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NOTES AND NEWS

The sixth semi-annual meeting of the Georgia Ornithological Society was held at Vogel State Park October 14-15-39. In the absence of the president, Mr. Earle R. Greene, the executive secretary, Mrs. J. Connor Oliver, presided. The session Saturday afternoon was well attended and all business dispatched. Messages were read from Mr. Earle R. Greene, Dr. Wallace Rogers, Dr. Eugene Murphey and others. Reports from all parts of the state were most encouraging.

Mr. Herbert Stoddard, national authority on quail conditions and habits, reported several unusual records including a quail's nest on October 10 with ten fledglings. He considers this the most favorable year to date on the status of quail, and that wild turkey, under protection, are increasing yearly.

Mrs. G. S. Hames was our acknowledged representative at the American Ornithologists Union, which met in San Francisco in June, and Mrs. Lewis Gordon for National Association of Audubon Societies, meeting in New York in October. Statesboro's invitation for the spring meeting, via Dr. DeLoach, was heartily accepted. Mr. Paul Thompson's report on blood parasites in birds was of unusual interest.

The nominating committee, Mr. Lucian Harris, Jr., chairman, presented the following who were elected unanimously.

President—Dr. R. J. H. DeLoach, Statesboro.

First Vice President—Miss Hattie Rainwater, Atlanta.

Second Vice President—Miss Mary Burns, Milledgeville.

Executive Secretary—Mrs. J. Connor Oliver, Atlanta.

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Reporters for THE ORIOLE—Miss Blanch Tait, Milledgeville; Miss Malvina Trussell, Statesboro; Mr. Bill Griffin, Atlanta; Mr. Robert Norris, Fitzgerald; Mr. George McDonnell, Savannah.

Nature and bird students, numbering 62 from 14 towns, attended the dinner Saturday night at Walasiyi Inn. Mr. Charles N. Elliott, Superintendent of Wild Life in Georgia, our official host, extended greetings. A highly interesting and informative forum on "An Educational Program to Promote Interest in and Appreciation of the Value of Birds" was led by Mr. Lucien Harris, Jr., Atlanta, followed by Miss Sara McDowell of Douglas, and Mr. M. E. Thompson, assistant state school superintendent.

Dr. Edwin Creaser of the Biological Survey, gave an enlightening talk on "The Georgia Ornithological Societies' Part in Wild Life Study and Conservation". Members of the Naturalists Club were introduced as our honored guests. Mr. Elliott led the field trip Sunday morning with a report of 53 species observed.

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An exhibition of exchange magazines, new books, a collection of splendid bird photographs by the members and sets of unusual bird skins were of wide interest and of real educational value. This meeting is added to the increasingly rich memories of its predecessors.—H. M. Oliver, Executive Secretary.

(At the suggestion of the executive secretary, a letter signed by all G. O. S. members at Vogel Park was sent to Life expressing appreciation for the space it has given to articles on birds especially the recent article giving the status of Birds of Prey. The following letter is the reply.—Editor.)

"Dear Mrs. Oliver:

"We were indeed gratified to receive the kind note signed by yourself and other members of Georgia Ornithological Society. Won't you please give our thanks to all those who were good enough to sign this letter. We are particularly glad that you feel "Life" rendered a real service to its readers in giving them the true facts about "Birds of Prey"—those frequently maligned and misunderstood birds. We are planning several other bird stories to appear in the next couple of months and I hope the Georgia Ornithological Society will find them equally good.

"Sincerely yours,

"ANNA GOLDSBOROUGH,
"For the Editors of Life."

Dr. A. D. Shaftsbury, member of the executive board of the N. C. Bird