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#### FIELD TRIPS.

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May 28 Washington Park. Meet at Burnside St. entrance at 7:30 A.M. Leader, Mr. E. S. Bargelt.

Sanctuary Caretakers

Memorial Day, Tuesday May 30. Trip to Vancouver and vicinity. Meet at Vancouver end of Interstate Bridge at 7:30 A.M. Messrs. Gilbert and Bargelt, leaders.

June 4 Walk in Pier Park and St. Johns district. Meet at N. Seneca St. entrance to Park at 7:30 A.M. Leader, Dr. L. K. Von Pier UN 2602

June 11 Mrs. F. C. Blakeslee will lead a two hour walk from her home, 3626 N.E. Going St. starting at 7:30. Mu. 2409.

June 18 Eastmoreland. Start from Club House, reached by Eastmoreland bus, at 7 A.M. Leo Simon, leader.

June 25 Riverview Cemetery. Meet at 7 A.M. at end of Third Ave. bus on Taylor Ferry Road. Leader H.S. Gilbert

July 2 Englewood. Meet at Y.M.C.A. at 6:30 to drive out. Robert Livingstone, leader. BE 6746

July 4 Not yet scheduled, but there will be a trip. Call Mr. Crowell later for details.

July 9 Jennings Lodge and the Finley home. Meet at 7:30 A.M. at S.E. Bybee and McLoughlin Boulevard, reached by the Eastmoreland bus.

Those without cars can always be accommodated in partially filled cars on caravan trips.

Mr. O.E. Wheeler will be available frequently for week-day trips from his home, 2421 N.E. 62nd Ave., near Sacramento St. Call GA 9264 for information.

THE MALHEUR TRIP.

A party of Audubon Society members and friends will pay a visit to the Malheur Bird Refuge of the Biological Survey in June. Anyone interested is invited to join the party. Transportation will be by private car, on a share the cost basis, estimated at lacents per mile (1 cent for the passenger, acent for baggage, for which a light truck may be secured if the size of the party warrants it). The main party will camp out, individuals being responsible for their own food, tho a common commissary may be arranged for the evening meals.

The official party will start from Portland Saturday noon, June 10, and return a week later. First night stop will probably be at auto camps at Bend: the Malheur will be reached Sunday afternoon. Seasoned drivers can make the run in a day, about 400 miles, if they wish. From a central camp in the Bird Refuge, loop trips will be made under the direction of a guide from the local staff of the Survey, over administration roads and dikes. We are assured of seeing large numbers of interesting birds, without the necessity of arduous hikes: at the option of the party we may also make side trips to the east side of the Steens Mts. or to the summit, if snow conditions permit: also to the Hart Mts. antelope refuge. length of trip will be 1200 to 1400 miles.

For those not caring to camp out, hotel accommodations are available in the south part of the Refuge, at Frenchglen, where the Biological Survey has remodeled the hotel; meals  $50\phi$ , rooms \$1.00 to \$1.50.

President Crowell and Mrs. Crowell will be with the party. Mr. Stanley Jewett is definitely scheduled to go. Details of arrangements have been assigned to the Editors (see addresses above) and those planning to make the trip are requested to communicate with them as soon as possible. Let us know if you need transportation, or if you are driving and can take passengers. If you have a car but hesitate to drive so far, we can supply drivers; or if you want information about camping, camp cooking, what to provide for lunches, etc. we have had considerable recent experience to draw on.

### BIRD RECORDS.

Mrs. T.H. Brown has been harboring a plan for keeping records of the dispersion of local birds, and Thursday May 11 at an impromptu meeting of members, she presented it. It appears that several of our members have been keeping records of various kinds and for varying lengths of time. Mrs. Brown has proposed that the Society keep a composite record, made up from bi-weekly reports from observers in specified districts, and her plan is undergoing study by a committee now. A definite plan of record keeping should develop before our next issue.

## MEETINGS HELD.

The lecture season at the Public Library was closed May 4 with Mr. O. E. Wheeler's talk on The Lure of Bird Voices The series of lectures followed the published program, since the last issue of the Warbler. Mr. Leo Simon, chairman of the lecture committee, is already calling for suggestions for the next season.

Field trips have been made weekly the past two months, with steadily increasing attendance. The Sauvier Island trip May 14 was notable, among other things, for the presence of a biologist from New Zealand, L. W. McCaskill, of the Teachers Training College at Christ Church. We of Oregon birds.

Monday evening more than 40 members andreturned, and some new ones. friends were hastily assembled by telephone calls, at the home of Mrs. Christinedirector, died Jan. 10. Her daughter, Morgan, where Mr. McCaskill gave a most interesting talk, illustrated with colored slides and movies, of New Zealand plants, birds and scenery.

The annual banquet and Audubon Birthday eelebration, April 27, almost got away from its sponsors. An attendance of 100 had been hoped for, but more than 150 appeared, and in the confusion, ticket holders were unable to get into the banquet room, already filled by non-holders who came early. The committee will be better prepared for such a development next time. We really received the 75¢ dinner for 50d as advertised. High light of the speeches was Miss Seaman's biography of Audubon. Mr. H. M. DuBois doubled his returns of the year before, in auctioning the table decorations.

DEDICATION OF SAMANTHA JANE SEAMAN POND.

A quite ambitious construction project at the Pittock Bird Sanctuary is practically complete, and will be formally dedicated Sunday, June 4, at 3:30 when the Seaman family present the pond which they have provided. Mr. W.A. Eliot will tell the history of the Sanctuary, and the Rev. Will Eliot will make the dedication.

During the afternoon Messrs. Crowell. Eliot and Seaman will show visitors about the Sanctuary, and every one is invited to come out and inspect the developments. At 6:00 P.M. those with the inclination and the other essentials, will enjoy a picnic supper in the grounds.

## WARBLES.

The new pond at the Sanctuary is already attracting attention; Geese flying over have stopped to circle about, and a Sandpiper investigated the banks. The T. H. Browns took Mr. Eliot to Eastern Oregon, where nine different trees were secured for the Sanctuary arboretum. Mrs. A.J.McLean donated \$10.00 of sand and gravel for the paths.

Our Dr. Gabrielson was heard on the National Farm & Home Hour during Wild Life Conservation Week (per KXL in Portland). He cited the Malheur Refuge as an example of the Biological Survey's work; in the four were able to show him more than 50 speciesyears since the water was returned to the Lake, all the species noted in 1918 have

> Mrs. Ruth Comstock, widow of our former IMrs. Vivian C. Davis, has renewed the standing invitation to Audubon members to visit their place on Vancouver Lake at any time.

The committee planning a memorial to our old friend and director, Mr. Raker, is resuming activity, and will be glad to receive contributions, Mrs. Hildreth is chairman, 4223 S.E. 67th Ave.

Although the Audubon Society has no press agents, it has been receiving more than a little excellent publicity recently. Mr. Gilbert started with a call for feathers for nesting birds, and later inspired a fine editorial on the song of the hermit thrush. Several of our directors have taken part in Herbert S. Lampman's Nature Trails programs over KEX: next Thursday at 11 A.M. B. A. Thaxter speaks on the final program.