

## OFFICERS FOR 1966

Elected at the Annual Meeting Jan. 17:

President - Leo Galloway  
 Vice-president - Jim Jokerst  
 Secretary - Mrs. George Waddill  
 Treasurer - Armon T. Mays  
 Recorder - Mrs. I. D. Acord  
 Chairman of the Board - Mrs. Joe Deason  
 Board Members: Kenneth Whipple  
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 (terms expire 1967)  
 Mrs. H. D. Dolcater  
 Tolliver Settle (1968)  
 Mrs. Grady Fox  
 Mrs. George Ross (1969)

New committee appointments include:

Kenneth Seyffert, chairman of the Conservation Committee; Mrs. Clyde Biller, chairman of a committee to revise the constitution; Mrs. Tolliver Settle, refreshment chairman; and Mrs. Acord, chairman of a committee to revise the area checklist. It is hoped the new checklist will be ready for the Texas Ornithological Society meeting here in Nov.

## WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

Clean the closets; look for saleable odds and ends; get rid of items that have been cluttering the garage for the last five years; bake cookies, a pie or cake, or some bread. All are needed for the White Elephant Sale, February 24, 25, and 26, at the old Collins Motor Co. building, 308 Pierce Street. If you have items that need to be picked up from your home or stored until time of the sale, call the Garden Center, DR 4-3432. Proceeds of the sale will be used to help build the beautiful new Garden Center building.

## FIELD TRIPS

Meet Sunday, February 20, 8:00, at the Sad Monkey Railroad Station in Palo Duro Canyon for a field trip up South Brushy Draw, led by Leo Galloway. This will be a strenuous hiking trip and is recommended for hardy souls only. On the Christmas Count, a Scrub Jay was seen up in this canyon. The habitat is excellent for Scrub Jays and perhaps a Brown Towhee. There are several habitats up this draw that are a little different from most of those that we are familiar with here.

Sunday, March 6, Peggy Acord will lead a trip to Buffalo Lake Wildlife Refuge. Meet at the Bait House just south of the railroad tracks in Umbarger. Ducks, geese, and perhaps mergansers are anticipated.

## FEBRUARY MEETING

Dr. George Waddill will present a talk and colored slides on wildflowers at the TPAS meeting, February 21 at 7:30 in the Garden Center, 2611 Washington.

## NEW MEMBER

Norman Wolfe is a new member of the National Audubon Society and the TPAS. Welcome, Mr. Wolfe!

## HELP WANTED

The editor would like to have some personal accounts of the most thrilling or most unusual observations in the past year or during your birding career. We would like to have one or two of these mailed in before the next issue of the Prairie Horned Lark is printed.

## SAVE THE OO

Did you know that 24 birds and 12 mammals, plus a number of species of fish, have become extinct in the United States since the arrival of the white man? The Endangered Species Bill would protect not only the Whooping Crane, Trumpeter Swan, California Condor, and the Nene Goose of Hawaii, but also many other species of birds, including the Kauai Oo, lesser known mammals, and even unheard of fish such as the Cui-ui, which is caught in Pyramid Lake, Nevada, by Indian fishermen. The Oo? See Peterson's Western Field Guide.

## CONSERVATION NOTES

Mrs. I. D. Acord appeared in a television interview during the coldest weather in January concerning the shortage of natural food for birds while snow was on the ground. She gave several suggestions for types of food that could be used in feeders during the bad weather. The fine pictures of birds seen on the program were taken at the Grady Fox residence. Mrs. Acord also talked to 45 Girl Scouts on conservation topics during January.

Mrs. Vera Deason spoke on conservation to 60 Garden Club members at Hereford and 50 in Pampa. High points of her talks included plans for damming the Grand Canyon, the Rampart Dam in Alaska, and water pollution in the Texas Panhandle.

March 9, Leo Galloway will appear on the Lyceum program at 7:30 at Brown's House of Books, College Branch, 22nd and Washington. Although the announced topic is "Birds of the Panhandle," Leo's talk will stress the value

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of native hawks and preservation of habitat.

A 1963 survey showed that in southeastern United States, eggs hatched in only 96 of 230 Bald Eagle nests. Interior Secretary Setwart L. Udall has ordered a number of stops to protect the Bald Eagle and the Osprey, including the closing of, and prohibiting logging in, nesting areas. Although these protective stops are commendable and will help these endangered species, they fail to take into consideration that the low fertility is caused primarily by the accumulation of poisonous insecticide residues.

Conservation Committee Chairman Kenneth Seyffert states that the following items will soon be due for consideration:

Wild Rivers Bill (S 1446, H 8630 and H 11395), a proposal which would preserve unspoiled sections of rivers and would prohibit all dams in these areas except by special act of Congress. Some backers of the bill are charging that Representative Wayne N. Aspinall, Democrat of Colorado and Chairman of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, which must first consider the bill, is trying to delay hearings and, thereby, to squelch it.

Endangered Species Bill (HR 9424, S 2217) for the preservation of endangered fish, wildlife, and migratory birds, was passed by the House and is up for consideration by the Senate Commerce Committee.

Action is also expected on the Marble Gorge and Bridge Canyon Dams in the Grand Canyon and the Rampart Dam in Alaska.

The cause of conservation can be furthered by letting one's Congressmen know how he feels on various conservation bills that are being considered. Conservation is also a matter of education, making neighbors and acquaintances aware of the threat to our natural resources. If you desire more information on these proposals, contact Kenneth Seyffert or the president.

"An abode without birds is like meat without seasoning." - The Harivansa

BIRD NEWS

With the totals in for 1965, it appears that there was no race for the high number of species seen during the year. Rena Ross was far ahead, with a total of 393, not including the Hawaiian birds she saw on her trip there. Thelma Fox was next with 363; Kenneth Seyffert was third and way behind with 278. With Peggy Acord planning a spring trip to the Gulf Coast and the Galloways planning an Easter trip to Arizona, we hope to push Rena if she expects to take her third title in a row!

With one of the coldest Januaries in the past few years, birding reached a feverish pitch. At the end of the month, the composite list of members stood at 100 species for Potter and Randall Counties. Individually, Kenneth Seyffert had recorded 87; Peggy Acord, 84; and Leo Galloway, 80.

The "find" for January was an immature Northern Shrike in brown plumage, seen at Buffalo Lake by Peggy Acord and Rena Ross. The Common Redpolls were still present in early January but have not been seen since. The Verdin in Palo Duro Canyon was seen several more times during January, and at Buffalo Lake, males of the Common, Hooded, and Red-breasted Merganser were seen together at one time. Rusty Blackbirds and a Black-throated Sparrow were seen by Kenneth Seyffert. An unusually large number of Lapland Longspurs have been observed this winter.

Both Bald and Golden Eagles are present. The Bald Eagles have been observed moving back and forth between Buffalo Lake and Lake Stockton. The Galloways saw one immature and two mature birds together on January 29.

An Evening Grosbeak has appeared during the past week in Vera Deason's yard and at the Galloways, where he fed for a short time on the fallen, unharvested crab apples.

CALENDAR

Feb. 20 - 8:00, Field Trip, Palo Duro Canyon  
Feb. 21 - 7:30, Monthly Society Meeting  
Mar. 3 - 8:00, Field Trip, Buffalo Lake  
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