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FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Regular Meeting - March 9, 1961
Thursday at 8:00 P.M. Washington School
in Burlingame.

Following the potluck supper there will be a program in the auditorium entitled "Trees-the Redwoods". Mr. J. Ed (Jed) McClellan will be the speaker and will impart much interesting information concerning family relations of redwoods, their relation to other trees, and their geologic history including fossil records running back many hundreds of years. He will discuss both the coast redwoods and the giant sequoias. Since we live in the redwood area and see these magnificent trees ofte, we feel this should be a particularly appealing subject.

Mr. McClellan will have his own wonderful collection of pictures and books for all to see and enjoy.

Be sure to save this date and ask your friends to come along.

"Peg" Smith

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POTLUCK ---- MARCH 9

6:30 P.M. Washington School Cafeteria

If you are planning to attend, please contact one of the following:

Mrs. Silas Hays DI. 3-5055
(756 Lexington Way, Burlingame)

Mrs. A. E. Montgomery DI. 4-4249
(2270 Summit Drive, Hillsborough)

Mrs. B. Neil Dickinson EM. 6-7661
(554 Oak Park Way, Redwood City)

GOOD FOOD! GOOD COMPANY! PLAN TO ATTEND!

FIELD TRIPS

March 4, - Saturday

Stinson Beach.
Meet at Vista Area at Marin County end of Golden Gate Bridge at 9 A.M.
Leaders: Jack and Eugenia Hebron.
Take lunch.

March 26 - Sunday

Butano Creek (Skunk Cabbage Trip)
Meet at intersection of Skyline Blvd. and Half Moon Bay Road at 8:30 A.M.
Leader: Jed McClellan

April 8 - Saturday

Petrified Forest.
Meet at junction of Highway 101 and Mark West (Petrified Forest) Road, about four miles north of Santa Rosa, at 10 A.M.
Take lunch or plan to eat at the coffee shop at the park.
There is an entrance fee of 70¢ per person.
Leader: Ruth Breckenridge.

BIRD WALKS Sorry, but there will be no bird walks in the month of March.

RECENTLY APPOINTED COMMITTEES NEED YOUR HELP

The members of the nominating committee who will select for your approval your officers and directors for next year are:

Mrs. Eugenia Hebbbron -- Di. 3-0415
(1055 Black Mountain Road, Hillsborough)
Mrs. B. Neil Dickinson -- Em. 6-7661
(554 Oak Park Way, Redwood City)
Mrs. Edwin Fichtner -- Di. 3-0751
(1134 Benito Ave., Burlingame)

Please send the nominating committee your suggestion! Now is the time to "tell on your friends!" Whom do you know who might have the time and inclination to serve?

The fiesta booth committee, although not yet complete, is composed of the following members:

Mrs. Florence Richardson -- Fl. 5-5443
(45 Madison Ave., San Mateo)
Mr. A. E. Montgomery -- Di. 4-4249
(2270 Summit Drive, Hillsborough)
Mrs. J. A. Anderson -- Fl. 1-6491
(2008 New Brunswick Dr., San Mateo)
Mrs. Flora Knight -- Di. 4-3550
(548 Francisco Dr., Burlingame)
Mrs. Ora Ohliger -- Di. 3-6031
(595 Hayne Road, Hillsborough)

The fiesta booth committee serves many hours planning and constructing our booth at the San Mateo County Fiesta. Do you have any suggestions for the booth this year? If so, please contact one of the committee members.

Ruth Breckenridge, Pres.

Welcome to the following new members:

Dr. & Mrs. E. W. Cleary
Muriel Cunningham
Robert Noll
Virginia J. Perlat

February 9th meeting - "One Sees Such Interesting People".

The slides of Europe Mr. & Mrs. Montgomery showed at our February meeting were masterpieces of composition and color. Each one was as much a mood as a picture.

The emphasis was on people and how charming they are and how interesting their customs and their costumes. There were many pictures of children. One taken in Spain showed two little boys playing at bull fighting. One held 'el toro's horns to his head and lunged at a cape being flourished by his companion. Another showed children of Lapland and their reindeer taken when the Montgomerys were on their wonderful trip up the coast of Norway to the North Cape and the land of the Midnight Sun.

The pictures of Holland showed people in certain areas still wearing the old Dutch costumes. Also in Holland were fascinating pictures of tulips and amazing designs made just of flower petals which would only last a few days.

In Brittany women were wearing long dresses, wooden shoes and lovely little white caps.

The Montgomerys went across the Straits of Gibraltar into Morocco, a trip which they highly recommend. Here the emphasis was again on the people, dressed in their flowing robes. Most of the women still wear their veils and those who do not are not of the Moslem faith. The pictures were delightful and Mr. Montgomery's accompanying remarks equally so. It was a thoroughly enjoyable program.

Ida "Peg" Smith

FEBRUARY FIELD TRIP

The field trip of February 11 was announced for Purissima Creek, but we actually spent our time on Lobitas and Tunitas Creeks, where we had very good birding and a very happy morning under the able leadership of Neil Dickinson.

The morning started with rain but cleared into delightful sunshine. The weather was perfect for hawks; and hawks highlighted the trip. We watched a pair of American Roughlegs soaring and sailing and sparring in the air and watched several individuals of another species of large hawk which we were not able to identify with certainty. We also saw Red-tailed Hawks, Sparrow Hawks and a Sharp-skinned Hawk.

Other birds observed were Song Sparrow, Brown Towhee, English Sparrow, Crow, Flicker, Titmouse, Chickadee, Golden Crown Sparrow, Pipit, Fox Sparrow, Turkey Vultures, Hermit Thrush, Bewick Wren, Pine Siskin, Audubon Warbler, Red-breasted Sapsucker, Phoebe and Varied Thrush.

J. Ed (Jed) McClellan

Wild Plants in Bloom

Our hills and fields are already spreading for us a treat of plants in bloom. The Willows have been in bloom for weeks. So, also, has the Oso Berry.

The Alders and Hazel bushes have hung out their catkins for decoration; and the Red Elderberry is beginning to bloom. Even the Creek Dogwood is blooming in especially favored places.

Dentaria (Milk Maid) is lighting up the shady canyons with its white blossoms; and, also in the shade, both Coast and Sessile Trillium are in bloom and the Skunk Cabbages are showing their large yellow spathes before the leaves are large enough to hide them.

Wild currant is now at its beautiful best; Blue Witch is coming out; Wild Cucumber is beginning to bloom, and - well, you'd better just go out and have a look, yourself.

J. Ed. (Jed) McClellan.

AUDUBON CAMP OF CALIFORNIA

Audubon Camp isn't just for the birds although I'm sure that before the 10 weeks are over, one could find several Perplexed People Watchers in the surrounding trees.

Headquarters are at the Sugar Bowl Lodge near Donner Summit. There, for \$110.00 one can enjoy a wonderful two-weeks of pleasant hikes, congenial companions, extraordinary meals and sound sleep. Each of the five two-week sessions is packed with a complete conservation program. One studies land mass, stars, invertebrates, amphibians, plants and mammals as well as birds. One travels beyond the mountain tops to learn plant and animal relationships in forest, desert, pond and meadow. It is a deeply rewarding experience. And there's more! If you register and pay the usual fee you can get 2 hours of college credit for this vacation.

For more information about the summer camp program write to the Berkeley office of the National Audubon Society, 2426 Bancroft Way, Berkeley 4, Calif. They will be glad to hear from you.

"The Mdeler" Gertrude M. Medler

NATIONAL AUDUBON PACIFIC COAST CONVENTION

at Asilomar in Pacific Grove, March 25 to March 28th.

If you hurry there may still be a few reservations available. If it isn't possible to attend all four days why not attend one or more of the meetings. Refer to the program for the list of events and meetings. Unless you make reservations for the entire convention meals and lodging will have to be secured off the grounds.

Audubon Wildlife Tours in Florida

Exploring the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary. One day trips by station wagon scheduled nearly every day in March and April. To obtain schedule and further information write to National Audubon Society,

143 N. E. 3rd Ave.,
Miami 32, Florida.

CAMP DENALI, ALASKA

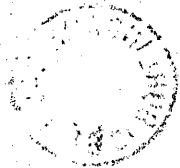
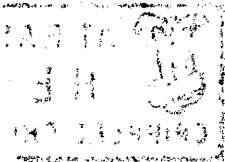
For those interested in the nature lore of the new state of Alaska, Camp Denali, located on the north boundary of McKinley Park, will again conduct their "Wilderness Workshop" to explore, enjoy and understand the tundra world of the north. Camp Denali features special sessions to attract the Alaskan visitor looking for more than the conventional tourist approach to a vacation. The Wilderness workshop program is informal, unregimented and flexible to meet the special interests of the participant. You may go on "Shutter Safaris", "Tundra Trecks" of or lounge around camp.

Further information can be obtained by writing Camp Denali, Box 526, College, Alaska.

SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL NATURE SLIDE EXHIBITION

Sponsored by Photochrome Club of San Francisco.

- Saturday, March 18, 8 p.m., Olney Auditorium, College of Marin, Kentfield.
Hosted by Ross Valley Camera Club
- Monday, March 20, 8 p.m., Josephine Randall Junior Museum, Roosevelt Way
at 16th Str., San Francisco.
- Tuesday, March 21, 8 p.m., Borel School, Barneson Avenue, San Mateo, Calif.
Hosted by Peninsula Color Club.
- Wednesday, March 22, 8 p.m., Crocker Art Gallery, 216 - O St., Sacramento.
Hosted by Sierra Camera Club.
- Friday, March 24, 8 p.m., San Francisco Museum of Art, Van Ness and
McAllister St., San Francisco.
- Monday, March 27, 8 p.m., Chabot School, Chabot Road and Patton St., Oakland.
Hosted by Oakland Camera Club.



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