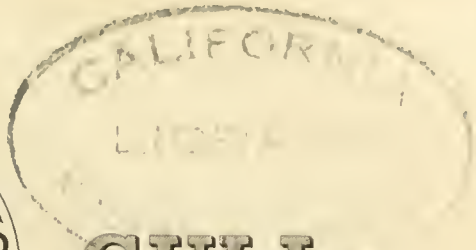


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SEPTEMBER MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Association will be held on Thursday evening, 2nd inst., at 8 o'clock sharp, in the Lecture Hall of the California Development Board, Ferry Building.

Owing to September 9th being an official holiday, the meeting of the Association will be held September 2nd. Please note the change.

Mr. Leverett Mills Loomis will address the Association on the subject "How Migrating Birds Find Their Way." This is a subject of absorbing interest. Mr. Loomis has given much study to its problems, hence the members may anticipate a presentation of unusual clarity and merit. Friends cordially invited.



SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIP, Sunday, September 5th, 1920. To Bay Farm Island. San Francisco members take Southern Pacific 8:45 A. M. Alameda boat and Encinal train at mole, leaving train at High Street Station on the Encinal line, where the party will be formed. East Bay members can reach the High Street Station by Southern Pacific center-entrance local cars running from Sixteenth Street Station on 18th, 20th and Webster Streets and around the loop in Alameda. Bring lunch and drinking water.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE AUGUST MEETING: This meeting being a reunion after the holiday season, was one of marked *esprit* and attractiveness. Many of the members had spent the vacation season in the field and returned with brain and heart filled with memories and note books replete with records, these latter including observations from sea level to dizzy peaks above the timberline.

The meeting was the occasion of the second Audubon "at home." Mr. Joseph J. Webb acted as host, and succeeded most happily by his tactful selection of material in securing an evening's entertainment that was unique, varied and instructive. Amongst those who co-operated were the Misses Griffin, Ames, Flynn, King, Lichenstein and Weed, Messrs. Wright, Smith, Hansen, Webb and Kahn. The attendance was large and included several visitors who expressed their appreciation of the evening's activities.



JUNIORS' PRIZE BIRD DIARY COMPETITION

Birds are State and communal assets we must learn to value. Appreciating the significance of such a claim, the Audubon Association of the Pacific inaugurated the above activity covering a period from April 10th to May 22nd of this year. The competition was open to all pupils attending either public or private schools. No area of limitation was imposed; naturally California was expected to present the most active field of contribution.

A series of printed directions how to conduct the records were issued and freely distributed to schools, bird clubs, also by reprints in the press and magazines.

While the effort was at one and the same time initiative and experimental, and was not expected to be "startlingly received or appreciated," yet it must be admitted that the results secured and the interest awakened fully justify the conclusion that such an activity was not merely novel and attractive, but was capable of being expanded into a factor of positive educative and economical value.

Competitors winning "Honorary" or "Very Highly Commended" Diplomas will be enrolled for one year as Junior members of the Audubon Association of the Pacific, and enjoy all the privileges of the Association. These Sections, also those obtaining the "Commended" Diploma, will receive the official badge of A. A. P. The competition will be an annual feature. The Judges were: Harold F. Hansen, Miss Eva Griffin, Miss Elizabeth L. Bunnell, Carl R. Smith and Frederick W. D'Evelyn.

In awarding Diplomas the Judges graded the competitors into two classes: No. 1, up to 12 years of age; No. 2, over 12.



JUNIOR BIRD DIARY COMPETITION—SPECIALS

Miss Winifred McLatchie, Palo Alto, Cal. First Honors, A. A. P. Winner President's Cup for best in contest. Winner Special Sectional, National Ribbon, donated by American Forestry Association, Washington, D. C.

Whitney Fuller Hindes, Menlo Park, Cal. First Honors, A. A. P. National Ribbon, American Forestry Association.

Charles K. Smith, Palo Alto, Cal. First Honors, A. A. P. National Ribbon, American Forestry Association.

Ronald McLaughlin, Palo Alto, Cal. First Honors, A. A. P. National Ribbon, American Forestry Association.

Hal. Terwilliger, Palo Alto, Cal. First Honors, A. A. P. National Ribbon, American Forestry Association.

Ibert Smith, Palo Alto, Cal. First Honors, A. A. P. National Ribbon, American Forestry Association.

Miss Hazel Dashiell, Oakland, Cal. First Honors, A. A. P. National Ribbon, American Forestry Association.

Miss Louise Schwartz, Oakland, Cal. First Honors, A. A. P. National Ribbon, American Forestry Association.

Philo Wood, Hopland, Cal. First Honors, A. A. P. National Ribbon, American Forestry Association.

Fred C. Colt, Gilroy, Cal., Very Highly Commended, A. A. P. National Ribbon, American Forestry Association.

Miss Ernestine Wood, Grammar School, Mill Valley, Cal. First Honors, A. A. P. National Ribbon, American Forestry Association.

Margaret L. Rock, Grammar School, Mill Valley, Cal. First Honors, A. A. P. National Ribbon, American Forestry Association.

Edgar Myron Kahn, Lowell School, San Francisco. First Honors, A. A. P. National Ribbon, American Forestry Association. Special, Harvester Charts.

Salvator Palazzo, Social Center, San Francisco. Highly Commended, A. A. P. National Ribbon, American Forestry Association.

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Miss Alice I. Daniels, Glenwood, Cal. First Honors, A. A. P. National Ribbon, American Forestry Association.

Miss Muriel Steele, Santa Cruz, Cal. Very Highly Commended, A. A. P. National Ribbon, American Forestry Association.

Keith Roller, Palo Alto, Cal. Very Highly Commended. Special, Harvester Charts.

Helen Courtney, Heber, Cal. Very Highly Commended. National Ribbon, American Forestry Association.

Space prohibits a full list of winning competitors. The Award Committee take this opportunity to thank the many teachers and parents whose hearty co-operation contributed largely to the success of this initial effort. The endorsement by the National Forestry Association, Washington, the Harvester Company of Chicago and local and suburban press are hereby gratefully acknowledged.

Arthur H. Chamberlain of the California Council of Education says: "Really, there is more activity in this line than the outsider could well imagine. It is a fine showing."



LOWER KLAMATH LAKE

The drainage of this lake has not been commendable as an intelligent procedure. The basin has proved to be simply a "bad lands," overplus in alkali, undesirable for residence sites and unsuitable for agricultural purposes. In its former condition it was of distinct economic value. Today it simply serves to demonstrate the passing of a bill that was as pernicious as it was unpatriotic. It was the late Theodore Roosevelt, a pre-eminent student of nature, as well as friend to the agriculturist, who recognized the normal value of the lake and proclaimed it as a game reservation. It was left to a Northern senator to cancel this good service. The Audubon Associations of the United States, also several local agricultural interests, are urging that the dykes be removed and the lake re-established.



FEDERAL MIGRATORY BILL

Recently, Justice Holmes of the United States Supreme Court officially upheld the constitutionality of this treaty act. Migratory birds include necessarily many varieties, whose conservation is absolutely essential to the welfare of agricultural interests. Any varieties that should in their transient residence, assume undesirable habits, easily lend themselves to local control, and come under zonal jurisdiction. Experience has proven that indiscriminate killing of birds is not a wise or economic solution for alleged harm doing. Conservation of birds, crops and forests are urgent and can be obtained by intelligent administration.



OIL ON THE WATERS

Frequent mention has been made in these columns of serious damage to bird life and also to other aquatic life by waste oil polluting the waters off our Coast, and our members are well informed on the subject, as it immediately interests us in our vicinity, particularly about the Farallone Islands.

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Appeal was made to the several large oil companies whose tankers were creating the mischief on the "high seas" It would be unjust not to illustrate the noble spirit in which the Standard Oil Company met the issue, declaring that the company is co-operative and therefore will discontinue the practice of pumping oily water ballast at sea and promptly devised and installed appliances avoiding its necessity. The Associated Oil Company soon did the same. Incidentally, it may be of interest to add, the value of the oil thus saved paid a profitable income on the investment.

But now our goal is in sight. Mr. Max Dyer, Manager of Transportation of the Union Oil Company, has recently reported to our committee that his company is completing the installation of ballast tanks at Port San Louis and San Pedro, and assuring us "that we shall have very little cause for complaint in the future due to his company's tankers pumping ballast overboard at sea."

The importance of absolute remedial measures is such that we shall not cease in our efforts to insure their establishment nor relax our vigilance in seeing to it that they are continuously exercised.

The United States Government, through two of its departments, viz., the Lighthouse Service and the Biological Survey, has most generously aided the efforts of the Association.



CORRESPONDENCE BUREAU

The Association, desirous of not merely getting in touch with all interested in birds, but of being of practical assistance to them, wishes to have reports of observations, experience of homesteaders, fruit growers and others.

O. U. I., Woodside, writes: "I desire to be advised as to what birds are injurious in an orchard containing an assorted lot of fruit trees."

R. E. W., Los Angeles, asks "how to encourage bird life around my home grounds?"

These and similar queries are invited, and will have the best attention of the Association.



THE ALASKA EAGLE BOUNTY BILL

Important reports on this subject will be presented in our next issue. A combined committee of the Cooper Ornithological Club and of the Association are energetically at work on this very important issue.

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