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G.O.S. FALL MEETING - Darien - October 14-15-16 - Headquarters at the William Penn Court. A fabulous program of events has been planned - from the social hour and briefing on field trips Friday evening, the trips to interesting areas, the oyster roast at mid-day, annual dinner with Jack Zbar presenting the program on "Exploring the Coral Reef," all on a full Saturday, then more field trips and the count down on Sunday. This is an unusual area for the state meet, an unusual program for the enjoyment of those attending, who should see some unusual birds and have an unusually good time! Registrations should be in by October 6. If yours has not yet been mailed, get it off today. Let's all go to Darien!

TOMKINS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE - As long as there is anyone in G.O.S. who knew Ivan Tomkins, he will be missed. His contributions to the organization were too numerous to mention, and for them we shall ever be grateful. A committee, consisting of Herman Coolidge, chairman, Carol Hart, Bill Griffin, Fred Denton, and Hedvig Cater, is working on a suitable memorial.

AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILMS will be presented again in Atlanta and Columbus. Both groups have announced outstanding speakers and programs. If within a reasonable distance of either of these cities, make every effort to share and enjoy these very lovely and meaningful presentations.

ATLANTA BIRD CLUB members have formed a Piedmont Park Sanctuary Committee. In 1956, bird club members were able to save a section of Piedmont Park from becoming a parking lot. This section is a natural habitat for birds, small animals, wild flowers and trees. It is used for nature study by club members, schools, and other interested groups. The new committee, composed mainly of couples, will visit and work in the sanctuary at least once each month.

CHATTAHOOCHEE VALLEY NATURAL HISTORY CLUB has called on members to circle dates on their calendars for several interesting activities. First, is the initial fall meeting - a picnic for members, their families, and others who are interested, at the Robert M. Lewis Camp. Next will come the first Audubon Wildlife Film, and then the Chattahoochee Valley Fair at which the club will have a booth with outstanding exhibits. This is truly an active and interested group.

FERNBANK FOREST SCIENCE CENTER - described in the last newsletter - is now taking shape. Ground breaking ceremonies took place on August 19.

NESTING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PURPLE MARTINS can be successfully improvised by the use of discarded plastic jugs which are easy to obtain, simple to cut and hang, and last for many years. Cut a hole with diameter of two inches in one side of the jug approximately four inches from the bottom, and put several small holes in the bottom for drainage. The jug can then be attached to the cross arm with galvanized wire. If desired, a small block of wood can be added just below the opening to be used for a perch, since Martins apparently enjoy perching near their nests. A gallon or six quart size is preferable, and the jugs may or may not be painted. This contribution is sent our way by Milton Hopkins, Jr., of Osierfield, and is passed on at this time so that you may save the plastic jugs during the winter.

GEORGIANS IN NORTH CAROLINA --- E-Top, on Hoot Owl Road, in High Top Colony, near Black Mountain, is almost a tree house, and has a tremendous view of the mountains for owner Selma Erwin, of Milledgeville, and her lucky guests. El Nido --meaning The Nest--- is the name of the very quaint cottage of Fay Peters, Atlanta, just off Greybeard Trail in Montreat. Your editor enjoyed wonderful fellowship and food at both of these attractive summer homes during her stay in Montreat.

THE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE of the Atlanta Bird Club, with "Lady O," (Mrs. J.C.Oliver) as chairman, is working for the preservation of Cumberland Island off the coast of Georgia.

HUNGRY MAIL BOX at the home of your editor - please send news items for the next issue of Chirps to the address below.

MIGRATION is now well under way, so let's all get out and have

Happy birding!

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