shown in the February 1961 AVOCET.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Observers</u>	<u>Parties</u>
1953	110	19,204	31	5
1954	114	39,489	29	9
1955	(Extensive floods caused cancellation)			
1956	107	24,364	25	7
1957	115	45,512	34	12
1958	122	57,845	38	12
1959	125	44,689	45	14
1960	130	50,458	47	15

Note: Of more than usual interest is the increase in the Starling count: 110 in 1958; 98 in 1959; and 255 in 1960. Numbers of the species recorded in the San Jose count area for the first time in 1958 will probably be in the thousands within the next five years.

Miss Elsie Hoeck, former president of the Society and now circulation manager of the AVOCET, was honored by a brief biography in the March 1961 AVOCET. In the April issue the same honor was accorded Admiral Williams. In May, biographies of Frank and Jane Goraj were given.

The September issue (1961) of the AVOCET contained the following new note by Joyce Todd:

"Bob Wood of Los Trancos Woods has just received a grant from the National Science Foundation to Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore for banding and study of penguins in the Antarctic. He will be on that remote continent from early October to mid-February during the Antarctic summer. A period of orientation at the university will precede the journey, and a time following will be devoted to pooling information and writing up conclusions from the study. Bob's family, meanwhile, will move to the Sacramento Valley where Mrs. Wood will finish her work toward a teaching credential.

We would like to thank Bob for his long and diligent service editing bird observations for SCVAS (plus tending to the Palo Alto Yacht Harbor Audubon bulletin board) and to wish him great success in his new field. He has promised to send us a couple of on-the-spot penguin reports during the winter."

Bob Fuller, a Philco engineer, was appointed a successor to Bob Wood.

The AVOCET for November 1961 mentions the creation of a Telephone Committee. "Our Society has needed a telephone committee for a long time. More and more uses will be found for it as times goes on: alerts for quick action in legislation, anything important that missed the AVOCET, rare bird alerts, etc. Such a committee certainly makes for better communication among the membership and saves toll calls in a district as large as ours. Please call if you can help the chairman, Mrs. W. H. Pillow, 675 Orange Avenue, Los Altos." The quote is by President Williams.

In the same AVOCET issue was the following plea: "An outcome of Dr. Tom Harvey's classes in field trip leadership and nature study earlier this year is the guide for Junior Audubon work written by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goraj, Mr. Warren Turner, and Mrs. Norman Conradson of our education committee. The work is in the form of one-hour lesson plans--a very usable arrangement for the instructor. Mrs. Conradson, a busy teacher and homemaker, is completing the draft now in a legible hand but simply does not have the time to type it. A phone call to her, or postcard to 255 Edlee Street, Palo Alto, will be very much appreciated."

In December 1961 Mrs. Irving Snow, membership chairman, announced: "With sadness we regret the passing of two long time members whose devotion to the Society has meant much to all of us--Mr. Charles Anderson of Salinas and Mrs. E. J. Miller of Palo Alto.

Also, in December came a letter from Bob Wood datelined "Cape Hallett, Antarctica, November, 14, 1961.

"Dear Joyce:

Had about a week in New Zealand on the way here. Saw 35 birds that included such familiar ones as Canada Geese, California Quail, Mallard, Starling, English Sparrow. Two of the better birds were Skylarks, singing everywhere in the open fields, and one Kea, the mountain parrot. Spring was just commencing there--the Starlings were speckled and had bright yellow bills. I'm having the time of my life--"

Bob"

January 1962 Events

It is interesting and instructive to view the January 1962 Calendar of Events and field trips.

Sunday, January 7

To Mt. Hermon and Henry Cowell State Park.
Leaders: Fanny Zwaal and Adist Boylan.

Monday, January 8

Board Meeting at the home of Lloyd and Evelyn Case.

Monday, January 15

Regular monthly meeting at Palo Alto Unior Museum.
Illustrated lecture "ALONG THE WILDFLOWER TRAIL WITH THE DOES"
presented by Charlie and Mimi Doe.

Saturday, January 20

To Richardson Bay Sanctuary.
Leader: Miss Betty Lennon of Marin.

Wednesday, January 24

To Palo Alto Foothill Park, to be led by a city employee.

Saturday and Sunday, February 3 and 4

To Sacramento National Wild Life Refuge.
Several members have expressed interest in visiting a large refuge where ducks and geese are present in large numbers. The Sacramento Refuge offers much, both in the variety of species and the number of birds. In addition to seeing the 'clouds' of ducks and geese in the sky, the large numbers of them on the feeding and resting grounds, hearing the evening chorus of thousands of red-winged blackbirds as they come into the tule area of this refuge, is a rare and wonderful experience, almost impossible to believe and utterly impossible to describe.

In the March, 1962 AVOCET there were three short items of interest:

Important Announcement:

Audubon Camp of California has been cancelled for the summer, 1962.
More details next month.

Our Growing Library:

The SCVAS now has a small library, gifts from three members, Miss Florence Wood, Miss Lillian Gorham, and Mr. Curt Dietz. Until we have a permanent place for them, they are housed at the home of Eve and Lloyd Case, 2586 Homestead Road, Santa Clara. Included are books on birds, trees and general nature subjects. With this nucleus it is hoped that other members may wish to add a book or give funds. The Library Fund now amounts to \$112.00. Signed Eve Case.

Name Holders:

If you need more plastic name holders for the Audubon name cards distributed last year (and some are still available), send 10¢ to Mrs. Fanny Zwaal, 478 Clifton Avenue, San Jose, 28.

Tribute to Henry G. Hill

The April AVOCET contained "A Tribute" to Mr. Henry G. Hill of San Jose written by Mr. M. R. Kirkwood. Part of the tribute is as follows:

"Our Society lost a loyal member with the death recently of Mr. Henry G. Hill of San Jose. --He became a member of our Society in 1931 and served as President in 1933. --It was he who carried through the proceedings to incorporate the Society. Mr. Hill was the kind of good citizen that every worthwhile organization covets for its membership."

It is a matter of pride that the June 1962 AVOCET states: "A total of 19 San Jose State College students have been awarded tuition scholarships by our Society to the West Coast Nature School sessions this year." Dr. H. Thomas Harvey was the newly appointed director of the School.

The Society membership totaled 385 as of June 1962.

There were between \$300 and \$400 in the commercial account and about \$2,700 in the savings account.

This is a good stopping place for the Society history. Admiral Williams retired as President in June of 1962 after two excellent years.

Very humbly this chronological outline of the growth and accomplishments of our Society is presented to the Board of Directors. The endeavor has been to outline the skeleton of change and growth and innovation, then fill out the dry bones with warmth of anecdote and achievement and personal news.

It is hoped that from time to time the history will be kept current.

Information for these pages came from:

Years 1925 through 1930

Minutes of meetings in Miss Emily Smith's possession.

Years 1930 through 1954

Society Bulletins bound together by Mrs. Eva McRae and kept at San Jose State College.

Years 1954 through June 1962

AVOCET copies kept in binders by Miss Elsie Hoeck.

Attached to this history are:

Copies of each "WREN TIT"(4) published in January-April-July-October 1929.

List of all Field Trip locations visited between 1-1-25 and 6-30-62.

List of Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society Presidents and years of office.

February 29, 1964.

LIST OF SANTA CLARA VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY PRESIDENTS
AND YEARS OF OFFICE

Mrs. Charles C. Bell	1925-1926
Karl S. Hazeltine	1926-1927
Miss Lulu Sours	1927-1928
Dr. Gayle Pickwell	1928-1929-1930-1931
Henry G. Hill	1931-1932-1933
Karl S. Hazeltine	1933-1934-1935
William Landels	1935-1936
Dr. Gayle Pickwell	1936-1937-1938-1939-1940-1941-1942
Dr. Mathew F. Vessel	1942-1943
Mrs. Don Woods	1943-1944
Dorothy Ernst	1944-1945-1946
Dr. Ralph A. Smith	1946-1947-1948
B. Neil Dickinson	1948-1949-1950
Albert Wool	1950-1951-1952
Dr. H. B. Humphrey	1952-1953
Elsie D. Hoeck	1953-1954-1955
John P. Harville	1955-1956
Mrs. Dorothy Wool	1956-1957-1958
Mrs. John L. McBride	1958-1959-1960
Charles D. Williams	1960-1961-1962

FIELD TRIP LOCATIONS

<u>Number of Times Visited</u>	<u>Location</u>
41	Alum Rock Park and Sycamore Canyon (Christmas Census not included)
38	Searsville Lake and Felt Lake--Stanford
25	Alviso Marshes
22	Dumbarton Bridge area
19	Los Banos
18	Mt. Hermon and Henry Cowell State Park
18	Uvas Valley
17	Montalvo Estate
17	Moss Landing
17	Palo Alto Yacht Harbor
15	Crystal Spring Reservoir and Pilarcitos Lake
13	Stanford Campus
12	San Felipe Valley and Tourtillot's Ranch
11	Los Altos Hills and Wolcott Ranch
10	Steven Creek Dam
10	Calaveras Dam
10	Hidden Villa Ranch
9	Hall's Valley
9	Castle Rock and Summit Road
9	Silver Creek Hills and Lost Valley
9	Carmel--Pt. Lobos--Big Sur
8	Westridge Area
8	Pinnacles
7	Huddart Park
6	Stanley Morsehead Ranch
6	Wool Ranch
6	Portola State Park
6	Santa Cruz National Bridges State Park
6	Stagnaro Sport Fish Boat Trip
5	Coyote Creek and Reservoir
5	Aldercroft (Snow Home)
4	Woodshill Ranch and Prospect Road
4	Guadalupe Creek
4	Wesley Wright Atherton Home
4	Isenberg Ranch
4	Vasona Reservoir
4	Chesbro Reservoir
3	Calera Canyon--Hutton Ranch (near Salinas)
3	Ransom Davis Garden
3	Tomales Bay
3	Mt. Madona Park (near Hecker Pass)
3	Boranda Farm (near Menlo Park)
3	Sharon Estate
3	Rancho del Oso (Hoover Ranch)
3	Richardson Bay

Number of
Times Visited

Location

3	Pigeon Point Lighthouse
2	La Costa Valley (near Calaveras Dam)
2	Butano Forest
2	De Wolf Ranch (near Cupertino)
2	Corralitas and Browns Valley (Santa Cruz mountains)
2	Soap Lake
2	Chemekita Park
2	Guadalupe Mines
2	Adobe Creek Lodge
2	Arroyo Seco
2	Harold Ray's Estate
2	Mt. Diablo State Park
2	San Antonio Valley to Arroyo Bayo (flower trip)
2	Audubon Salt Marsh Sanctuary
2	Sacramento Wild Life Refuge
2	Grey Lodge State Waterfowl Refuge
2	Yerba Buena Ranch
2	Palo Alto Foothill Park

The rest are single visit places.

Mission San Jose	Johnson Ranch--Saratoga
Congress Springs	Warm Springs
Almaden Mines	Lone Hill (near Campbell)
Howell Lakes--Lakeside	Cherry Flat Dam
Edendale	Berkeley--Strawberry Canyon
Half Moon Bay	Elkhorn Slough
Hastings Natural History Res.	Ano Nuevo Island
Blossom Hill	Marina Park at Golden Gate Park
New Almaden	Arroyo Honda
Anne Peterson Home--Lake County	Lake Merrit--Oakland
San Martin and vicinity	Pinto Lake--Santa Cruz County
Stevens Garden--Los Altos	
Lexington Dam	Hume Canyon (Glen Una Ranch)
Eagle Rock--Santa Cruz Mountains	Montezuma School--Santa Cruz Mountains
Big Basin Redwoods	Pescadero Beach
Kane Ranch	Oak Hill Cemetery
Anderson Dam	Los Trancos Woods
Ormondale Ranch	Arthur H. Jones Garden
Chews Ridge--Santa Lucia Mountains	Cloud Top--Mrs. R. L. Shore
Mt. Umunhum--Loma Prieta	Remig Schneider Redwoods
Howell Reservoir	Russian Gulch State Park
Table Rock Beach--Santa Cruz	Glen Una Ranch
Greco Island	George Morell's Ranch
Boy Scout Camp Stuart	Mission San Juan Bautista
La Jeuness Ranch	George P. Peterson Property

NOTES:

The above listings cover trips up to June 1962.

Between 1925 and 1928 there were no field trips. The first field trip chairman was appointed in 1928.

Between 1929 and 1945 only one field trip per month was taken by Society members.

Between 1945 and 1951 two and occasionally three field trips per month were taken.

In September 1951 the first mid-week (Wednesday) field trips were taken.

The full four field trips per month began in 1952.

Christmas Census trips and Annual Meeting locations are not included in above tabulation.

