

Sequoia Audubon Society is a branch of National Audubon Society. Its purpose is to enjoy and safeguard the wildlife of the Bay Area. All interested persons are welcomed at field trips, bird walks and monthly general meetings. President, Mr. A. E. Montgomery, 2270 Summit Dr., Hillsborough. 344-4249.

MEETINGS

Oct. 7 BOARD MEETING at the home of President, A. E. Montgomery, Thurs. 2270 Summit Drive, Hillsborough. All Board members and committee chairmen are expected to attend. Other members will be welcome.
8 p.m.

Oct. 14 POTLUCK SUPPER - the first of the new season. At Washington Thurs School Cafeteria, 801 Howard Avenue, Burlingame. Members and 6:30pm guests are invited to participate. Please call Ruth Canoles (343-8053) or Laverne Goodwin (342-0414) to let them know what you plan to bring - salad, main dish, or dessert.

Ruth Canoles, our Social Events Chairman, makes the following suggestions for Potluck Suppers:

- (1) Each person should bring his own table service.
- (2) Each one should bring the necessary serving piece for their contribution.
- (3) Bring enough to serve eight people. Anything left over may be taken home.
- (4) They are not prepared to serve soups or chowders.

Ruth would like to have us get our own picnic jug for cold drinks, and suggests that she will accept Blue Chip Stamps anyone may wish to contribute for this purpose. Three or four books would be enough.

Oct. 14 REGULAR MEETING at the Washington School Auditorium, Thurs. address above. Mr. Earl Lauppe, of the California Department 8 p.m. of Fish and Game, who is in charge of the shore survey for the entire Bay Area, will present a review and summary of the first year's work on the survey of shore birds and water fowl of the Bay Area. This work is being done by other branches of the Audubon Society, and by the Biology departments of some of the area's colleges. Mr. Lauppe's presentation will be illustrated by suitable slides.

FIELD TRIPS

(Chairman: Nick Kroll Ox 7-2051)

Oct. 2 DUMBARTON BRIDGE
Sat. Leader: Neil Dickinson (Em 6-7661)
8:30am Meeting Place: West end of Bridge approach.

Many varieties of shore birds should be seen in this area now, as the fall migration is on. Bring a lunch, to spend a full day.

Oct. 16 BOAT TRIP - from Monterey Bay
Sat. Leader: Jack Morrill (DI 4-5497)

9 am This trip should be one of the outstanding outings of the year, as many varieties of migrating sea birds are seen off the Monterey Coast this time of the year.

We will be in a forty passenger fishing boat-a very nice one - which will leave Sam's Wharf in Monterey at 9:00 am, returning about 3:00 pm. We are arranging to have one of the sea-bird experts from the Monterey Audubon join us to identify the rarer birds for us.

The cost is \$5.00 each - if we get enough people out it may run a little less, and a refund will be made. Send your check to Jack, with your reservation, promptly. Mailing address - 505 Costa Rica Avenue, San Mateo. Indicate whether you will drive or will need a ride, and car pools will be arranged by the leaders. We will leave San Mateo about 6:00 am, and those signing up will be advised of the transportation arrangements as soon as they are finalized.

Wear plenty of warm clothing and bring a lunch. If you suffer from sea-sickness, don't forget your pills. Guests or members of other Audubon groups will be welcome as long as we have room to accommodate them.

Oct. 30 FT. CRONKITE, Marin County
Sat. Leader: A. E. Montgomery (344-4249)

9 am Meeting Place: Meet promptly at 9:00 am at the parking lot just west of the tunnel at the entrance to Ft. Cronkite. This is reached by crossing the Golden Gate Bridge, turning off towards Sausalito, then taking the first turn to the left, through the tunnel.

Those who wish to make a day of it should bring a lunch. Weather permitting, we will have a picnic along the shore someplace. As it can be cold in this area, wear warm clothing.

MID-WEEK BIRD WALKS

Although no Mid-week bird walks are now scheduled, anyone wishing to take such an outing may arrange to do so by calling a member of Gene Hebronn's committee, listed in the September issue of the SEQUOIA. These walks are especially useful for beginners, as they will receive expert aid in identifying our more common birds.

CONSERVATION NOTES

The September 1965 issue of THE GULL, published by the Golden Gate Audubon Society, presented a letter from Brian Hayes, of Al Tahoe, regarding the threat to a marsh area at Lake Tahoe arising from the plans of the State Highway Commission. Although directed at this specific problem, Mr. Hayes's letter contains some very worthwhile thoughts that can be applied to many of our conservation areas, and we hope that neither he nor the Golden Gate Audubon will object to our lifting certain more or less general ideas from this fine letter, as follows:

"A marsh holds a special attraction for the nature enthusiast. It is somewhat inaccessible, holding its activities apart from the eyes of the casual observer. To penetrate the activities of marsh waterfowl requires ingenuity and patience. Various techniques, ranging from blinds to rafts, have been used to gain familiarity with the inhabitants. Whatever the method, patience is a requirement, for their habitat is not easily entered without immediate detection. The large numbers of migratory waterfowl nesting in marsh areas add to the problem of observation, for they are a wary group that will take flight and give warning to other birds at the slightest disturbance of their environment.

This sensitivity to disturbance and the unique place that marsh areas have in the nesting and breeding habits of migratory waterfowl prompted me to bring to your attention a marsh area that may soon be destroyed:"

"In truth, though, this article goes beyond the presentation of a marsh habitat and presents the inevitable questions that we find ourselves struggling with in this area of population increase and progress. These are the questions of how much are we willing to destroy for immediate gains, and what are the values of these gains when measured against the needs of posterity? A marsh area that lies in the path of progress and whose future will be determined by our answers to these questions is the Pope Beach Marsh in the California mountains."

(Editor's note: following the above are several paragraphs describing the Pope Beach problem in detail, with reference to its destruction by running a freeway through it. Although this is of course a serious problem, our purpose here is to apply the philosophy so well expressed by Mr. Hayes to similar problems everywhere, and we therefore delete these paragraphs and present his final thoughts).

"Our society must soon choose between the values of unmolested natural areas and freeway planning and construction that is oblivious of the unique virtues in seemingly unimportant "bits of marsh". It is these bits and pieces of unmolested marsh, meadow, and forest habitats that provide a vital, concrete association between man and nature. In the detached and mechanical manner in which freeway routes progress from plan to reality the intrinsic human value of respect for nature is often forgotten.

If such areas are lost it will be only because we failed to express our opinions strongly enough.

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This is an area of sensitivity. Organizations large and small, government and private, are sensitive to the written and vocal opinions of the public.

Conservation today needs less energy directed in developing arguments that are right and more energy focused in reaching sensitive areas are responsible for making decisions that will effect its future."

Editor's comments: We feel that the questions posed in the section between the stars, above, are of major significance. The conclusions and comments offered by Mr. Hayes in the paragraphs following the starred section, although reduced somewhat due to our limited space, are very clearly stated conclusions, and are worth applying to many similar situations. If we make our wishes known to the right people, our problem will receive serious consideration. It is well worth the time required to write a letter when our interests are threatened.

NEW MEMBERS

It is indeed a pleasure to welcome the following new members to Sequoia Audubon Society:

- Mrs. N. P. Guadagni . . . 8 Kenmar Way Burlingame
- Miss Dorothy C. Rogers . . . 325 Dwight Road Burlingame
- Mrs. Ione Nomm 232 - 27th Ave. San Mateo
- Mrs. Norton Flattau 251 D West 36th Ave. San Mateo
- Mrs. Emily S. Connery . . . 2831 Flores St. San Mateo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAY FILL COMMITTEE DINNER

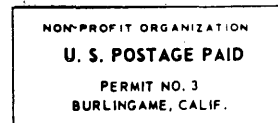
On October 11, a dinner is being given to honor Senator McAteer and Assemblyman Petris, and to inaugurate the committee named under their Bay-fill bill. This dinner will be given at one of the San Francisco hotels, and the cost will be \$5.00 each.

Details regarding tickets may be obtained by calling President A. E. Montgomery (344-4249).

CORRECTED TELEPHONE NUMBERS

The telephone numbers of several members have been changed or were given incorrectly in either the "SEQUOIA" or the membership list prepared in January. Following are the correct numbers:

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| Gladys Jaten | 344-3740 |
| Eleanor McCurley | 324-0897 |
| Paul Lechich | 344-3405 |
| Gretchen Medler | 341-2220 |
| Ruth Canoles | 343-8053 |
| Edith Glynn | YO7-6149 |



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