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**SOME LUCKY PERSON** will be selected by the Atlanta Bird Club and awarded a scholarship to attend one of the National Audubon Camps for a two week session during the coming summer. A most rewarding and never-to-be-forgotten experience lies ahead for the fortunate one.

**OUT OF SIGHT BUT NOT OF MIND** - Mary Lou and Gene Cypert manage to land in the most interesting places! They have been transferred from the Okefenokee Swamp to Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge near Tiptonville, Tennessee. The park is located on an amazing primeval-like 14,500 acre lake created during the earthquake of 1811, with partially-submerged forest forming America's outstanding natural fish hatchery with over fifty-six varieties of fish and two hundred twenty species of birds. Gene's work as Mississippi Valley Biologist takes him into Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, as well as Tennessee. Mary Lou and Gene are acting in an advisory capacity in the organization of a TOS Chapter at Reelfoot (the group could not have better help or guidance). After May 1, the Cyperts will be at home in a new house they are building, and the address will be Everett Street, Tiptonville, Tennessee.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS** - The Student Conservation Program is offering increased training-education opportunities for qualified young men and women this summer. In this area, a program for high school age boys will be held in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. College and graduate programs are offered elsewhere. For information write to Student Conservation Association, Incorporated, Mtd. Route, Box 304, Oyster Bay, N.Y.

**CONGRATULATIONS** all the way to California to Jimmy Cook (of Atlanta) who is attending UCLA and on the side has a job with Warner Brothers Studio. He is to be on television in a new comedy series entitled "Hank" on Friday nights beginning September 17 on NBC and sponsored by Bell Telephone. So - be on the lookout for Jimmy on TV.

**FROM ROME TO THE BRITISH ISLES** this summer went Sue DuPre, Marion King, and Virginia Starr. All avid birders and having been in the area before, they are sure to have had many interesting experiences seeing new birds in that part of the world.

**INFORMATION ON WILDLIFE** - The Bureau of Land Management of the Department of the Interior has published an attractive booklet with full color illustrations on "Wildlife on the Public Lands." For a copy, send thirty-five cents to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.20240.

G.O.S. had a highly successful meeting at Callaway Gardens on the weekend of October 1 to 3. Seven inches of rain fell during the preceding 24 hours, but the Gardens staff arranged clear skies for us. Members of the Chattahoochee Valley Natural History Club served as more-than-competent guides on the field trips. New officers were elected, to be reported by the Secretary.

**THE FLOYD COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY** (Rome) has undertaken a most interesting project. The group now has two scheduled field trips each month, at least one of which is to Edgehill (a virgin forest area) where a survey and study is being made of the forest tract.



THANK YOU, JOHN TERRES, for the outstanding article entitled "How to Build a Bluebird Trail," which appeared in the August issue of Woman's Day. This should be a real inspiration to many people in many areas to establish trails to help the bluebirds. And - do be on the lookout for another interesting article from Mr. Terres' pen, "The Wonderful Ways of Birds," which will appear in the forthcoming November 1965 issue of the same magazine.

DID YOU READ "Escape Routes to Contentment" (Woman's Day, October 1965) by Joyce Grenfell? If not, look it up - you will enjoy what this author has to say about bird watchers and bird watching - the hobby so dear to our hearts.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TOS FROM GOS on the Fiftieth Anniversary Meeting which was held in Nashville, April 30 and May 1-2. A most interesting schedule of events was planned.

YOU ARE INVITED to participate in the Naturalist Program in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Illustrated talks and guided nature walks are led by park naturalists to acquaint visitors with the park's natural and historical features. You are also invited to browse through the Sugarlands Visitor Center and the Pioneer Museum and to walk the self-guiding nature trails. If in this area - don't pass up these opportunities which are both educational and enjoyable.

FROM THE OFFICE WINDOW - Your editor has returned to Knoxville after working for almost three months in Montreat, N.C. The summer office was in a lovely new building. Large windows looked out on rhododendron which bloomed in profusion, lovely trees and shrubs, with a majestic mountain beyond. Below the windows a little creek sang merrily as it flowed over the rocks. Birding was wonderful, and some of the species observed from the office were: Scarlet tanager, rose-breasted grosbeak, kingfisher, titmouse, chickadee, white-breasted nuthatch, Carolina wren, cardinal, jay, wood thrush, black and white, Canada, black-throated blue, hooded, magnolia warblers, white-eyed vireo, downy, ruby-throated hummer, song sparrow, catbird, and cedar waxwing. Yes, in spite of all these - I was able to get my work done! A big bonus (and thrill) was sitting up in bed one morning and watching two pileated woodpeckers work over a tree just outside my bedroom window - almost in "touching" distance. Week-ends were spent birding on Roan Mountain, Mount Mitchell, Pisgah Mountain, and along the Blue Ridge Parkway. A visit to the Audubon Colony, near Brevard, was thoroughly enjoyed, and the Colony is highly recommended as a spot for a most interesting vacation.

NEEDED: News. As I am so far away, it is somewhat difficult to secure news from over the state. There is sure to be much of interest which all of you would like to know, so -- please send news items to:

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