

1952 CONVENTION NOTES

Chairman of the program committee for the fifth annual convention of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs, at Schenectady May 24 and 25, is Dr. Minnie B. Scotland, New York State College for Teachers, Albany, N. Y. All those desiring to present papers or motion pictures at the Saturday afternoon meeting should communicate with her promptly, letting her know full title, length of presentation, type of projection equipment or other facilities required, and supplying an abstract of from 100 to 150 words. This should be done immediately to insure inclusion in the program. It has also been asked that those participating in the program supply the committee with full text by May 1 so that copies may be distributed after presentation. Both individual and club members are eligible for places on the program.

Speaker at the Saturday night dinner at the Edison Golf Club will be Morris Mandel Cohn. He is City Manager of Schenectady. Our speaker has a national reputation as engineering consultant, author and speaker in the field of sanitary engineering. He has a real message about *Clean Waters*, a subject of vital interest to all of us. The state's streams, lakes and shores need attention aplenty.

What'll you have? Marsh birds — Prairie Warbler — Upland Sandpiper — Pine Warbler — Pileated Woodpecker — King Rail — Traill's Flycatcher — Worm-eating Warbler — there's quite a selection of summering and late-migrating birds in this unique conglomeration of upper austral — transition — Canadian area. A wide variety of territories will be covered in the Saturday and Sunday morning field trips. The Saturday trips are for those not attending the business and committee meetings of the official delegates. The Early Birders, never-sleeping individuals within S B C, have volunteered for any amount of pre-dawn and post-dusk birding that any visitors may desire. But don't let that bunch scare you — there'll be plenty of trips starting well after sun-up, if that's what's wanted. Incidentally, no scopes will be set up for an all-night vigil with the moon — it's a new moon May 23.

Samuel R. Madison, 18 Oakwood Place, Delmar, N. Y., is local chairman for the convention; he's also the new Federation conservation committee chairman. He will be glad to see that your questions are answered, and to receive your suggestions concerning the convention program.

Clubs should let Schenectady know the names of delegates and alternates as soon as they are named. The host club — *Schenectady Bird Club, Inc.* — expects to find itself in a peculiar position. Indications are that neighboring *Sassafras Bird Club* of Amsterdam will break all attendance records at the convention, and will register a total in excess of Schenectady's own club. It's an older and larger club, and it thinks nothing of chartering a special bus to attend a meeting or program of the Schenectady club.

Complete details about the convention — routes, hotels and motels, program, trips — are available from S B C. It is none too soon to put it down on your calendar — May 24 and 25 at Schenectady, a MUST for all New York birders. We're expecting you.

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