

hunks of shell with a large pick and wresting out a few oysters, for bait, we should hope, from our presently polluted Halifax River.

So ended a walk on a lovely Saturday afternoon.

Thelma Acosta

The above picture may remind us all how delightful our November was, and assure tardy ones who wait for December or January to leave the north, that they are missing a good month.

Thelma saw something even more exciting on a walk across the bridge recently - a stranded whale. Let her tell you!

Mrs. Acosta is to give our program at the monthly meeting on January 18, with her own slides made from the June 1968 trip that she and Isabelle Barbee made to Greenland (with a Crowder Nature Tour party), and then, on a further flight, to Iceland. Some of our bird study slides, briefly, first, at 7:00 p.m.

For the February 15 program a short film, SHOREBIRDS, will be followed by a Disney film titled WONDERS OF THE DEEP.

HRAS WEEKLY TRIPS - BRIEF SUMMARY - The birding trips for the year have been quite successful. To date, since October first, we have seen 155 species. We usually end the season with a total of 184 by May first.

The trip to Salt Springs produced 76 species. Seven species of Warblers were seen. The trip to Hontoon Island, December 26, was a delightful outing and promises great possibilities for another trip in April. The cypress swamp which borders the nature trail should have nesting Prothonotary and Swainson's Warblers. We do get two or three of these particular Warblers which in migration prefer the off-beat trail via the Pinewood Cemetery and a small parcel of land known as George's Place. The island was inundated with Robins and Cedar Waxwings. They were eating the fermented berries of the palm trees which produced a rather drunken flight pattern. New Year's Eve was just around the corner and they were getting off to a flying wobbly start; 71 species were seen on this trip. The half-day trips have started and will continue through January and February. The January 2 trip produced 57 species.

The rarest birds seen on our weekly trips this year were the Bar-tailed Godwit and two Red-cockaded Woodpeckers. This particular Woodpecker is on the endangered species list and just might become extinct. The last time we saw a Red-cockaded Woodpecker, and in the 'scope, was December 8, 1967, in Lake Ashby area.

George Murray, Trip Leader

FIELD TRIP NOTES

Dark, chilly 7:00 a.m. for us to begin gathering, but warm by sunny mid-morning on recent weekly birding days. They always bring enjoyment, but about now no excitement, and almost no accompanying wildflowers. It won't be long, here, before the clear earliest signs of spring, not counting tree buds already getting ready, faintly visible. First fragrant small trumpets of yellow jessamine vines, perhaps, and clustering red keys of swamp maples. A few Warblers stay this far north with us, right through our winter of January and February. Black and White is one, and the Yellow-throated, so like him,

even to obligingly hitching along the largest and most visible limbs, near the trunk, in search of food, while so many of the other tiny Warblers, such as we expect to find in April, vanish fleetingly and flittingly among dense foliage. The Pine Warbler, another p.r. (permanent resident) helps by usually working right in the pine needles, and the Myrtle's little yellow rump-patch can be merely, and frequently glimpsed for recognition. Little (p.r.) Yellowthroat with his distinctive black mask, is often ready to come right out, close and low down, to Connie Ekdahl's signal, after his scolding note has given him away, while the still smaller Kinglet, Ruby-crowned, comes even closer.

Norma can get a respectable daily list well started before even leaving home by stepping outside at dawn to listen with her trained ear. Her Carolina Wren's song gives her a cheering first greeting, even in January. Everyone should have a lift like that as a new day begins.

Silver Glen Springs, just as expected, on December 18, showed that they no longer allow us to picnic there at all, though we are permitted to walk past the signs of rates per person for swimming or fishing, and back into the old woods. Salt Springs is now all being commercially developed and well fenced off by the owners of Silver Springs, with all charges rising each year - 60 cents per person even to picnic, and there were five carloads of us, about 20 people, as usual. Our leaders found some good long tables not far from there, where we were well satisfied, away from fences.

On the very last all-day trip scheduled until the one stray in late February, we investigated that rather new State Park not far from DeLand - an island in the St. John's River, named Hontoon. A short ferry ride, 35 cents per person round trip, is involved. And there are not only plenty of outside tables in sun or shade, but a nice little restaurant with plenty of small inside ones, and 3 miles of nature trail, through pines and live oaks.

On all these half-day trips now ahead no destinations are even decided upon until wind and weather are consulted. And even then there is no telling when the line of cars will be so long that two lots should diverge - being car No. 5 has various drawbacks. One small one being that if we do come to a red light, numbers 1 to 4 slip through on green, and it changes. One duty of a leader is to mark this, and halt the procession, but you'd be surprised how easily a trailing car can get confused and lost, or in difficulties. If you want to plan to join the party way north, or farther south of the bridge start, call George or Connie the evening before, for probable route. Some, for instance, who live in Ormond or New Smyrna do that.

Mid-January will be the first to begin with a short absence at Florida Audubon Annual Meeting in Naples, while two of our officers then are to start for a 3-week tour of Mexico and Yucatan Peninsula.

By March all-day trips will be through fragrant orange groves, and April is so lovely here, and exciting with migrants, that nobody wants to miss those whole days. So our combining January and February PELICAN is due to various impending overlapping trips via car, air, or water, or bus, by your president, both vice presidents, recording secretary, and your editor.

WILDLIFE SERIES - Did you notice that one PELICAN was mailed third class - not first? Enclosing for each of you the wildlife series folder that National Audubon prepares for our series caused over weight. Please study your folder again concerning the dates noted on page 1.

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Twenty-eight national organizations as well as the major state organizations with interests in conservation, recreation and education, will have exhibits and displays on view for the public. For further information call Jean Hartley of the Winter Park Mall Merchants Association at (305) 644-4476.

Margaret Longdon, Conservation Chairman

THE DBJC - EAG NEWSLETTER is an arresting new publication. We hope to quote from it in the April issue of THE PELICAN. This stands for Daytona Beach Jr. College - Environmental Action Group.

MEMBERSHIP - Since the beginning of the year our membership has increased by 27, making our total over 300. We welcome the following into our group:

From Daytona Beach - Mrs. Jean E. Lewis, Mrs. Wm. Wolfson, Mrs. Albert Reuter, Mr. A. J. Grass, Mr. & Mrs. Donald G. Herold, Rev. & Mrs. Fred G. Kendal, Mr. & Mrs. Fred J. Probst, Mrs. Edith Seymour, Mr. Johnny G. Miner, Miss Annette Menard, Dr. David A. Stock, and (by transfer from S.W. Florida Audubon) Sara L. Buchanan.

From Ormond Beach - Mr. & Mrs. Meredith E. Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Gerry W. Keith, Mrs. Harlan Cory, Mrs. Lillian Pollock, Mr. Robert Johnson, and Mr. L. A. Wilen.

From New Smyrna Beach - Mrs. Marian T. Chanfrau and Miss Doris J. Thorpe.

From Holly Hill - Mrs. Jean Herbert Smith.

From South Daytona - Mr. John M. Wackerman.

Four students from the DBJC Environmental Action Group are also welcomed - Miss Janet Williams, Tom Wilhelm, Glenn Gjelsten and Bruce Spears, who are also associate members of Florida Audubon Society.

Bertha B. Conklin, Membership Secretary

HRAS DATES AHEAD

ANNUAL MEETING - At 7 p.m., Monday, March 15, in the Social Hall of Seabreeze United Church on Wild Olive Avenue. Election of officers, special surprise film by Howard Orians. Refreshments. This may be the last monthly meeting for 1970-71 season.

WILDLIFE FILMS - At Peabody Auditorium at 7:30 on Saturday, March 6, should be especially choice. We had a fine short film at one monthly meeting showing some of Mark Catesby's old Virginia, and Hotchkiss is very good. And on the 20th, our 5th and last film from Howard Orians' own, besides his earlier gift program for members.

HALF-DAY TRIPS - There will be two more half-day trips (destination unspecified) on the Fridays, March 5th and 19th, preceding the last two Wildlife Films on Saturday. These will make up for the fine full-day inserted into February on the 26th. Anticipating some dark, chilly days in January and February (which mostly turned out to be fine this year) those were scheduled for all half-day weekly trips, except Feb. 26.

FULL-DAY TRIPS - With picnic lunch (and don't forget to bring yours) - Friday, March 12 to Lake Ashby, inland. Saturday, March 27 down the east coast to Indian River Groves and Titusville. And, going into April, still alternating to some Saturdays. Friday, April 2, to Alexander Springs in the Ocala National Forest, one of our choicest, with an hour's boat trip and Limpkins available if desired. Saturday, April 10 to Henry Levi Park, inland.

All through the season the many cars to gather at the bridge between 7 and 7:30 shook down to 5 or 6 to go, with mostly 4 passengers. One morning 7 went while 7 were left to await owners' return. With our many stops and piling out it is too awkward for a 5th passenger, and less cars make a less unwieldy caravan.

On the half-day trip on February 19 we had two remarkable sights.

- 1.) All along our route south on the Mainland to Port Orange, there were thousands of robins, flying low or working in trees or on the ground. Such big flocks cause much foraging; all berried trees and shrubs in an area get stripped, between robins and cedar waxwings.
- 2.) Driving south on the beach below Port Orange and before nearing the sadly changed Inlet, all cars halted to watch, rather close to shore, dozens of pelicans and even more gannets (all young, dark ones), plunging among rolling and leaping porpoises, evidently all intent on some rich menu of seafood.

George Murray reports 165 species of birds checked so far this season on our birding days alone, and of these we saw 102 on February 26, our longest and richest trip of all, to Canaveral Basin and the Titusville Ponds.

Avocets! Curlews! Godwits! Ducks galore!

This first all-day trip since December, with picnic, and the farthest one we make, started out in thick mist, plus a lot of forest-fire smoke along route 95 - for two hours no fast driving called for. It cleared nicely just as we all (3 cars) reached our main objective - Canaveral Harbor. In spite of huge and noisy machinery working there to make it all over, we found great numbers of shore birds and numbers of ducks and coots at the ponds, after our pleasant picnic, in spite of the open season there which scared most to such a distance. Our several 'scopes were well used there for clear views.

In April expect THE PELICAN to tell a bit about our various HRAS travelers - and expected Migrants, and report on use of our Holden Study-Slide Collection.

NATURE WALKS - There have been two enjoyable Nature Walks not yet reported upon. The January one had quite a large attendance, at Tomoka Park, but pretty uncooperative weather. The recent March one, at Washington Oaks, had a beautiful day and place but hardly more than a dozen people took advantage of such a distant place, off A1A almost to Marineland.

The next, again with Ernest Stadelmann leading, will be Sunday afternoon at 2:00, March 21st, - place to be announced in Sunday newspaper of March 14.

January 1971

By Constance E. Witheford

At 8:15 a.m., on January 21, it was frosty in Holly Hill, and I watched a tufted titmouse peck all round the ice in the birdbath outside my kitchen window. When he got back to his starting point he stood awhile, sort of calculating. Then he hopped on to the ice - his front toes turned up, his crest rose on his head like a pointed pixie cap, and his tail went down flat as he skidded across to the opposite side, rising there like a plane from a runway. He really is a clown. Then I looked up to see a female hummingbird hovering and watching too. She is a regular visitor to the bank of shrimp plants growing especially for her and her family, and still blooming and five feet tall. But she should have been in Miami.

It was in November 1968 that I became aware in a dramatic way that my garden was a way station for ruby-throated hummers on their way south for the winter. It had rained heavily in the night and at 8 a.m., I was admiring the raindrops hanging on each leaf with the rays of the rising sun shining obliquely through them, so that they looked like tiny rainbow marbles. Then I heard a loud "zerip" and saw a flash as a hummer did a sharp U turn just 10 feet ahead and almost capsized. He thrust out his left wing as he banked, but his feathers were saturated and separated, giving no resistance to the air. He recovered and flew to the shrimp plants under my window. His body seemed so small with the feathers stuck down, his beak brown and shining and sword-shaped and his tail very long. When he had finished he flew up to a telephone wire, perched with his back to the sun and lifted his wings to dry for fully 10 minutes, just like a tiny anninga. Then he continued south, his fuel and confidence restored. As a speed demon once myself I guessed his speed at that U turn was quite 30 m.p.h.

Since then I have planted shrimp plants everywhere. The male hummer is most aggressive. (I like the word 'brave' better.) Once when I dared to walk toward the mate he brought the following year, he flew to me and hovered in front of my face showing his ruby breastplate and waving his long sharp beak. He was not even afraid of my pet mockingbird, who was bad tempered and would not allow another bird to nest in her territory. He did, apparently, for he brought a baby chick down to feed under my window, then perched nearby watching, then flew down, and side by side they would turn and fly off, precisely like our "blue angel" planes.

Apparently the young ones have to learn to manipulate those unwieldy beaks, just as I suppose a toucan must. One day the baby chick was feeding and thrust his beak too far down, for as he backed off the trumpet came too, blindfolding him. He shook his head from side to side and up and down and it didn't budge, so then he gave a huff and a puff and blew it right off.

When there is a pair feeding I can hear them chattering in a kind of Swahili, a series of clicking noises with their beaks and long tube-like tongue.

The strangest of all tableaux occurred one morning when I opened the awning windows wide and saw the male hummer perched about 30 feet away. Like an arrow he darted straight towards me, not stopping at the flowers. Then a bright green chameleon jumped on to the sill and stopped flat. But he was not safe, for under the awning came the hummer, darting at the long flat stomach with that long beak. The chameleon scrambled on further but the menace still hovered, so he turned his long head and opened the jaws so that I could see the long pink mouth and throat and sharp white teeth. Still the hummer did not retreat but pecked menacingly so the lizard scrambled to the end and on to a geranium. Then the hummer turned and flew away. It was a perfect St. George and the Dragon episode, just 8 inches from my nose!

So - may I suggest our members grow shrimp plants? I will give anyone some cuttings.

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Mr. George S. Murray, Field Trips
Mr. Ernest Stadelmann, Nature Walks

MONEY WELL SPENT:

Even though the returns from our Wildlife Films were the smallest we have ever had (due to ever-increasing production costs and with little increase in ticket sales), the Board of Directors voted these expenditures:

Florida Audubon Society - \$300.00. This is an annual gift from the Halifax River Audubon Society.

C 70's - \$200.00. C 70's fights for conservation in the legislature and has been successful in securing the passage of many favorable bills.

Environmental Defense Fund - \$100.00. The Environmental Defense Fund fights the conservation battles in the courts (an outstanding example is an injunction against the continuance of the Cross Florida Barge Canal).

Daytona Beach Jr. College, Environmental Action Group - \$115.00. The Halifax River Audubon Society sponsors this group.

This money goes directly to the service of conservation and we are proud to have had a part in this work.

Mrs. Alvin R. Pratt, President

GEORGE DID IT! Yes, he did. George S. Murray served for seven years as Director of Field Trips. Due to personal reasons, George has resigned, effective at the close of this season. All those who have participated in the field trip program deeply regret his resignation and express appreciation to him for the time and patience he has expended to make them memorable. We shall miss his informative and humorous reports at the general meetings. Thank you, George, from the whole Society for a job exceedingly well done. We shall look forward to your participation in future trips as just one of the group, free from anxiety and responsibility.

Bea Pratt (for all of us)

FALL FIELD TRIPS: There may be no pre-scheduling of field trips for next season. We have not yet found someone to replace George Murray and until we do we cannot plan ahead. We shall probably try for trips with dates and leaders to be announced in THE PELICAN monthly.

Mr. Ernest Stadelmann announces that the Nature Walks will also be scheduled later and announced in THE PELICAN.

NOTE ABOUT THE WILDLIFE FILMS: Al Pratt's detailed report on our last five years covers attendance only. Total take was not so far below other years, but, as above mentioned, all sorts of expenses have gone 'way up, notwithstanding fine volunteer work by many members. Our five Wildlife Films are all scheduled to begin next January.

REMEMBER THE BALD EAGLE. Please save all your commemorative stamps and bring them to the first meeting in the fall. This continues to be a source of income for the conduct of the Bald Eagle Program of the Florida Audubon Society. WE NEED YOUR HELP.

MEMBERSHIP: At the close of the year we now have 310 members; 222 of these are Florida and National; 61 are Associate (Halifax River only); 15 are Honorary members, 4 Life members, and 8 from the Environmental Action Group at Daytona Beach Jr. College.

We welcome three new members since the last report:

Commander Louis L. Zumstein, Potomac, Md.

Mrs. Mary C. Warren, Daytona Beach Shores

Susan Reed, Daytona Beach Jr. College, EAG

Bertha B. Conklin, Membership Secretary

HALIFAX RIVER BIRD TRIPS

Report on the HRAS Season, by George S. Murray

A recent half day bird trip to the marl pits and Ike's Woods produced 68 species. Two of these were new ones for the year's list, the Barred Owl and the Ruby-throated Hummingbird. The Barred Owl was last seen in 1968.

The trip on March 27 to the orange groves and Titusville on a rather cool day added two more species to the year's list, the Black-necked Stilt and the Sora Rail. Nine species of ducks were seen at Lopez Fish Camp and the Titusville Ponds, among them the Gadwall. The Gadwall has not been seen many times on our trips through the years. On this trip we had one member so imbued with the breath of spring orange blossoms and probably a few potato chips, she tried walking on the waters of the Indian River. She soon realized she was not as ethereal as she thought she was. She never reached the water, but started sinking in the soft black muck along the shore of the river. No derrick within calling distance, so three members pulled her out, which reminds me the club has no sinking funds for such occasions. Please, no more blithe spirit acts! At the time I could have used some stronger spirits. The trip produced 84 species.

We recorded 81 species as seen and heard on the Alexander Springs trip. The Bachman's or Pinewoods Sparrow's sweet song was heard by everyone. The nearest translation of the song is seeee, slip, slip, slip, slip. The fourth slip is as sweet as the first one. It usually takes half an hour to locate this diminutive songster. He perches on a snag of a pine tree and sings his delightful song for quite a long period. I am grateful that he has such a beautiful long-playing record.

Another highlight of the day was the aerial exhibition of three Swallow-tailed Kites in their search for insects, mice, snakes and lizards. The graceful Maneuvering of these large black and white hawks on the wing is poetry in motion. With the right light and angle, you will see that the black wings appear to be a glossy purplish black. This color phase has been seen and recorded by a few ornithologists.

The trip to Henry Levi Park produced 88 species. Some birders saw a flight of White Pelicans over Lake Monroe. Henry Levi Park is a park the county forgot, but it is one of the more natural areas in our region. At one time Lake Mullet, which this park borders, was a shad fisherman's delight.

The Juniper Springs trip totaled 89 species all seen enroute to the park. The park offered very little in the way of birdlife. The Eastern Kingbird, the Prothonotary Warbler, the hooting of a Barred Owl and the Sandhill Cranes were the specialties of the day.

Seventy-eight species were seen on the way to and from the Hontoon Island State Park. When the trip ended we had seen 9 species of Warblers. Black and White, Black-throated Blue, Ovenbird, Cape May and Worm-eating Warblers were seen at a friend's home on the Halifax River. The Myrtle, Palm, Parula and Pine Warblers were seen on the way to the park. The Pinewoods Sparrow made another appearance. The Summer Tanager was seen in a stand of pines. On a cattle farm seven Sandhill Cranes were seen, and an Eastern Kingbird, perched on the wire fence. The Painted Bunting was reported from a member at 711 North Halifax. That same day a Least Bittern made its appearance at George's Place and George was sober at the time. This Least Bittern was later found dead at the old Seabreeze High School on Grandview Avenue. Hannah Merrill made the discovery. I had to be the pallbearer. The bird will eventually be mounted and on display at a museum in the area, like the dead Limpkin the Ekdahl's found still warm at their home.

The year's list from October 3 to April 23 totals 179 species. All the ducks were seen with the exception of the Bufflehead. Two Warblers are missing, the Hooded and the Blackpoll. There is still hope for the Blackpoll. The Hooded and Blackpoll were seen in the area but not on a field trip day.

The most spectacular birds seen this season:

Bay-breasted Warbler, October 3

Black-throated Green Warbler, October 16 - Ike Merrill
and Club

Wood Thrush, October 23 - George's Place

Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Female, October 23 - Lopez Fish Camp

Bar-tailed Godwit, November 2 - Cape Kennedy

(27 noted ornithologists from different areas of the
United States came to the Cape to view this rare species.)

Two Red-cockaded Woodpeckers, November 28 - Lake Ashby

Sharp-tailed Sparrow, February 16 - Lopez Fish Camp

Long-billed Curlew, February 26 - Cape Kennedy

A most enjoyable summer is wished all of you.

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Every member, no matter how sick or busy, can do something to help. After our summer vacation, let us begin now with fresh and firm determination to work harder and accomplish more in the coming year.

Jeri Wyly, Editor

MEMBERSHIP

Over the year we have gained 25 new members, but lost substantial old members. Our total membership is 309. As a viable club we are badly in need of people who are willing and able to be active members. If you haven't ever been to a monthly meeting or on a field trip - try it! If you cannot attend the meetings (third Monday of each month) please write a note to your president, field trip leader, one of the board members, or myself - Jeri Wyly. Let us know what you want for programs, field trips, and what you expect from your Society. If there is something you can do for the organization, then by all means let us know that, also.

PROGRAMS

The Board has authorized Mrs. Alpha Little, Program Chairman, to spend as much as \$500 to provide good, interesting nature and bird films for most of the programs, so you have something extra special to look forward to this coming year.

Personally, I hope the Society will take more interest in preserving our natural environment. I enjoy bird films and slides, but I would rather see nature herself. It is sad to think that in the future, the children's only chance to see real birds will be those stuffed ones at the Museum. Have you read the statement of the Audubon philosophy on the back of your program?

The Spruce Creek Area will be on the program, probably in November. Plan to come, see some beautiful slides, and hear how important this area is to all of us for several reasons.

We are fortunate that Mrs. Ralph Branch will be showing bird slides from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. before our regular program and business discussion at each monthly meeting.

ALL DAY FIELD TRIPS

Leave each Friday morning at 7:30 a.m. from City Island Library. Join us for an interesting outing and good companionship.

MONTHLY MEETING

At our first meeting of the season, 7:30 p.m., Monday, October 20, at the Social Room of Seabreeze United Church, 501 N. Wild Olive Avenue, our President will show pictures from his travels in the Northern Rockies. Please let me have your suggestions about forthcoming programs.

Alpha S. Little, Program Chairman

THE FAIR

Saturday, November 15, 1975, the YWCA is sponsoring a Women's Fair at the Volusia Mall. Our Chapter will have a booth to give out information and literature to interest people in our organization. Please offer your help for a couple of hours so that this project will not be an endurance test for a couple of persons. Call: Vivian Smith, 253-3815 or Jerry Wyly, 255-9687.

BYLAWS AMENDMENT

Our Bylaws Committee, after due study and on the advice of legal council, recommends the following amendments to our Articles of Incorporation be adopted. This will bring these Articles in line with our recent Bylaws changes. We will vote on the following proposal at our October meeting:

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
HALIFAX RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.

The Articles of Incorporation of Halifax River Audubon Society, Inc., heretofore filed with the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida on December 21, 1971, be and the same are hereby amended in accordance with the procedures of the said Articles of Incorporation, in the following manner:

Subsections a), b) and c) of Section 1, of Article III - Membership of the Articles of Incorporation are hereby deleted, and the following language is hereby inserted as a new paragraph following the first paragraph under Section 1. of Article III of the Articles of Incorporation:

"The Board of Directors of the corporation shall provide in the Bylaws of the corporation for the manner of admission to membership in the corporation by classes or otherwise; the establishment, setting and fixing of membership dues or fees, special, and/or regular, by classes or otherwise; the establishment of voting rights of members of the corporation by classes or otherwise; the expulsion, discontinuance, and/or cessation of membership in the corporation in accordance with the statute, regulatory and case decisional law of the State of Florida and specifically Chapter 617, Florida Statutes of 1973, as amended, or as hereinafter amended, codified or re-enacted."

Section 2. The Membership year for two-way members shall be from the time of enrollment in the Florida Audubon Society to the anniversary of their enrollment.

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JEANNE HOLDEN

The Halifax River Audubon Society extends its condolences to Mr. Fenn Holden of Wesley Manor, Jacksonville, in the loss of his wife, Jeanne. Mr. and Mrs. Holden were elected to honorary membership in our Society years ago because of their donation of slides to create our film library. These slides are shown at the beginning of our monthly meetings by Mrs. Branch and she also uses them in educational lectures at our area schools and clubs. The field trips miss Jeanne as she was a very warm and witty person and we all enjoyed her company. Our sincere sympathy to Mr. Holden.