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AUGUSTA HOSTS G.O.S. - (From The Bird-Watcher, Floyd County Audubon Society) - "We hear that the G.O.S. meeting at Augusta was a fine successvery enjoyable and well attended.....Bob Norris gave a fine illustrated talk on the ecology of the Tall Timbers Research Project."

FERNBANK FOREST SCIENCE CENTER on way to becoming a reality. This is a fifty acre tract of virgin timber inside Atlanta Metropolitan area. A study was made some time ago by the National Audubon Society, and recommendations will be carried out soon with the first section of the Center expected to go out for bids early this summer. When completed, the Center will include marked trails, outdoor teaching stations, a planetarium, observatory, project rooms for teachers and students, and a museum. Assuredly this will be a dream come true!

FUN FOR FOLKS IN CHATTAHOOCHEE VALLEY NATURAL HISTORY CLUB - Those who participated in the April field trip, held at Callaway Gardens, were treated to a nice surprise - a ride on the Garden's "train" which was operated by member Fred Galle who pointed out the many lovely wild blooms along the drive. The May trip was held at the farm home of Dr. and Mrs. Blackmar, where members enjoyed a double treat - migrating birds and beautiful wild flowers.

FLOYD COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY has completed the field survey of Edgehill Forest. This area, located just outside of Rome, has been certified for a National Landmark by the U.S. Department of the Interior. It is hoped that this unique area may be placed under a proper program for continued preservation and be kept in its primeval condition.

AUDUBON JUNIOR PROGRAM now has five subjects from which groups may make a choice: Birds, Trees, Mammals, Plants and Flowers, Ecology. The new unit on Ecology is creating quite a bit of excitement throughout the country. An Audubon Junior Club can be a real challenge and a worthwhile project for an adult who enjoys both nature and children. For boys and girls unable to participate group-wise in the program, there is available the Individual Audubon Junior Membership for \$2.00 per year. (This could be a year-long gift of much pleasure to an interested child.) For additional information regarding the program for children, write to Miss Shirley Miller, National Audubon Society, 1130 Fifth Avenue, New York 10028.

NATURE INSTITUTE for all individuals interested in the out-of-doors will be held at Gay Valley Camp, near Brevard, N.C., June 6-12. An enjoyable and most worth-while program has been planned. Dr. Tully Pennington, of Georgia Southern College, Statesboro, will direct the institute. Louise Nunnally, of Knoxville, will be a participant. During the regular camping season, Selma Erwin, of Milledgeville, will be a member of the camp staff.

NEWS DOES TRAVEL - The item in the last issue of Chirps regarding the signs "Atlanta is a Bird Sanctuary" brought a request from the Florida Audubon Society for information as to where such signs may be secured.

A NATIONAL SYSTEM OF SCENIC TRAILS is the subject of legislation recommended by Secretary of the Interior Udall and Secretary of Agriculture Freeman. The system would include four classes of trails: (1) National Scenic Trails, of which the Appalachian Trail would be the first; (2) Federal Park, Forest, and other Recreation Trails; (3) State Park, Forest, and other Recreation Trails; (4) Metropolitan Area Trails.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DICK PARKS, of Atlanta, our bird artist who has gained distinction and special honor as one of the artists who illustrated the new bird book entitled "Birds of Colorado" by Alfred M. Bailey and Robert J. Niedrach.

NEWS ABOUT EX-GEORGIANS - Jeanne and Julian Darlington (formerly of Rome) are now resident in a new home in Memphis where Julian is completing his second year of teaching at Southwestern. Jeanne will soon be off to California as chaperone for a group of Girl Scouts. Bob Norris and Malvina Trussell, of Tallahassee, served as leaders in the Wilderness Expedition sponsored by the Apalachee Audubon Society. Come fall, Bob will be moving to Valdosta State College as professor of biology (what good news that is!). Louise Nunnally was recently elected vice president of the Knoxville Chapter of T.O.S. She, Mary Lou and Gene Cypert (Reelfoot Lake, Tiptonville) had a joyous reunion at the T.O.S. meeting at Cumberland Mountain State Park.

VACATION TIME is at hand. If any of you happen to be in the Asheville area, please drive a few extra miles to Montreat, where your editor expects to spend part of the summer. But at home or away - whatever you do and wherever you go - may this be a most enjoyable summer and may you have

Happy Birding!

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