



The Sequoia



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. John L. Morrill, 505 Costa Rica Avenue, San Mateo. DI 4-5497.

MEETINGS

- April 1 **BOARD MEETING** at the home of President John L. Morrill, 505 Costa Rica Avenue, San Mateo. All Board members and Committee Chairman are urged to attend. All members of Sequoia are welcome.
- April 8 **POTLUCK SUPPER** - the last one of this season - at Washington School Cafeteria, 801 Howard Avenue, Burlingame. All members and guests are welcome to participate. Please call either Ruth Canoles (344-4882) or Laverne Goodwin (342-0414) to let them know what you will bring - salad, main dish, or dessert.
- April 8 **REGULAR MEETING** at the Washington School Auditorium. Our program chairman, Alice Steele, will present a "Kaleidoscope" program, comprised of colored slides taken by our members. She will be ably assisted by Uke Gras, who will operate the projector. We have many good photographers in our organization, so this should be a fine program. Anyone having slides which would be of interest should contact Alice, (DI 4-8317) so she may include yours in the program.

FIELD TRIPS

(Chairman: G. Paul Lechich 344-1164)

- April 10 **Canyon Road Trail and Junipero Serra County Park.**
Sat. Leader: A. E. Montgomery.
9:00 am Meeting Place: Meet at Herbert Hoover School, at the intersection of Aston and Summit Drives.
Monty reports that the trail paralleling Canyon Road is very attractive, and there are some unusual things to be seen. Following this walk, the group will drive to Junipero Serra County Park, at Crystal Springs Ave., in San Bruno. This fine park offers much to nature lovers, and has excellent picnic facilities, so bring a lunch.
- April 18 **BERKELEY BOTANICAL GARDENS**
Sunday Leader: Nick Kroll
8:30 am Meeting Place: Meet at the Southern Pacific Parking lot, at Broadway and California Drive, Burlingame. Car pools can be arranged here, for the drive to Berkeley. Those who prefer, may meet the group at the Gardens at approximately 9:30 am.
Bring lunch, and plan to spend the day observing a good variety of Spring Birds and many interesting plants.
- April 25 **SEARSVILLE LAKE AREA**
Sunday Leader: Herbert Dengler and J. Ed. McClellan.
9:45 am Meeting Place: Meet at the Searsville Lake gate at 9:45 am. There will be a charge of \$1.00 per person for those who plan to eat their lunch at the park, and of 25¢ for those who do not picnic in the park.

BAY FILL MEETING

Our major effort for the cause of conservation, a public meeting on the subject of the BAY FILL ISSUE was held at the San Mateo High School Auditorium the evening of March 25. A crowd of about 350 people showed up for the meeting. We were indeed fortunate to obtain the services of George Treichel, a noted ecologist, as moderator for the program. The following speakers presented various aspects and view-points on the subject:

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| John Williams | Biologist, College of San Mateo |
| Larz Anderson | Ass't. Planning Director, San Mateo County |
| Ralph Shaw | Director, Parks & Recreation San Mateo County |
| Tom N. Truax | Ass't Director, Association of Bay Area Gov'ts. (ABAG). |
| Joseph Bodovitz | Study Director, McAteer Com. |

The program was followed by a lively question and answer session which clearly brought out that the public is concerned with the problems posed by the Bay fill situation. The evening was terminated by the showing of a film, in color, illustrating the need for careful control of pollution in the bay, and in other waters of the State. This film was obtained from the State Department of Fish and Game through the efforts of Earl Lauppe, who also supplied some of the waterfowl specimens displayed in the lobby. The lobby display was prepared by Miss Maryann Danielson, Director of the San Mateo County Junior Museum, and her staff, to whom we are indebted. Part of the display was obtained from the Sierra Club.

From comments already heard, and from observations made at the meeting, it is most apparent that many people were surprised and dismayed by the past and proposed actions of both governmental agencies and by private enterprise in filling in large areas of the Bay, with little or no regard for the eventual over-all effect upon the entire area.

Mr. Treichel asked for a show of hands from members of various conservation organizations, and from those who belonged to no such group. Half or more of those present did not belong to any conservation group, so we were quite successful in reaching a class of people we most wanted to.

Conservation Chairman Bob Lebkicher and his committee are to be commended for the fine job they did, in obtaining excellent speakers, and attracting the substantial audience. The program was handled in a competent manner, and should reflect credit on Sequoia Audubon Society.

APPEAL TO MEMBERS

The program on Bay Fill involved considerable expenses, and we will find our treasury somewhat depleted. There have already been several offers of contributions to help defray these costs. So that we may again perform a similar public service, any contributions from our members or friends would be welcome. Such donations should be sent to our Treasurer:

Mrs. Martin Jaten
15 El Cerrito Ave.
San Mateo, Calif.

A SKYLINE PARKWAY will be the subject on the "Nature of Conservation" series by George Treichel on KQED Channel 9, on Monday, 29 March 1965, at 8 PM. These programs during past weeks have reviewed current Conservation problems in Marin County; at Lake Tahoe; the Redwoods; San Francisco Bay; the Cascades; and other topics. The Skyline topic is of particular local interest.

SANTA CLARA AUDUBON SOCIETY is saluted hereby for a special series of programs this past season devoted to the Balance of Urbanization with Preservation in Santa Clara Valley and on San Francisco Bay. Evening speakers included Dr. Tom Harvey, on Bay Ecology; Mr. Karl Belser, Planning Director of Santa Clara County, on County Recreation; Mr. Mel Scott of University of California's Governmental Studies, on the economic resources of San Francisco Bay; Col. Robert Allan of US Army Corps. of Engineers, on the role of the Corps. in San Francisco Bay; and Mr. William Mott, on Regional Park planning around the Bay Area.

MARSHLAND designation on Palo Alto City's master plan for the City's tideland area, in order to preserve this site as a natural and recreation ground, was recommended to the City Council by the Palo Alto Planning Commission. This is the direct result of Santa Clara Audubon Society's project over the past two years to accomplish just this. Saludos again to our Santa Clara neighbors!

BAY CONSERVATION BILL #309 HEARING was held on Wednesday, March 24th, State Capitol Room 4203, Sacramento. Senate Committee Governmental Efficiency, Luther Gibson, chairman. That was the day of our big meeting on the "Bay Fill Issue" at 8 PM in San Mateo High School Auditorium. State Senator McAteer introduced this legislation last month after a series of public hearings in San Francisco last November and December. It provides a representative 29-man commission to control bay-fill.

REDWOOD SHORES development on the salt-flats of Leslie Salt Co. recently annexed to Redwood City, was given a set-back by legislation introduced by Assemblyman Nicholas Petris of Oakland. According to Mr. Petris's statement, Redwood City had authorized a \$176 million public bond to fill 4,380 acres of Leslie land. Appeals Court in San Francisco upheld the legality of these bonds and within two days of decision, Leslie stock advanced \$22 per share. "This is using public money to enrich a private developments, Mr. Petris was quoted. The bond election was approved unanimously in an election where "there were only two eligible voters-both officers of Leslie Salt Co." and Mr. Petris is advancing legislation to prevent what could be termed only a resulting higher tax rate for all San Mateo County citizens; in effect buying the destruction of a great natural resource - San Francisco Bay.

Bob Lebkicher
Conservation

GAZOS CREEK FIELD TRIP

Despite the rain, a surprisingly large number turned out for this trip on Saturday, March 13. Since it would be impossible to go up the Gazos Creek canyon westerly from Cloverdale Road, the group spent much of the morning along the coast, and turned into Gazo Creek at its mouth south of the Pigeon Point Light House, and worked back through the lower canyon only to the junction with Cloverdale Road.

The sun came out early and the rain stopped, giving us a glorious sunny day, until rain resumed about 2:00 pm, when the trip was over anyway.

We saw many species of birds, including a Great Horned Owl, a Barn Owl, an unidentified owl, Red-tailed Hawks, a Cooper's Hawk, and Sparrow Hawks. Other sightings included both Surf and White-winged Scoters, Cinnamon Teal, Golden-eyes, Canvas-backs and Mallard Ducks, a Pelagic Cormorant, and a flight of Whimbrels. Among the many other birds seen were an Anna Hummingbird, a large noisy flock of Pine Siskins, Tree Swallows, and Audubon Warblers.

Among over thirty species of wildflowers found in bloom were Bleeding Heart (in great profusion), Baby Blue-eyes, Twin-berry, Mission Bell Lily, Red Elderberry, Salmon Berry, and Sessile Trillium.

Perhaps the most exciting feature of the trip was watching a school of at least eighteen whales working their way north along the coast, and close enough to shore to be seen without binoculars.

J. Ed. McClellan - Leader

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

In accordance with our by-laws, the Board of Directors appointed a nominating committee to select candidates for Officers and Directors for the coming year. The committee was named as follows:

- Mrs. A. E. Montgomery
- Mrs. Jean Maxwell
- Mr. Lynn Carl

The candidates named will be presented at the annual meeting in May. Nominations may be made from the floor at the time as well.

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