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NEWS AND COMMENTS

FALL MEETING, 1951. — The twenty-fifth semi-annual meeting of the Georgia Ornithological Society was held on St. Simon's Island, Georgia, on October 13 and 14, 1951, with a total registration of forty-one members and guests. Members assembled and registered at the American Legion Hall and then dispersed on informal field trips.

In the evening a bountiful shore dinner was enjoyed, followed by the business session. The president, Dr. J. Fred Denton, presided, extending a welcome to those present and appreciation to Miss Catherine Clark and Mrs. Margaret Cate for their services in arranging the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was given and showed a balance of \$59.17.

Copies of Occasional Publication No. 3 of the Georgia Ornithological Society, *Distribution and Populations of Summer Birds in Southwestern Georgia* by Robert A. Norris, were on display. Dr. Eugene P. Odum made some explanatory remarks about the publications that have been published by the G.O.S. and especially about the Norris booklet. He stated that 500 copies had been printed, 250 of which were to be purchased by the Emory University Field Station. He pointed out that it would be necessary to sell all the remaining copies in order to fully replace the money in the publication fund which was used to underwrite this project.

The President exhibited the original drawing by Richard Parks used on the cover of the Norris book and offered it for auction, the proceeds to go to the Publication Fund or the General Fund. A Chinese auction was held and \$33.00 was raised, the drawing going to Mr. Stoddard.

Upon motion by Richard Parks and seconded by Mrs. J. C. Oliver, it was voted to have the spring meeting at Gatlinburg, Tennessee, with the Wilson Club, to be held the latter part of April.

It was voted that dues for regular membership be raised to \$3.00 and for associate membership (student, library, and out-of-state) to \$2.00.

Richard Parks made a plea for articles and news items for *The Oriole*.

The report from the Nominating Committee was as follows:

President—Harold S. Peters
First Vice-President—Mrs. Charles Neal
Second Vice-President—Mrs. James C. Oliver
Secretary—Mrs. Thomas J. Cater, Jr.
Treasurer—Mrs. Lucille C. Rotchford
Librarian—James C. Major
Editor—Richard A. Parks
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Mrs. T. T. Giffen—Albany
Mrs. J. E. Boyd—Atlanta
Frederick V. Hebard—Kingsland
Miss Grace Chapin—Milledgeville
Herman W. Coolidge—Savannah
Mrs. J. H. Whiteman—West Point

A motion by Dr. Odum called for unanimous election of the slate presented, and the appointment by the President of additional regional vice-presidents. Mr. Edmund Farrar, Jr., was nominated by Mrs. Cater for regional vice-president in the Macon region. The vote was taken, and the slate was declared elected.

Mr. James Jenkins gave a report on the proposed Georgia Council on Natural Resources, stating that his committee recommended that the G.O.S. be represented on the Council and that he had written the Council to that effect.

Mr. Jenkins reported on the research being done on doves and asked for volunteers to help with the cooing count in the spring. Mrs. Dorris said that members of the Society in Milledgeville would help.

A movie on game management problems was shown, after which the meeting was adjourned.

After early breakfast in Brunswick Sunday morning, those taking the field trip rode out the Highway toward Jekyll Island to observe the shore and marsh birds. The final count showed that 77 species had been seen.