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THE CHATTAHOOCHEE VALLEY NATURAL HISTORY CLUB resumed meeting on September 16 with a program on Pesticide Problems with Wildlife by Dr. Maurice Baker of Auburn University.

THE FLOYD COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY held the first fall meeting September 18 and heard Lucelia Henderson give a splendid review of Rachel Carson's new book entitled Silent Spring.

READ RACHEL CARSON'S BOOK is the heading of a paragraph in "The President Reports to You" ---a regular feature in the National Audubon Magazine by Carl W. Buchheister, President of the National Audubon Society. Mr. Buchheister states that in Silent Spring the author has put a grave problem (the practically unrestricted use of chemical insecticides) into focus.

THE ATLANTA BIRD CLUB is again sponsoring Audubon Wildlife Films, this being the seventeenth consecutive year for these presentations. The films and speakers promise outstanding programs. The first, "The Living Wilderness," by Walter Berlet, is scheduled for Saturday, October 20, at 8:15. The programs are held at the Atlanta Woman's Club Auditorium, 1150 Peachtree Street, N.E. Convenient parking is nearby. Jay Brower is Chairman of Wildlife Films. Make an effort to attend one or more of the series this season.

EMMA BOYD, regional Vice President of GOS in Atlanta, has done an excellent job of distributing GOS information to science teachers in her area.

THE OKEFENOKEE BIRD CLUB enjoyed a field trip in September to St. Simon's Island, with sixty-five species observed by the group. The fall Waycross City Count is planned for October 13.

NATURE'S NOISY CHISELERS, by Peter Farb (condensed from American Forests), appeared in the September issue of Reader's Digest. The sub-title "Do you know what makes a woodpecker peck?" is enticing enough so anyone who missed this entertaining article will seek it out and read it.

HERE, THERE, AND YONDER---Folks from here in Georgia have certainly been there and yonder during the past summer! Anne and R. E. Hamilton and the girls (of Dalton) had an enjoyable vacation with good birding down in Florida. Maurine King, President of the Dalton Bird Club, made some interesting observations on a trip to Texas. Emma Boyd, of Atlanta, spent a month in the western part of the country, and ended her trip by attending the A. O. U. meeting in Salt Lake City. Marian King and Virginia Starr, of Rome, were members of the West Georgia College Study-cade to the southwestern United States and into Mexico, and, of course,

did some birding "on the side." Jimmy Cook, of Atlanta, made frequent stops for birding along the way to Washington and New York. Mary Lou and Gene Cypert are off on a jaunt which will take them into Arkansas, Tennessee, and Kentucky. They will attend the meeting of the Kentucky Ornithological Society, of which Mary Lou is a past President. Mrs. D. N. Stevens, of the Atlanta Bird Club, attended Audubon Camp up in Maine, and reports a wonderful experience.

WILLIAM DOPSON, of McRae, has had an interesting and interested visitor in his area, Lt. William Rossiter, originally from Connecticut, and now stationed at Moody Field, Valdosta. These two, with Milton Hopkins, have had some profitable field trips recently.

DAVE JOHNSTON and family stopped along the route home with Georgia friends, after a week in south Florida.

BOB NORRIS is at Tall Timbers Research Station, Tallahassee, working with Mr. Herbert Stoddard.

AUTUMN DAYS are here again, and migration is getting under way. It is not as easy to "pin down" a strange fellow in feathers this time of year as in the spring. No doubt there will be some "U. F. O's" (unidentified flying objects) passing through! Anyway, it is time to get out and look, so ---to each of you

Good birding!

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