
FALL GOS MEETING in Darien attracted a large group from over the state. The unusual field trips, the delightful oyster roast, the entertaining programs were enjoyed by all participants who appreciated the efforts and good work of the planning committee and others responsible for such a successful meeting.

BLESSED EVENT FOR GOS (Big news !) Athens now has a bird group ! The Athens Bird Club held the first regular meeting on November 2, 1966. Officers elected were: Joseph R. Fatora, President; Richard H. Peake, Vice President; Elaine K. Fatora, Secretary-Treasurer. "Welcome to the club" and the very best of wishes to this newest of the bird organizations in the state.

CONGRATULATIONS to Charles H. Callison on being named to the newly created post of Executive Vice President of the National Audubon Society as of February 1 of this year. And deep appreciation to Carl W. Buchheister, retiring President, for a job more than well done.

ACROSS THE BORDER - Twelve Dalton birders - Mourine and Hermon King, Allon King, Jim Bassett, Mabel Faulkner, Katherine Sapp, Jane Parrott, Flo and Kelly Caldwell and their son, and Gene Clark and his son - joined members of the Knoxville Chapter TOS on a barge trip to Hiwassee Island in October to observe the thousands of Canada Geese, other water fowl and birds on this Wildlife Refuge. This annual trip attracts birders from a number of areas and all interested persons are welcome.

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SPRING WILDFLOWER PILGRIMAGE scheduled for April 27-28-29, with headquarters in Gatlinburg, promises to be a spectacular event in the Smokies and all pilgrimage events are open to the public free of charge. A variety of morning bird walks, field trips, motorcades, a wildflower clinic, and a display of labeled collection of Native Wildflowers are planned.

SUMMER JOBS - The Student Conservation Program, operated in connection with the National Park Service, will have approximately one hundred fifteen positions available during the coming summer for qualified high school, college, and graduate students. Participants in the program, which includes twelve National Parks this year, will have the opportunity to extend their education through field experience. For further information and application forms write: The Student Conservation Association, Incorporated, Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, Mtd. Route, Box 304, Oyster Bay, N. Y. 11771.

GLOSSY IBIS INFORMATION WANTED - On the status of the Glossy Ibis in Georgia, Burleigh states, "a rare transient on the coast; accidental in the interior." Since this time (1958) the Glossy Ibis has become much more common in coastal Georgia. Several people have mentioned to me about having seen them much more often and also in

larger numbers. If those having recent information on the Glossy Ibis will send me their notes and comments, I will compile them along with my notes for a note in the Oriole. W. Wilson Baker, Tall Timbers Research Station, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

ATTEND A NATIONAL AUDUBON CAMP this summer - The programs as outlined for the camps in Maine, in Wisconsin, the Audubon Camp of the West, and the Natural Science Field Workshop in Connecticut, promise more than ever before a challenging, rewarding, enjoyable, and never-to-be-forgotten experience. For information write: National Audubon Society, Camp Department, 613 Riversville Road, Greenwich, Connecticut 06833.

BOUND TO BE READ - A beginner's handbook, entitled Introduction to the Outdoors, is especially for people who want to learn how to feel at home in and enjoy the world of nature outside modern cities. The book was written by Ben Osborn, member of Audubon Naturalist Society, and published by the Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States, Washington, D. C., from whom it is available at fifty cents per copy.

NOTE FROM BUSINESS MANAGER - This mailing completes The Oriole for 1966. So that you do not miss the first issue of 1967, be sure you have sent your dues to Bob Overing, Route Two, Chapin, S. C. 29036. \$2.00 for out-of-state and student members, \$3.00 for regular members, and \$5.00 for sustaining members. If you can, give a subscription to a young student or your local library. Louis C. Fink.

ON TO DALTON FOR SPRING GOS MEETING - Members of the Cherokee Audubon Society, at Dalton, are hard at work on plans for field trips to interesting locations, informative and enjoyable programs for Friday and Saturday evenings. Make plans and reservations now for - all roads will be leading to Dalton the week-end of April 28-29-30.

ABOUT THE STATE - Okefenokee Bird Club members report sightings of unusual birds - including the Bald Eagle - on recent field trips. The Chattahoochee Valley Natural History Club enjoyed a program on "Naked-eye Star Gazing" at their January meeting. The Atlanta Bird Club has reinstated their Annual Dinners and on December 7 celebrated the club's fortieth birthday (Many happy returns !) at a dinner attended by seventy-five members and guests. What is happening in your club ?????

SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, migration is beginning, and so to all birders everywhere --

Happy birding !

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