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This program belongs to the people of the State and the Federation can do much to make it more effective.

Why not listen in next Saturday and then let us hear from you.

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CLUB NOTES AND NEWS

At the annual meeting held on May 23, 1953, three additional clubs were elected to membership in the Federation:

John Burroughs Natural History Society of the region about Kingston, *Cornell Field Ornithology Club* of Ithaca, and *Lyman Langdon Audubon Society* of the region about Manhasset and Port Washington, Long Island.

In our last issue we published a list of the officers of the two former clubs. The officers of the *Lyman Langdon Audubon Society* are as follows:

President: Mrs. Mary L. Bonnewall, 249 Mill Spring Road,
Manhasset, L. I., N. Y.

Vice President: Donald Ross, Bar Beach Road,
Port Washington, L. I., N. Y.

Secretary: Miss Helen M. Graseck, 70 Davis Road,
Port Washington, L. I., N. Y.

Treasurer: John F. Porter, 6 Beacon Hill Road,
Port Washington, L. I., N. Y.

The total number of clubs now members of the Federation is *twenty-eight*.

Since our meeting, we have received a membership application from a twenty-ninth club recently organized in northern Westchester County, (in the neighborhood of Chappaqua, Pleasantville and Hawthorne), called the *Saw Mill River Audubon Society*. Its president is William G. Fennell, Esq., of 60 Broadway, New York, and he resides at 96 Sarles Lane, Pleasantville.

We welcome the new clubs and urge them to send us information regarding their activities.

In our last issue we failed to include the *Cayuga Bird Club* of Ithaca — one of our charter members — since we assumed that that club was being replaced by the new Cornell Field Ornithology Club. We have been advised by our good friend, Dr. Peter Paul Kellogg, that the Cayuga Bird Club remains in existence and is far from inactive, even though meetings are held at irregular intervals. Its president continues to be Dr. A. A. Allen of Cornell University.

THE CORNELL FIELD ORNITHOLOGY CLUB

The Cornell Field Ornithology Club was formally organized in the spring of 1951 as an official student organization recognized by Cornell University. Its purpose is to promote further interest in the field study of birds and to cooperate with the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology in any way possible. Our regular membership consists of about twenty members, both graduate and undergraduate.

Meetings are held every other Wednesday evening during the school year in Fernow Hall. Anyone is welcome to attend. Following the business meeting discussions on ornithological topics are held, or we enjoy hearing about the birding experiences of our members. Since our membership consists of students coming from many sections of the country we are fortunate in being able to hear about a variety of personal experiences. These talks give the listener an excellent idea of what to expect if he should visit a certain locality.

Several regular field trips are being held during the course of the year. At the beginning of each fall semester we have an introductory field trip when we take our new members to many of the better birding places in our area such as Michigan Hollow, Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge and Sandy Pond on the eastern shore of Lake Ontario.

The major activity of the year is our Annual Finger Lakes Winter Waterfowl Census which has taken place for three years in mid-February. Parties from Cornell are assigned territories on every Finger Lake in Central New York. The data has been collected and printed each year. We plan to continue this for at least five years in the hope that we can gather significant data on wintering waterfowl in Central New York.

In March 1953 we applied for membership in the New York State Federation of Bird Clubs and were accepted as a member club on May 16, 1953. We are proud to be affiliated with this statewide organization and offer our help in any ornithological project.

Richard C. Rosche, Cornell Univ., Ithaca, N. Y.

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY

The Saw Mill River Audubon Society, organized in March, 1953, has enjoyed a rapid growth in its first half year. When, in June 1953, it applied for membership in the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs the Society had 74 members. Its present membership is over 80.

As a branch of the National Audubon Society, the membership territory assigned the Saw Mill River Audubon Society, under the branch solicitation plan, includes the following areas in Westchester County: Briarcliff Manor,

Chappaqua, Hawthorne, North Tarrytown, Ossining, Pleasantville, Thornwood, and Valhalla.

Approximately 125 persons attended the first open meeting late in March which was addressed by Kenneth Morrison, Editor of Audubon Magazine, and Charles Mohr, Director of the Audubon Nature Center in Greenwich, Conn. The April meeting was addressed by Stephen Collins of Rutgers University, and the theme of the May meeting was the Education Program of the National Audubon Society and exhibits of Audubon Junior Club work were displayed.

Officers and directors of the Society are: President, William G. Fennell; Vice president, Mrs. D. J. Overocker; Secretary, Joseph A. Malone; Treasurer, C. Richards Parsons; and Thomas G. Appel, Richard E. Erway, Irving Lachenbruch, Mrs. H. Townsend Laire, William D. McCain, Mrs. Rose S. Moore and Hoch Reid, directors.

For so young an organization, a heavy program already is in full swing. Standing committees have been appointed and are at work on conservation, education, field trips, membership, publicity, social events, and program. A Society publication will be started this Fall.

Four field trips were featured in the summer program, including visits to the Audubon Center at Greenwich, the New Cannan, Conn., Protective Society's reservation, the Ward Pound Ridge Reservation and Camp Edith Macy in Chappaqua. These were in addition to the early Sunday morning walks in May which will be repeated in October.

Major concentration for the coming year will be given to education, particularly organization of Audubon Junior Clubs. The work of Mrs. Overocker and Mrs. Moore in the Chappaqua schools was publicized in a special story in "The Audubon Magazine", and Pleasantville also has made headway in this regard. Organization work will be attempted in other towns in the territory this winter. Many of the Society's new members are planning to enroll in the nature study course beginning in October in the Pleasantville adult education program.

In September the Society is bringing the Audubon Photographic Tour to its territory and it will be displayed, among other places, at the Pleasantville Flower Show, September 10-12, under the auspices of the Garden Club Section of the Pleasantville Women's Club.

The Society's future plans include the awarding to teachers of scholarships to the Audubon Camps of Connecticut and Maine next summer, bringing the Audubon Screen Tours to the area in 1954-1955, conducting a survey looking to establishment of one or more nature trails, cooperation in migration studies now in progress, in addition to monthly meetings and field trips for Society members and friends.

THE JOHN BURROUGHS NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The John Burroughs Natural History Society (of Ulster County) wishes to express its appreciation in being accepted as a fellow member into the Federation of Bird Clubs of New York. Members of our organization are individuals from all walks of life but with one thing in common — a love of

Nature. We study just about everything pertaining to Natural History, with ornithology taking the lead.

Our total list of birds may not be impressive because of our particular geographical location but much of this is compensated for by the ecological representation of the three life zones which are found within our borders. For this reason birding is varied and interesting in Ulster County. We can visit the bubbling Marsh Wren in his oozy marsh along the Hudson River or we may visit the misty haunts of Bicknell's Thrush atop such high peaks as Slide Mountain in the Catskills.

All of this is our pleasure and study and we hope we will be able to contribute our share of avifaunal knowledge along with the other sections of this state.

Fred N. Hough, President, John Burroughs Natural History Society, Accord 1, New York.

CONSERVATION NEWS

DOUBLE CRESTED CORMORANT

The New York State Conservation Council, at its meeting in Corning on Oct. 9, unanimously approved a resolution to make the Double-crested Cormorant a protected bird under Section 203 of the Conservation Law of the State of New York. This resolution will be introduced in the coming session of the New York Legislature. We can thank Hi Clements for doing the groundwork on this resolution.

AMENDMENT 9

We are glad to report that Amendment No. 9 to the New York State Constitution was adopted by the electorate. This amendment strengthens the protection given to the Forest Preserve, which in recent years has been subject to the danger of invasion for water power purposes.

The Federation, together with most conservation organizations in the State, took an active part in promoting the adoption of the amendment. Representatives of the Federation appeared before the legislative committees which considered the amendment, and our members were influential in obtaining its passage.