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FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

The fourth annual meeting of MOS was held Friday afternoon, April 24, 1959, at Nelson Hall, Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss. in conjunction with the meeting of the Mississippi Academy of Sciences, Mrs. Bedford Floyd, President, presiding. Reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer were read and accepted.

A discussion of city bird sanctuaries followed; B. E. Gandy was appointed chairman of a committee to study the matter, prepare an outline for a sanctuary program and contact city officials to ascertain if the program contains all necessary information of steps to be followed in setting aside a city as a bird sanctuary.

The question of kinds of memberships was discussed and it was recommended that the matter be studied for presentation to members later.

It was voted that \$250.00 from our treasury be placed at interest.

Miss Fannye A. Cook suggested that our society sponsor some special study by a young person who will present a report at our annual meeting. Miss Cook was appointed chairman of a committee (she to choose the other members) to present a definite plan on this at our next annual meeting.

Report of the Nominating Committee: W. H. Turcotte, B. E. Gandy, Miss Fannye Cook -

Officers for 1959-60:

President: John H. Phares;

Vice-President: Mrs. W. G. Wills, Jr.;

Secretary: Miss Vivian Cook;

Treasurer: Miss Christine Berry.

As a quorum was not present, it was necessary to ballot by mail. The nominated officers were elected.

William H. Turcotte volunteered to serve again as editor of our Newsletter and was given a vote of appreciation for his good work.

A resolution from Miss Fannye Cook, expressing thanks to retiring officers for their work was voted.

John Phares read a letter from New Orleans member, Mrs. H. A. J. Evans, reporting having seen three Cattle Egrets at Jourdan Acres, near Kiln, Miss., on April 3, 1959. These are the first sighted in the state.

Vice-president John H. Phares presented the following program: (1) B. E. Gandy, curator of the Wildlife Museum of the Mississippi Game and Fish Commission, spoke on the value of museums, told briefly the history of our state museum and the hope for a new building for the Commission, one wing being allotted for the Museum with an expanded program; (2) Wm. H. Turcotte spoke on the urgent and immediate need of the acquisition of wetlands in the state; these are needed for waterfowl refuges under improved management and control. Mr. Turcotte then showed pictures of wildfowl, of habitat areas and of the building of protection levees; (3) Mrs. Bedford Floyd showed colored slides of birds in her yard.

Members present for fourth annual meeting: Mrs. Edward L. Bailey, Miss Christine Berry, Misses Fannye and Vivian Cook, Mrs. Alton Ellick, Mrs. Bedford Floyd, B. E. Gandy, Miss Mary Hobson, John H. Phares, Mrs. Mayo Tolman, Wm. H. Turcotte, Mrs. W. G. Wills, Jr. - - MRS. MAYO TOLMAN, SECRETARY.

Mississippi Kites - On May 25, 1959, no less than 41 Mississippi Kites were observed along the levee between Vidalia, Louisiana and Old River near where the locks are being built, by Miss Fannye A. Cook and Miss Vivian Cook.

Early Arrivals: Barry O. Freeman, Oxford, Miss., reports observing 15 chimney swifts at Lake Monroe near Amory, Monroe County on March 30, 1959. Seen the same day on the Natchez Trace 25 miles north of Jackson, one summer tanager.

Barry Freeman also reports observing on April 29, 1959 in his back yard in Oxford a male and female white crowned sparrows.

RED-TAILED HAWK NEST IN RAYMOND

M. F. Herring, Raymond, Mississippi, observed a red-tailed hawk nest on May 11th with large young within the city limits of Raymond. The nest was in a large oak tree.

FIRST ARRIVAL DATES

Your editor kept a list of first arrival dates on spring migrants this past season. First arrival dates are in the area of Jackson, Miss. unless otherwise noted:

