

THE DETROIT AUDUBON SOCIETY NEWSLETTER  
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

1949 bids fair to be your Society's greatest year, thanks to all of you and to those who, as your officers and directors, have worked diligently over the past nine years to build the largest local society of conservation minded people in the country.

It is a magnificent tribute to the founders, Mrs. George Kelly and Grace Sharritt, as well as to those past officers and directors, that our 10th anniversary celebration this coming October, is already attracting national recognition. Recent books and periodicals devoted to nature interests, as well as the press, have seen fit to quote the achievements and growth of your Detroit society.

We certainly must feel that the unanimous acceptance by the National Audubon Society's Board of Directors of our invitation for them to hold the national convention in Detroit this fall, is obvious recognition of your Society's reputation.

As your president, charged by you with carrying on the progressive activities and growth of your Society, I promise that many of you will be called upon to help in making our 10th anniversary another Detroit Audubon achievement and as hosts, to help National make its Detroit convention an outstanding success.

Edwin G. Boyes, President

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UNBOUNDED ENTHUSIASM OF YOUNG PEOPLE KEEP SPONSORS ON THEIR TOES

Report by Mabel Clare, Ladd, Sponsor

Organizing the Young People of the Detroit Audubon Society has been a rewarding experience. Thirty-four young people signed up following the announcement on Sept. 19. The organization meeting was held on Nov. 5 at the home of Cynthia Boyes. Following a short talk by their sponsor, Mabel Clare Ladd, including a few hints on parliamentary procedure, the groups elected the following officers; Bob Hutchison, president; Sparky Mahan, vice-president; Cynthia Boyes, secretary and Judy Zucker, treasurer.

The aims of the group are: 1--Securing members for the Audubon Society; 2--Training for leadership; 3--Building up a scholarship fund.

A reel of Birds of Bonaventure Island was provided by Mabel Clare Ladd; Bert Harwell sent a message relayed by tape recorder and Ed Boyes gave a demonstration of television. Halloween refreshments were provided.

The first field trip was held Sunday, Nov. 14 at Cranbrook Institute of Science when Walter Nickell showed and demonstrated bird banding traps. High light was a visit to the cage of the Bald Eagle. A short business session was held in the basement of the museum.

Preceding the regular Audubon meeting on Nov. 15, president Bob Hutchison announced the appointment of committees and outlined their duties. Volunteers were enlisted to assist at the doors of Rackham.

The meeting of Nov. 27 at Cynthia Boyes' home proved to be a work meeting when the young people made suet cakes for sale and decorated a bird's Christmas tree given them by Clarence Messner which they used for publicity pictures and to call attention to their scholarship project. Their sack supper was supplemented by a Thanksgiving buffet donated by the Boyes.

On Nov. 29 sponsor Mabel Clare Ladd met with the young people's choir of the Grosse Pointe Unitarian choir at the Messner home at the invitation of Mrs. Messner to try to interest this group. Following an explanation of the aims and objects of the organization, the young people sacked 100 pounds of bird seed and made three dozen suet cakes. They enjoyed the hamburg supper provided by the Messners.

At each screen tour held at the Rackham since the organization of the young people, bird seed and suet cakes have been sold for the Scholarship Fund.