



Meeting description from *The Oriole* – June 1940 Spring 1940 – Statesboro

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.—The spring meeting of the Georgia Ornithological Society held in Statesboro April 6-7, 1940, got off to a good start with a delightful reception at the home of Miss Malvina Trussell Saturday at 3 P. M. The business session followed at the Woman's Club with Dr. R. J. H. DeLoach presiding. In the absence of Mrs. Oliver, Ralph Ramsey, Jr., served as secretary. Minutes of the last meeting were dispensed with as they were printed in *The Oriole*. Mr. Thomas M. Hall, Milledgeville, and Mr. Edward Friend, Wild-Life Refuge, Augusta, were presented as new members. The report of the treasurer, Mr. Ray C. Werner, was both informative and encouraging. Mrs. Hugh Harris, Editor of *The Oriole*, urged all regional reporters to send information from their respective areas more often. She regretted that Dr. DeLoach had not been given credit for writing the editorial in the March *Oriole*, and called attention to the literature and photographs on display in the club room. President DeLoach suggested that the *Oriole* be sent to the Associated Press. The president urged that the membership co-operate with the editor, pointing out that the publication was the mouthpiece of the society and should be placed before the public as much as possible. Reports were read from 1st Vice President, Miss Rainwater; 2nd Vice President, Miss Burns, and from Miss Mabel Rogers, Department of Education. Ralph Ramsey, Business Manager of *The Oriole*, requested information in regard to changes of address or failure to receive the magazine. Mrs. R. E. Hamilton, Librarian, requested clippings from local papers over the state concerning G. O. S. and its members. Reports of regional Vice Presidents followed. Dr. Eugene E. Murphey, of Augusta, gave

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an interesting report on activities in his region. Besides bird study and conservation, there was a Wild-Life Ranger organizing junior ranger work, a junior museum plus a regular newspaper column in the local paper. Mr. Fred C. Morton, from Savannah, reported good results from the work of the Savannah Audubon Society in photography, bird study and winter census. Miss Vera McElveen, from Thomson, reported increasing membership and field work. Mr. Harold Jones, of Rome, sent his report by telegram with greetings from the Mount Berry Bird Club which is promoting bird study among students and teachers.

Mrs. James R. Cain called attention to Bill S-3611, before the Senate to permit baiting of waterfowl. A motion protesting was carried and telegrams sent to Senator E. D. Smith, Chairman, and Senators Russell and George. A discussion on protection of Eagles was referred to the Committee on Hawks and Owls. President DeLoach read expressions of regretted absence from Miss Mary Burns, Rev. Fred Glisson, Miss Willingham, Dr. Wallace Rogers, Miss Rainwater and Mrs. Oliver.

After dinner Saturday night the program continued. President DeLoach introduced Dr. Pittman, President of the Georgia State Teachers' College, who gave the address of welcome. Following this Mr. Turner, publisher of the county newspaper, delighted the group with a brief witty speech. Dr. Eugene Murphey served as toastmaster in the traditional "a la Murphey" style. Dr. Hall, of Milledgeville, told of his back-yard sanctuary and showed a color film of bird life taken in the sanctuary by Dr. Arthur Allen, of Cornell University. Miss Mabel Rogers talked on her work and the value of nature study to the teacher. Mr. Anthony Carter outlined his program with the Biological Survey in Savannah, giving interesting data on waterfowl. Mr. Franklin, Department of Agriculture, talked on soil conservation and its connection with wild-life. Mr. Bill Griffin gave an interesting report on the Atlanta region, and Mr. Don Eyles, Department of Public Health, discussed drainage and mosquito control. Miss Lucy Bunce, of Springfield, and Mr. Thompson, from Collegeboro, gave interesting reports. Mr. Fleetwood spoke on his work on the Piedmont Wild Life Reserve and Mrs. Seymour, from Savannah, made interesting comments. Mr. Ivan Tomkins, Savannah, spoke briefly on some of his interesting observations.

Legislative Committee appointed by the President: Dr. Eugene Murphey, Chairman, Augusta; Mrs. Hugh Harris, Emory University; Mrs. Victor Bassett, Savannah; Mr. Ray C. Werner, Atlanta; Mrs. J. Connor Oliver, Atlanta.

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Nominating Committee to report at Autumn Meeting, 1940: Miss Malvina Trussell, Chairman, Statesboro; Mr. Ivan Tomkins, Savannah; Miss Blanch Tait, Milledgeville; Mr. Hugh H. Harris, Emory University; Mrs. R. E. Hamilton, Dalton.

After announcements the meeting adjourned, followed by an interesting field trip Sunday morning at Beechwood, the private sanctuary of President DeLoach, where visitors were served a delicious lunch, compliments of Dr. DeLoach, Miss Trussell and the G. S. T. C. Class in Bird Study.—MRS. J. CONNOR OLIVER, *Executive Secretary*.

COOT ON TOP OF SKYSCRAPER.—During the forenoon of April 12, 1940, a friend called me from downtown Atlanta to see a strange bird on the roof of the Citizens and Southern Bank Building. It proved to be a Coot (*Fulica americana americana*), apparently in normal condition, and was found on the gravel roof seeking shelter in a corner below a coping. The bird was picked up and, after examination, was carried to Grant Park Lake where it swam away in normal fashion. There was an unusually high, cold wind blowing which may have forced this bird to rest while it was flying over the city.—RAY C. WERNER, *Atlanta, Georgia*.

PRESIDENT REPORTS.—The program of work for