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SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED - A bird club was organized in Thomasville on March 18. (Mrs.) Mildred Sue McKeiven is president of the group. W.E. Freeborn, President of the Atlanta Bird Club, was speaker at the meeting with a film on woodpeckers. Congratulations and best wishes to this newest of bird clubs in our state !

BEN MAULSBY MEMORIAL DEDICATED - Members of the Floyd County Audubon Society placed in City Clock Tower Park a beautiful birdbath and fountain in memory of their member and past president, the late Ben Maulsby (also a past president of GOS). Ben Maulsby and Paul Harvey (TV commentator) were long-time friends. During his visit to the City of Seven Hills, on April 9, for a Salute to Rome, Mr. Harvey in very lovely words dedicated the memorial to one who was known, respected, and loved by so many.

BIRTHDAY OF THE MONTH - April 26 - John James Audubon, American artist and naturalist. A commemorative postage stamp in his honor (out several months ago) depicts Collie's Magpie-jay (Callocitta formosa), which is found in western Mexico. A very lovely stamp, but---why not a bird native to the United States?

THE CHATTAHOOCHEE VALLEY NATURAL HISTORY CLUB has meetings that sound like such fun ! In January, at Columbus College, the club enjoyed an Audubon film entitled "The Bald Eagle, Our National Bird." The March meeting found the group welcoming spring to the Callaway Gardens with a picnic lunch at noon, followed by a tour of the Wildflower and Daffodil Trails, and an afternoon meeting with a conservation film, "Heritage Restored."

BIRDPWATCHER'S HOLIDAY was the title of the beautiful full-length color movie shown and narrated by Cleveland P. Grant, of Mineral Point, Wisconsin, on March 18, in Rome. This was the last in the series of nature films sponsored by the Floyd County Audubon Society during the winter season. Mr. and Mrs. Grant and daughter Phoebe were honored at a dinner preceding the film.

ATLANTA BIRD CLUB - Special Meeting - Major Sven Wahlberg, Swedish Army Officer and prominent ornithologist, presented a talk and color slides of bird life and wildflowers of the southern part of Sweden - a most enjoyable program.

NEWS FROM CALIFORNIA and Earle R. Greene of Los Angeles, who writes to Oriole Chirps of a most interesting field trip he and Norman Giles had together. Dr. Giles, one of the original editors of The Oriole, is in charge of the Osborn Botanical Laboratory at Yale University, but he continues his interest in and observation of birds.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AUGUSTA BIRD CLUB - February marked the tenth anniversary of the club's organization. Most of the charter members continue active in the group.

RARE TREAT FOR ROMANS - Dr. Peter Paul Kellogg, professor of ornithology and biological acoustics at Cornell University, was a recent visitor to the Shorter College National Science Foundation. Members of the Floyd County Audubon Society enjoyed sessions with Dr. Kellogg on Sunday afternoon and evening, and saw a demonstration of his recording equipment, heard recordings, and saw beautiful slides.

NOW, ON TO CLAYTON FOR GOS - the first week-end in May. Headquarters at the Dillard House. Program and field trips sound like the best. Migration should be at the highth. This is a week-end one cannot afford to miss. Make your plans and send in your reservation and meet your friends at Clayton on May 1 for

Happy birding!

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