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ON TO McRAE FOR G.O.S. - Headquarters, Little Ocmulgee State Park Club House. The dates - April 19, 20, 21. The time--just right for migration. The program--interesting and entertaining. So--on to McRae for a good meeting!

TO KATHRYN AND RUFUS GODWIN - thoughts and prayers of all G.O.S. members. Rufus, who is confined to Emory Hospital, is reported in very serious condition. All G.O.S. is pulling for "Rufe" in a big way.

HAWK AND OWL BILL - almost a reality. At this time the bill has been passed by the recent General Assembly and now awaits only the signature of the governor to become law. Assurance has been given that it will be signed. Success at last!

HERB KALE - G.O.S. Regional V.P. in the Athens area, did a good job on a letter which he recently sent out - To All Athens Birders. The letter contained interesting news items and an invitation to participate in several field trips. There is no bird organization in the Athens region, but if Herb continues in this enthusiastic way - there is no reason why there should not be one - and soon.

THE ATLANTA BIRD CLUB visited the Trappist Monastery in Conyers in January to see the whistling swans. The trip, a very interesting one, was reported in one of the Atlanta newspapers. A sentence was added about use of the G.O.S. pocket check-list of Georgia birds. The result---sale of seventy-eight copies of the book, with orders coming from four states. Another twenty copies have been sold at meetings of the club and at Wildlife Films. Only a hundred copies are left. Don't be left without one! They are available at fifty cents (postage paid) from the business manager.

REGIONAL WINTER MEETING OF G.O.S. - report from Marie Mellinger: Held at the Savannah Refuge on January 19. Field trips were held in the morning and afternoon, led by Preston Lane, Clark Webster, Clermont Lee, Mrs. Fred Swanberg, and Mr. and Mrs. E.O.Mellinger. Lunch was served at the Refuge at noon. In spite of rainy weather, one hundred people attended the meeting. An evening program was held at the Youth Museum of Savannah, with talks by G.O.S. President Hedvig Cater, Assistant Refuge Manager Richard Thompson, and Ivan R. Tomkins. About thirty people stayed over and had a field trip on Hilton Head Island, S.C., on Sunday morning, led by Mrs. Caroline Newhall of the Hilton Head Audubon Club, and Ivan Tomkins.

DR. FRED DENTON was recently pictured in the Augusta Chronicle and Herald with a very interesting story entitled "Local Bird Fancier Keeps 'Em Stuffed." Dr. Denton is the newly elected president of the Augusta Bird Club.

THE ATLANTA BIRD CLUB received fine publicity in the Sunday magazine section of the Journal and Constitution. The pictures and story of the Christmas Census gave the club - and birding in general - publicity that is needed. The club very successfully completed another season of Wildlife Films with the showing of "Village Beneath the Sea," with Harry Pederson. Enjoying the picture with the Atlanta group were Myrtle and Byron Eberhart, Marian King, and Louise Nunnally, of Rome.

THE OKEFENOKEE BIRD CLUB, with Mary Lou Cypert as president, conducted a mid-winter count in Waycross on February 16. The club recently had a birding trip to Butler Island.

THE FLOYD COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY had Daniel Todd, of Tucker, member of the Atlanta Bird Club and photographer for the U.S. Forestry Service, at the March meeting. His program, "Highlights from the Wild," with beautiful color slides, was very interesting and most enjoyable.

MIGRATION is well under way. Join the move, migrate to McRae, and see birds (and friends) at the G.O.S. meeting!

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