

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

The National Audubon Society Convention
Corpus Christi, Texas November 10-14, 1962.

The 58th Annual Convention of the National Audubon Society set a new record for attendance with approximately 1200 birders registered for the Corpus Christi event. This was the third time in the history of the Society that the convention was held outside of New York City. Although not official, it was reported to have been at least twice that of any previous convention. Next year the convention will be held in Miami, Fla.

Carl W. Bucheister, Audubon Society President, gave a report on the Program and Goals of the National Audubon Society. He brought out these facts:

Education: The Audubon Junior Program enrolled 179,000 children last year. The Auddwood Children's Farm at Dayton, Ohio was dedicated last year.

Nature Centers: Our Nature Centers Division now finds itself cooperating in more than 100 community projects, located in 25 states and including one in Canada. They have resulted in the preservation of more than 40,000 acres in natural areas.

Legislation scorecard for 1962:

1. The Wilderness Bill foundered on the shoals of an unfriendly House Committee.
2. A bill to protect the Golden Eagle is now the law of the land.
3. Legislation to curb drainage subsidies was passed, and it should save some of the vital waterfowl marshes from destruction in the Dakotas and Minnesota.

Conservation goals for 1963:

1. First, the drive will be renewed for adequate safeguards for the nation's dwindling resources of wilderness in the National Forests, National Parks, and National Wildlife Refuges.
2. There will be new opportunities to add important areas to the National Park System.
3. The third and perhaps the greatest opportunity now unfolding is the chance to do something positive about the pesticides problem.

Birds Have to Eat Too!

BIRD STUDY

The University of Alabama Mobile Center is offering a non-credit course during the Winter Quarter, 1963. The course consists of ten weeks of classes and a final examination. Classes will total 4 1/2 hours per week, to be divided between lecture Thursday evening and field observation Saturday morning. The instructor will be Mr. Wesley F. Kubichek, who recently retired from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service after many interesting years of service. Mr. Kubichek has a wonderful album of color movies of wildlife which makes an excellent bird program.

BIRD SANCTUARY ATTRACTS VISITORS

The Dauphin Island Bird Sanctuary has begun to attract many interesting visitors. Among some of the avid birders were the Silas Peller family, Excelsior, Minn. We were pleased to receive an A.O.S. membership check from Mrs. Peller, who was also interested enough to arrange an exchange of Alabama Birdlife for the Minn. O.S. publication.

Another recent visitor was Mr. Ralph Lawson, a Director of the Massachusetts Audubon Society. This was the second visit to the Sanctuary made by the Lawsons. Mrs. Lawson is a daughter of the late Frank Weston Benson, worly famed artist. Many of Mr. Benson's great wildlife paints add charm to the home of another daughter, Mrs. Max Rogers of Mobile.

Two other visitors to the Sanctuary who have become A.O.S. members are:

- Dr. David Sellers. Mobile
- Mr. Thomas Weir, Mobile.

We welcome these new members and hope they will participate actively in our A.O.S. program.

Mr. Paul A. Stewart, one of our A.O.S. members, has recently returned from a six month assignment on Madway Island and Alaska. Mr. Stewart is with the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, Laurel, Maryland and we hope he will let us hear of his interesting bird experiences through Alabama Birdlife.
