

# MARYLAND BIRDLIFE

*Bulletin of the Maryland Ornithological Society, Inc.*

*Cybburn Mansion, 4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore 9, Md.*



Volume 21

JUNE 1965

Number 2

The Maryland Ornithological Society, Inc.  
 Cylburn Mansion, 4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore, Maryland 21209

State Officers

President: Mr. V. Edwin Unger, West Central Ave., Federalsburg 21629  
 754-2291  
 First V.P.: Mrs. Richard D. Cole, 625 Valley Lane, Towson 21204 VA3-2650  
 Second V.P.: Dr. W. Rowland Taylor, 1540 Northbourne Rd., Baltimore  
 21212 ID3-1803  
 Treasurer: Dr. Turner L. Smith, R. D. 2, Box 224, Chestertown  
 21620 778-3691  
 Rec. Sec'y: Mrs. Katherine B. Bauer, Box 151, Royal Oak 21662 RI5-2731  
 Exec. Sec'y: Miss Mildred F. Cole, 4201 Belmar Ave., Baltimore  
 21206 HA6-0190

Executive Council

Mr. David Bridge, 12A Plateau Place, Greenbelt 20770 474-1463  
 Mrs. Edwin C. Gras, 125 Academy St., Annapolis 21401 CO3-4708  
 Mrs. Edward Mendinhall, R. D. 2, Chestertown 21620 778-0826  
 Mr. Robert L. Pyle, 3012 44th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016 WO6-8515  
 Mr. Chandler S. Robbins, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center,  
 Laurel 20810 776-6760  
 Mr. Robert Sharpe II, R. F. D. 1, Easton 21601 TA2-2324  
 Mrs. C. Gordon Taylor, 75 Broadway, Frostburg 21532 OV9-6791

State Trustees

Allegany: \*Mr. Joseph Minke Harford: \*Mrs. Grace H. Wright  
 Mrs. C. Gordon Taylor Miss Estella Everett  
 Anne Arundel: \*Mrs. Edwin C. Gras Kent: \*Mrs. Edward Mendinhall  
 Miss Reida Longanecker Mrs. Turner L. Smith  
 Baltimore: \*Dr. W. Rowland Taylor Montgomery: \*Mr. Carl W. Carlson  
 Mr. Compton Crook Mr. Robert L. Pyle  
 Mrs. Robert E. Kaestner Patuxent: \*Mr. Morris R. Collins  
 Mr. Chandler S. Robbins Mr. David Bridge  
 Mr. Irving E. Hampe Soldiers \*Dr. Elmer G. Worthley  
 Caroline: \*Mr. E. Aldridge Pepper Delight: Mrs. Bertha Poe  
 Mrs. E. A. Pepper Talbot: \*Mr. Robert Sharp II  
 Frederick: \*Mrs. Bertram Haines Mr. Richard L. Kleen  
 Dr. Howard Hodge Miss Edith Adkins

\*Chapter President

Active Membership (adults)	\$ 2.00 plus local chapter dues
Junior Membership (under 18 years)	.50 plus local chapter dues
Family Memberships (Mr. & Mrs.)	3.00 plus local chapter dues
Sustaining Memberships	5.00 plus local chapter dues
Life Membership	100.00 (payable in 4 annual in- installments)
Out-of-State Membership	\$2.00 ( <u>Maryland Birdlife</u> only)

Cover: Common Egrets on nest at St. Catherine's Is., St. Marys County.

Photo by Clinton E. Kleen, May 23, 1964

Headings: By Irving E. Hampe, Art Editor



# MARYLAND BIRDLIFE

Published quarterly by the  
*Maryland Ornithological Society, Inc.*  
Cyburn Mansion, 4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore 9, Md.

Volume 21

JUNE 1965

Number 2

## SHELD-DUCK AT BROADWATER POINT

K. Friel Sanders

Late Saturday afternoon on February 27, 1965, I sat watching a flock of gulls sitting on the mud flat in front of our house at the point of the island. I was wondering where they roosted because each evening just about dark they seem to explode and take off for an unknown sleeping area. At 5:45 P.M., I became aware of a duck-like bird swimming down the channel. At first glance I noted a black head and white body. I knew the Laughing Gulls and terns were out of the question and I could think of no duck that looked like that, so I immediately put the 'scope on it. I saw a bright red bill, a black head, two black stripes down the back, a chestnut colored cowl around the base of the neck and across the breast, and the chestnut wash under the tail.

I called Elizabeth Slater to come see what I had discovered. We knew we had a stranger! While she watched with the 'scope, I gathered up our assorted bird guides. Finally I found a picture corresponding to the duck. It was the Sheld-Duck (*Tadorna tadorna*). I was not aware of the knob that is shown in Peterson's "A Field Guide to the Birds of Britain and Europe". We observed the bird at approximately 200 feet. It swam down to where it could see American Widgeons (*Mareca americana*) and Gadwalls (*Anas strepera*) puddling across the mud flat. The duck left the water and walked in a goose-like fashion across the mud and disappeared around the point of the island with the other ducks.

We have searched likely places up and down the Bay and alerted other birders. I must admit that we wondered who left open the gate to the Zoo.

Broadwater Point, Churchton, Maryland

(A Sheld-Duck, possibly the same individual, was discovered by Steve Snyder on the Park School pond in Baltimore on March 11. Two days later Dr. and Mrs. Norwood K. Schaffer found it on Lake Roland, Baltimore County, where it remained through March 19. The origin of the bird remains a mystery. It did not come from the Baltimore zoo. -Ed.)

## THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

V. Edwin Unger

How thrilling it is to be a part of such an enthusiastic and dedicated organization, as evidenced by those in attendance at the M. O. S. Convention in Ocean City. I sincerely hope that each of you shares with me this pride in your membership. You and your Society are to be commended for your work and accomplishments in the creation of your sanctuaries; in the leadership and training provided for youngsters at an early and impressionable age; and for your interest in an activity on behalf of conservation.

It may be a trite description, but there certainly were no dull moments at the 1965 Ocean City Convention. 28 field trips were conducted, with a combined, cumulative participation of approximately 150 avid birders. Total species found (190) may not have set a record, but each trip turned up something unexpected or especially rewarding. The Sooty Shearwater was the most sensational discovery. Exceptionally large numbers of Oystercatchers and Purple Sandpipers brought exclamations of surprise and pleasure.

Mel Garland's two paintings, "Junco" and "White-throated Sparrows" were of especial interest, as were Mr. Irving Hampe's sketches and paintings and Miss Dorothy Mumford's hand-tooled bird pins. Thanks to all three of you for your contributions to the Sanctuary Fund.

The banding demonstrations conducted by Andy Martin and Mel Garland at North Ocean City were well attended and provided interest to many observers. The announcement that a Chuck-will's-widow had been netted brought a rush of conventioneers, including your scribe. At Pocomoke Swamp, David and Margaret Bridge conducted a banding project with most satisfactory results, not the least of which was the recapture of a Swainson's Warbler banded in 1960.

With 175 persons in attendance, our hosts did an excellent job of serving sumptuous meals promptly and with dispatch, some of these at what non-birders would think ghastly hours. The enthusiastic reports and the friendly rivalry of the various groups provided spice and fun for all. One wonders what this will lead to, (maybe umpires) when someone reports a kite on a sighting list, even though that kite was on a string. Seriously, we are fortunate in having such ample and well-qualified leadership for the field trips.

Now, looking ahead, I want to say that the willingness and readiness of everyone asked to serve on a committee was a source of real inspiration to me. With such spirit, 1965-66 should be a good year for M. O. S. Much work lies ahead, but no time is being wasted. Already, a sizeable group, representing at least five chapters has been at work on the Mill Creek Sanctuary. No doubt, much more work is in progress, but I mention this only because I was able to see this group in action.

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING, May 8, 1965

The Annual Meeting of Maryland Ornithological Society, Inc., was called to order by the President, Mrs. Edward Mendinhall, May 8, 1965, at the Hastings-Miramar, Ocean City, Maryland, at 7:00 P.M., with over 87 members present, establishing a quorum.

Mrs. Mendinhall asked for a moment of silence in memory of former members: Helen Miller, Dick Cole, Seth Low, Florence Burner and others who had worked for the success of M. O. S.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes, having been published in June 1964 Maryland Birdlife.

Mrs. Mendinhall congratulated Dr. Turner Smith for his excellent accounting reports. The Treasurer's report was read, approved and placed on file.

Dr. Smith reported \$113.75 as profit from this Convention.

The President reported the following accomplishments of the past year: a tax exemption status has been granted; Montgomery Chapter, the eleventh, has been added; bulk mailing privileges have been granted by the Post Office Department; two Audubon Scholarships have been awarded; and the Spring Memorial property has been accepted. Membership is now 963, including 103 juniors. She thanked the membership for their support during her three years tenure and for the opportunities she has been afforded for many visits among the chapters.

Committee Reports:

BIRDLIFE: Mr. Robbins reported that a new office, Assistant Editor, has been created and Mr. Mel Garland appointed. He gave special thanks to those who helped in production. He asked that he be notified about Chapter preferences for Christmas Count dates. 1964 records should be sent to Hank Kaestner. 1965 records to Carl Carlson.

Budget: Dr. Douglas Miner reported that expenses have been below estimation and the budget is in good shape.

Sanctuary: Mr. Mel Garland read excerpts from Dr. Taylor's report and it was placed on file.

The annual reports from each Chapter were read and placed on file.

New Business: Dr. Haines read the report on the By-laws Committee's recommendation to reword Article V, Section 1, clarifying the election of Trustees according to Chapter enrollment, which was given approval by a unanimous show of hands. Section 1 as now amended reads:

Section 1.

Annually, each Local Chapter shall nominate as its representatives on the Board of Trustees its President and one other voting member for each 100 members, or part thereof. Nominations shall be received by the Secretary of M. O. S. at least 20 days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Corporation. The nominations of such Trustees shall be reported as such nominees to the members at the annual meeting. No nominees from the floor for Trustees shall be permitted at the annual meeting. The members present at the annual meeting shall then vote upon the nominees; a majority vote of those present is required for election. The term of each Trustee shall begin on the date of the annual meeting and continue for one year, or until his successor is elected and qualified.

The April 3rd Trustees' proposal for the creation of an Investment Committee was read. Motion was made, seconded and approved to make the recommendation to the incoming president.

The Nominating Committee, Mr. Mel Garland, chairman, presented the following slate of officers:

President	Mr. V. Edwin Unger
1st Vice-President	Mrs. Richard D. Cole
2nd Vice-President	Dr. W. Rowland Taylor
Treasurer	Dr. Turner L. Smith
Secretary	Mrs. Katherine B. Bauer

Motion was made that nominations be closed. It was seconded and approved and the Secretary instructed to cast the ballot.

The nominations for Trustees had been made by the following Chapters:

Alleghany Bird Club	Mr. Joseph Minke
	Mrs. C. Gordon Taylor
Anne Arundel Bird Club	Mrs. Edwin C. Gras
	Miss Reida Longanecker
Baltimore Chapter	Dr. W. Rowland Taylor
	Mr. Compton Crook
	Mrs. Robert E. Kaestner
	Mr. Chandler S. Robbins
	Mr. Irving E. Hampe
Caroline County Bird Club	Mr. E. A. Pepper
	Mrs. E. A. Pepper
Frederick County Chapter	Mrs. Bertram Haines
	Dr. Howard Hodge
Harford County Bird Club	Mrs. Grace H. Wright
	Miss Estella Everett
Kent County Chapter	Mrs. Edward Mendinhall
	Mrs. Turner L. Smith
Montgomery Chapter	Mr. Carl W. Carlson
	Mr. Robert L. Pyle

Patuxent Bird Club	Mr. Morris R. Collins Mr. David Bridge
Soldiers Delight Chapter	Dr. Elmer Worthley Mrs. Bertha Poe
Talbot County Bird Club	Mr. Robert Sharp, II Mr. Richard Kleen Miss Edith Adkins

Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the nominations.

Mrs. Mendinhall turned the meeting over to the new President, Mr. Unger, who said he accepted the office with fear and trepidation since he follows such an able predecessor, but he looks forward to the challenge.

The President announced that a Trustees meeting would follow and the annual meeting was adjourned.

Katherine B. Bauer, Secretary

#### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 1965-66

<u>Audit:</u>	Mr. Mabon Kingsley, Chairman; Mr. John Wanuga, Capt. J. E. M. Wood.
<u>Budget:</u>	Dr. Douglas Miner, Chairman; Mr. Edward Mendinhall, Vice-chairman; Mrs. Raymond Geddes, Dr. Turner L. Smith
<u>By-Laws:</u>	Mr. Barclay E. Tucker, Chairman; Mrs. John A. Murison, Mr. Bertram Haines
<u>Conservation:</u>	Dr. & Mrs. David Spring
<u>Investments:</u>	Mr. Mabon Kingsley, Chairman; Dr. Turner L. Smith, Mr. Richard Kleen, Mr. Winfield Henning
<u>Nominating:</u>	Mr. Richard M. Douglass, Chairman; Dr. Douglas Miner, Mr. Mel Garland, Mrs. Bertram Haines, Miss Edith Adkins
<u>Publication:</u>	Mr. Chandler S. Robbins, Editor; Mr. Mel Garland, Assistant Editor
<u>Sanctuary:</u>	Dr. W. Rowland Taylor, Chairman; Mr. Carl Carlson, Vice-chairman; Mrs. Basil M. Gregory, Mr. B. F. Early, Mrs. Richard D. Cole, Mr. H. Gordon Hackman, Mrs. C. Gordon Taylor, Mr. Richard M. Douglass, Mr. Robert Sharp, II, Mrs. Gardner Tillinghast.

#### Thought For The Month:

"As the Hermit's (thrush) evening hymn goes up from the deep solitude, I experience that serene exaltation of sentiment of which music, literature and religion are but the faint types and symbols." - John Burroughs

## CONDENSED ANNUAL REPORT

of

## THE TREASURER

MARYLAND ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Fiscal Year April 11, 1964 to April 20, 1965

<u>OPERATING FUND</u> - Balance on hand April 11, 1964	\$1,351.10
Receipts:	<u>9,886.42</u>
	11,237.52
Disbursements- including purchase of Mill Creek Sanctuary and return of residue of Talbot funds	<u>9,506.88</u>
Balance on hand April 20, 1965	<u>\$1,730.64</u>
<hr/>	
<u>HELEN MILLER SCHOLARSHIP FUND</u>	
Balance on hand April 11, 1964	\$228.00
Receipts: from Chapters	<u>242.50</u>
	470.50
Disbursements - Mrs. Flyger (1964 award)	<u>115.00</u>
Balance on hand April 20, 1965	<u>\$355.50 *</u>
*(\$250. payable to 1965 award recipients)	
<hr/>	
<u>HELEN MILLER SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND</u>	
Started as 1964 Convention - Receipts	\$198.28
no disbursements - balance same	
<u>SANCTUARY FUND</u> - Balance April 11, 1964	\$4,680.04
Receipts:	<u>3,008.30</u>
	\$7,688.34
Disbursements:	<u>534.84</u>
Balance on hand April 20, 1965	<u>\$7,152.50</u>
Other gifts to Sanctuary Fund:	
3 shares I T & T stock	
15 shares Litton Industries	

The complete Annual Report of the Treasurer, as inspected and approved by the Auditing Committee (Mabon Kingsley, Chairman; John Wanuga, and Capt. J. E. M. Wood) was distributed at the Annual Meeting. Copies may be had on request.

Respectfully submitted,

Turner L. Smith, Treasurer



## ANNUAL REPORTS of LOCAL CHAPTERS

## ALLEGANY COUNTY CHAPTER

We had a most interesting year beginning with a field trip at Carey Run Sanctuary in September. The open State Board Meeting at the Sanctuary in October was also a success. Because of cold weather, we held the meetings indoors. We really had a good opportunity to become better acquainted with our fellow Ornithological members from all over the State.

We had two movies this year: "Out of the North" was excellent for duck migration and "Birds of Prey" was most interesting.

Mr. Paul Herndon, Conservation Education Specialist of the Natural Resources Institute, presented two very informative lectures on "Water Resources" and "Water Fowl Conservation" with numerous water fowl slides.

As usual, the Christmas party was one of delight at the home of Mrs. C. Gordon Taylor. The Christmas bird count was tabulated at this time.

Other lectures given during the year were by Mr. Edgar Reynolds on "Bird Migration" and Mr. William Leeson on "The Dismal Swamp" located in Virginia and North Carolina. Mr. Leeson also showed 22 slides of wild-flowers on the protected list of West Virginia.

We are looking forward to the Adult Week-end Camp at the Western Maryland 4-H Center near Bittering, June 12-13.

The Anniversary of Carey Run Sanctuary will be June 25-27. Bring a picnic basket. We'll furnish coffee and dessert at noon and extra hot dishes for supper. We are planning to re-visit Finzel Swamp and have a trip to Cranesville Swamp. So far we have listed 100 species of birds at Carey Run. The highlight of a recent field trip to Piney Dam, was 25 Whistling Swans, first spring record for Western Maryland.

We are very happy to conclude our report with expectation of Nature and Conservation Camps for Maryland children at Pleasant Valley (for 100 children) June 14-19 and at the Carey Run Sanctuary (for 10 children from all over the State) each week during the month of July.

Joseph Minke, President

## ANNE ARUNDEL CHAPTER

During the 1964-65 season the Anne Arundel Chapter has continued to grow, showing about a 25% increase in membership. Its 80 members, 14 of whom are Juniors, enjoyed a varied and rewarding program throughout the year.

Scheduled were 13 bird walks and field trips, and a visit to the Howards' Garden Sanctuary. Included among these were visits to many areas in Anne Arundel County and trips to Bombay Hook, and Patuxent Research Center.

Excellent attendance attested to the interest in our six lecture meetings, which had among them: Laddie Flyger's report and slides from the Audubon Camp of Maine; Mel Garland's talk on the "Value of Bird Counts and Sanctuaries"; Reida Longanecker's delightful slides on "Birds in the Hand and How You Know Them"; a lecture on Maryland ecology and

"Mission 77" by Edwin M. Barry, Division Chief of Inland Fish and Game Commission; Gladys Cole's talk and slides showing a "Look at Changes at Rock Run Sanctuary"; and Jean Worthley's talk on "Backyard Research", giving suggestions for the months ahead. We were doubly privileged in having our State President, Mrs. Mendinhall attend two of our meetings.

Anne Arundel Chapter has taken some new steps during this past year. We now have a Junior Nature Club under the guidance of Mrs. Vagn Flyger and Mrs. John Hough. They have included in their program a trip to Cylburn Mansion and a trip to Blackwater Refuge with the Baltimore Chapter, a study session at the Woods' home, and a joint meeting with the Baltimore Junior Nature Club at Rock Run, as well as taking part in the regular events of the Chapter. Plans are now being made for regular meetings of the junior members during the summer months; these will include several study sessions, field trips, and hopefully a weekend at Rock Run Sanctuary.

This spring also saw the organization of an Anne Arundel Sanctuary Committee which has begun to function.

Members of the Chapter have participated in both the annual Christmas Count, and May Count. The Chapter is selling some unique and original handtooled leather bird pins, made by one of our members, to benefit the MOS Sanctuary Fund.

Our growth and excellent program participation has been due in part to the fine publicity in the local newspaper. Helen Giblo, editor of the "Outdoors" column in the "Evening Capital", with the cooperation of our secretary, Mrs. Douglas Miner, reporting from our Chapter, has given regular coverage of all our activities.

(Mrs.) Alta C. Gras, President

#### BALTIMORE CHAPTER

The Baltimore Chapter has shared with the rest of the state the general publics increase in interest in birds, nature and conservation. We ended this year with 363 members, an all-time high.

The success of the Chapter is due to the work of many people including a most active Membership Committee chairman, Mrs. W. Gordon MacGregor and an imaginative and talented Publicity chairman, Mr. William N. Schneider. We have enjoyed a full and most varied program during the past year. So far the Chapter has had 23 field trips to all parts of the state and to the neighboring states of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. A highlight for many was a canoe trip through the Patuxent River marshes led by Dave Bridge of the Patuxent Chapter. For others the weekend in South Jersey was the most memorable occasion, and for still others, the bus trip to the Tinicum Marsh Wildlife Preserve in Philadelphia was the highlight. Our monthly meeting programs have been uniformly excellent. In addition to guest speakers, three of these included talks by MOS members: Mrs. O. J. Theobald, Mrs. Norwood K. Schaffer, and Mr. Stephen Simon. This year the Baltimore Chapter sponsored two paid lectures. The fall lecture by our friend from Hawk Mountain, Dr. Maurice Broun, was a real delight and resulted in \$360. for the State Sanctuary Fund. Don and Millie Sutherland presented one of their outstanding color motion picture films at the successful spring lecture.

In celebration of the MOS 20th anniversary a special meeting was held in February. Many of the charter members were able to attend and one of them, Mr. Ray J. Beasley, showed a collection of his nature slides.

Sixty people registered for the Ecology Seminar organized and led by Mr. Haven Kolb. Three identification classes were held during the year. It is obvious that such a program is a result of a great deal of effort by many people; for example, 35 members participated in leading trips, presenting lectures, seminars or classes. However, the program's outstanding success must be accredited to the leadership of our Program Committee co-chairmen, Mrs. Robert E. Kaestner and Mrs. Joshua W. Rowe.

The Chapter is most proud of its Junior Program, which again this year provided opportunity for many children to share in the wonders of Natural History. Mrs. Norwood K. Schaffer and Mrs. Alfred Lawson are the co-chairmen of our Youth Activities Committee. During the past year approximately 90 elementary school classes were taken on tours of Cylburn Park by MOS members. This represents well over 3,000 children who were served by this program. The Saturday bird walks for children at Cylburn were attended by over 1,000 children. Four times during the year Mrs. Gladys Cole and Mr. Mel Garland presented bird banding programs. The Junior Nature Club of the Baltimore Chapter of MOS, another part of our junior program, has had an outstanding group of trips and lectures. Such varied activities as visits to the Solomons Island Laboratory, fossil hunting at Camp Conoy and a trip to Loch Raven for the spring woodcock flight song were included. The group heard talks by Miss Clair Richardson on "Maryland Rocks", Mrs. Anthony Perlman on "Shells", Mr. Phil Myers on "Natural History of Mexico", and Mr. Harry Clodi on "Micromounts of Minerals". The group's activities were aided by exceptionally talented people, such as Mrs. Peter Houts, Mrs. Harry Michel and Miss Elizabeth Fisher. The climax of last year's youth program was the Junior Nature Camp held on the weekend of June 20, 1964. Fifty children were selected and 19 MOS adult members helped. This coming month the Junior Nature Camp will be held on the weekend of June 12 at Camp Mohawk, a YMCA camp on the Patuxent River. The children and the Chapter are indebted to Mr. Gordon MacGregor for making this possible and every indication is that another highly successful nature camp session will result.

Our newly formed Equipment Committee, under the leadership of Miss Grace Naumann, has in addition to restoring our telescopes, projection screen, etc., to useable condition, organized the beginnings of a collection of color transparencies. Dr. Roger Herriott, Mrs. Joshua Rowe and Mr. Mabon Kingsley have contributed many beautiful bird and nature slides to this collection.

Our conservation co-chairmen, Dr. and Mrs. David Spring, have continued to keep us informed of all matters concerning this important activity.

The Chapter is, of course, proud of its activities and its continually increasing membership. However, we are even more proud of several members who organized the new Montgomery County Chapter. To Mr. Carl W. Carlson, President of the new Chapter, we wish to extend our congratulations and our offer for support in any manner needed to make his venture a complete success.

Finally, we regret to report the loss of an irreplaceable member,

Miss Florence H. Burner. Miss Burner was a charter member of MOS and was continually active for 20 years. Her contributions to the MOS are too numerous and often too subtle to enumerate. The one sad note of the otherwise happy anniversary meeting was that Florence Burner was unable to join us. She was a grand lady. We miss her.

It would seem improbable that we could improve on the quality of our adult or youth programs. However, we shall make every effort to maintain the standards and to make our services available to more people.

Dr. W. Rowland Taylor, President

#### CAROLINE COUNTY CHAPTER

The Caroline County Chapter held seven regular meetings and will have one more during the fiscal year. Our meetings consisted of films, a few noted speakers interested in birding, and general discussions on birding locally. Caroline birders participated in both the Christmas and May bird counts. Last week we found 124 species which was a new record for Caroline County. Various members spent a total of 260 hours at Operation Recovery at Ocean City last fall. A number of members have visited other Chapters and also went to the series of Audubon Screen Lectures sponsored by the Talbot County Bird Club. This has been an enjoyable year for Caroline County Chapter members.

E. Aldridge Pepper, President

#### FREDERICK CHAPTER

The Frederick Chapter presented some excellent speakers at the monthly meetings held from September to June. Among these were: Russell Grater, naturalist and supervisor of the Interpretive Training and Research Center at the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park; Robert Bell, Chief Park Ranger, C&O Canal National Monument; Dr. W. Rowland Taylor, president of the Baltimore Chapter, who spoke about the three MOS sanctuaries; and Lt. Donald McKnight, Fort Detrick, who showed slides and talked about his bird banding activities of waterfowl in Alaska. At the December dinner-meeting Dr. and Mrs. Turner Smith presented an illustrated talk about a trip to the Scandinavian countries. We were honored to have at this meeting Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mendinhall.

The Chapter is anticipating with pleasure a lecture by Dr. Paul H. Fluck, eminent bird bander and director of the Washington Crossing, Pa. Nature Education Center and Bird Banding Station, at the June meeting. We extend an invitation to our President and to all MOS members to attend this meeting.

Frederick County has appointed a committee to conduct a Parks and Recreation Needs Survey. This committee will report to the County Commissioners upon completion of the survey. Mrs. Mary Haines was chosen a member of the committee. The editor of the Frederick News-Post has given us permission to write a short monthly column on bird life and relative subjects for the paper. All members have been requested to collect material for the release, which Mrs. Haines will prepare. The first publication will be in May. It is through this medium that we hope

to generate more interest by the general public in bird life, wild life, sanctuaries and conservation.

Field trips were sporadic this year owing to conflicting interests. We participated in the Christmas and spring Bird Counts. There was a decrease noted in the number of birds seen in this area during the fall and winter months.

Membership numbers 37 adults and 3 juniors. We have extended an invitation to the Montgomery County Chapter, our neighbor, to join us at our picnic, May 23, along the C&O Canal at Seneca.

(Mrs.) Mary S. Motherway, President

#### HARFORD COUNTY CHAPTER

The Harford County Chapter of M. O. S. started the year with a picnic dinner at Harford Glen. Four dinner meetings were held at the Churchville Presbyterian Church. These meetings were well attended, and our speakers had interesting information to give us.

Three members attended the Trustees Meeting at Carey Run in October. Our club participated in the Christmas Bird Count at the Rock Run Sanctuary and provided a hot supper for the M. O. S. members who helped with the counting.

This winter we supplied \$16.50 worth of seed for the feeders at Rock Run.

Grace H. Wright, President

#### KENT COUNTY CHAPTER

Thanks to publicity in the local newspapers; broadcasts on the radio; as well as the enthusiasm of our former members, the Kent County Chapter now lists their membership as 90.

Programs were geared to the varied interests of the group such as: films on "Wild Life Flights in Slow Motion", "Birds of Ohio", Dr. Waugh's outstanding movie "A Year with the Gannets"; a documentary film entitled "The Honkers Return"; a lecture with slides and live exhibit on "Falconry" and one on "Life Cycle of Insects"; an Information - or Stump the Panel; and finally Dan Gibson's report to us on his 2½ years abroad, featuring "Birding in Germany" and his camping trip to Spain which gave him an opportunity to increase his Life List to 547.

Our Sanctuary Fund-making projects were a lecture by Maurice Broun, "The Four Seasons of Hawk Mountain" and the sale of 55 copies of "Waterfowl Tomorrow", edited by Dr. Joseph Linduska.

Our members participated in all the required projects except the nest record reports. These included: County species lists; Fall and Spring arrival-departure dates; Christmas Counts in Kent and at Rock Run; May Count - local areas - total species 146; Operation Recovery at Damsite from Sept. 15th to November 1st, when 3300 birds were banded.

Our educational program included Bird Banding demonstrations, slides and lectures for Garden Clubs, Scout and School groups.

We have endeavored to cooperate with our neighboring chapters and bird clubs: 8 members assisted in a work day at Mill Creek Sanctuary;

4 members attended classes in Field Ornithology held under the auspices of the University of Delaware in Newark.

Our field trips have been most successful. They have included Blackwater and Bombay Hook Refuges as well as local areas - Remington Farms, East Neck Island, Damsite, etc. A beach buggy trip on Assateague Island was fantastic.

Our members have been kept well informed of State activities by the Trustees who attended all meetings.

Contributions have been made to the Helen Miller Scholarship Fund, the Helen Miller Scholarship Endowment Fund and the Sanctuary Fund. Even our juniors, with money making schemes of their own netted \$35.00.

We are proud of the generous contributions made by our members, not only to the above mentioned funds but also for the gift of stock for the newly formed Endowment Fund. In addition, a prize collection of bird slides has been added to the Cylburn file.

We have cooperated with our neighboring Chapters, with Delmarva Ornithological Society, and hope for greater accomplishments in 1966 even though we have lost Gerry Gardner to Sumter, South Carolina territory.

Dorothy A. Mendinhall, President

#### MONTGOMERY COUNTY CHAPTER

In October, 1964, a group of birders felt that there should be a chapter of MOS in Montgomery County, and invited 25 others to a meeting. Seventeen came and heard David Bridge and Chandler Robbins describe M. O. S. and the functions of a chapter, and then voted to proceed. Temporary officers were chosen. Nearly 30 birders came to the November meeting, at which By-laws were approved and plans made for our participation in the Seneca and Triadelphia Christmas Counts, in lieu of a December meeting.

In January, Mrs. Mendinhall graciously attended our meeting to announce that the Trustees of MOS had approved our petition for recognition as a Chapter, and to welcome us.

In March our first annual meeting and our first regular election were held, and the Chapter was fully under way with 63 charter memberships.

In March we also began experimenting with coordinated meetings and field trips. At our meeting Philip Du Mont of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service gave a lecture on identification of streaked-breast sparrows such as the Vesper, Savannah and Song Sparrow, using color slides and museum skins to illustrate his points. On the following Sunday we held a field trip between Potomac village and Sycamore Landing, using Mr. Du Mont's advice regarding habitat to locate birds, and his comments about species behavior to identify them. This worked so well that we plan to develop this plan further next year.

Program plans call for field trips to explore Montgomery County away from the Potomac River, and for joint activities with other chapters. In connection with this, we should express our lively appreciation for the expressions of welcome and assistance which we have had from other Chapters. Baltimore offered to aid us even before we were

a chapter, and Talbot followed immediately after. Frederick has now invited us to join in their annual picnic meeting. We certainly intend to accept such invitations and, as soon as possible, to begin inviting our fellow-chapters to join us in meetings and trips.

Carl W. Carlson, President

#### PATUXENT BIRD CLUB

Under the able leadership of Mr. Melvin Kleen, now retired but still giving us his valuable assistance, our club had a successful year. Membership has grown and attendance at meetings has increased so that we will have to find a larger meeting place soon. The Junior Audubon group is continuing its monthly meetings.

The program committee provided very interesting meetings, all illustrated. The speakers, mostly from the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, spoke to us on: Population Studies of Non-game Species on 100 acres at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center (Robbins), Experiences in Alaska (Scott), Banding Sooty Terns in the Dry Tortugas (Mrs. Fisk), Birding on the Little Patuxent (Collins), Lassen National Park (Baysinger), Arizona Wildlife (Urly), and Bird Nesting (Bridge).

Field trips were scheduled to various sections of the state. Chapter members participated in nine Maryland Christmas Counts and covered five counties for the State-wide Bird Count on the first of May. Mrs. Robbins gave us very valuable and much needed publicity in her outstanding bird column published weekly in the Laurel News Leader.

Morris R. Collins, President

#### SOLDIERS DELIGHT CHAPTER

Following the Ocean City convention last year members of the Soldiers Delight Chapter returned home to prepare for their second annual open house at Red Dog Lodge in Soldiers Delight. This took place near the end of May with about forty people attending, many of them guests from the Baltimore Chapter. There were no organized activities over the summer. In October we again visited Soldiers Delight to enjoy the famed fringed gentians at the height of their bloom. In November, after gathering materials in Soldiers Delight with which to make terrariums, we met at the one of Mrs. Ward Coe for tea and to hear Dr. Rowland Taylor speak on and show slides of the M. O. S. sanctuaries. All enjoyed his presentation and hearing of future plans.

Our Christmas Count was held in Soldiers Delight on December 26th. Plans for a covered dish supper at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Kelmenson had to be cancelled when a snow storm occurred on January 16th.

Mrs. Coe led the group on a walk for early wildflowers on April 10. On April 24th Bill Hilgartner, a Baltimore Chapter junior, led us on a spring migrant trip in the Worthington Valley. Highlights were nesting Louisiana Waterthrushes, Savannah Sparrows, a bittern, Redhead, Ruddy, coot, Spotted Sandpiper and Brown Creepers.

Ten members assembled on May 1st for the annual May Bird Count and working half the day in Carroll County and half in Baltimore County

obtained a list of nearly 100 species.

We are looking forward to a more active year next year and to obtaining some new members.

Dr. Elmer G. Worthley, President

#### TALBOT COUNTY CHAPTER

The Talbot County chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society has ended a memorable year. Our breakfast hikes, special excursions and regular meetings were all well attended and well received. The attendance at our Audubon Screen Tour lectures was higher than ever before.

The sanctuary which our Chapter sponsored on Mill Creek has been enlarged and now covers 157 acres. Cleanup and construction projects have been undertaken, trails have been created, and our sanctuary is ready to receive visitors. The Baltimore Chapter has scheduled a trip to the sanctuary and we would like to encourage other chapters to avail themselves of good birding at Mill Creek.

Richard L. Kleen, President

#### SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

We take pleasure in announcing that two Helen Miller Audubon Nature Camp Scholarships were awarded at the 1965 Convention. Mrs. Daniel Ravasies of the Baltimore Chapter and Mrs. Stanley E. Wilson of the Kent Chapter will attend the Maine Audubon Camp.

#### NEW BREEDING BIRD SURVEY TESTED IN MARYLAND THIS SUMMER

The Maryland Ornithological Society and the Delmarva Ornithological Society are cooperating with the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife in field-testing a technique designed to detect changes in breeding bird populations from year to year. Although intensive breeding bird censuses have been conducted annually on a few dozen areas of 15 acres to 100 acres each in widely scattered areas of the North American continent, the total acreage censused and the total number of birds enumerated is so small, and is restricted to so few habitat types, that the results give little or no indication as to whether a species as a whole is increasing or decreasing.

One of the problems that has limited the number of areas that are covered by intensive breeding bird censuses is that the observer must survey and map his area, describe the vegetation, and then make at least 8 field trips through the area in a systematic manner; then he must spend hours working up his data, drawing territories of individual birds, and figuring the population of each species as accurately as he can. Since most observers do not have sufficient time to dedicate to such a study, important as it may be, only a dedicated few participate.



The new approach that is being tried experimentally this June involves a series of 50 roadside transects in Maryland and 10 in Delaware. Each transect includes 50 3-minute stops at one-half mile intervals. By counting the birds of each species that are seen or heard at each of the 50 stops, the observer obtains in 4 hours a representative sample of the bird population in the area covered by his transect. He does not by any means observe all of the birds at each stop, because many individuals are silent or out of sight during the entire 3 minutes. But since the routes were picked at random the sample counts obtained from the various transects can be subjected to statistical tests which in turn will detect any major change in abundance from year to year or from decade to decade.

As we all know, urban and suburban expansion, changes in farming and forestry practices, use of pesticides, disposal of wastes, and other factors are constantly upsetting the balance of nature. But specifically what effects are these changes having on our bird populations? To date we are hard pressed to arrive at any meaningful figures. If we examine the 22 Breeding-Bird Censuses that were taken in both 1963 and 1964 and published in Audubon Field Notes we find a total of 65 Robins and 24 Common Grackles for 1963. Surely no valid comparison for the North American continent can be made from figures this small. Many other common species are even more poorly represented: 4 Grasshopper Sparrows, 3 Bobwhites, and 0 Eastern Bluebirds. On the Breeding Bird Survey now being conducted in Maryland and Delaware, Common Grackles, Robins, and Bobwhites are being recorded literally in the thousands; Grasshopper Sparrows will be listed in the hundreds and Eastern Bluebirds in the dozens.

Details of the study will be published at the conclusion of this summer's experimental coverage, but a few interesting features should be mentioned for the benefit of any observers who may wish to participate. All routes are previously selected in a random fashion, with an average of one route per 200 square miles of land area. Each route is covered only once a year, except for certain check routes. Each observer covers one check route that has been covered independently by another observer--in order to obtain an estimate of differences in observers--then he covers one or more additional routes. All trips start at exactly one-half hour before official sunrise. For observers who would like to participate, but feel they do not recognize enough of the songs of the breeding birds, special training routes have been established; you will be given a map of the route and a list showing what birds were recorded at each of the 50 stops by the official observer.

As of the date this issue of Maryland Birdlife went to press, one or two routes each in Allegany, Baltimore, Charles, Calvert, Cecil, Kent, Dorchester and Worcester Counties had not yet been assigned. If you wish to participate either as an official observer or as a trainee, contact C. S. Robbins, Migratory Bird Populations Station, Laurel, for maps, recording sheets, and further details. We hope to complete official coverage of all 50 Maryland routes by June 30, but training routes may be run any time this summer.--Ed.



JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, 1965

Chandler S. Robbins

With the notable exception of the presence of a few rarities, at even fewer feeding stations, this period will go down in history as one of the least exciting on record. A mild and open December and early January found an abundance of native food available and birds had no need to supplement their diet at feeding trays. Furthermore, an abundance of cones and other food in eastern Canada and the northern United States provided such a banquet that the northern finches, chickadees, nuthatches and other erratic wanderers had no need to venture southward. Persons not used to viewing the entire picture of bird distribution in relation to food supply here and elsewhere feared the population of winter birds had been decimated. Fortunately this was not the case, as substantiated by reports of huge concentrations of finches up North, and the influx of towhees and sparrows to local feeders later in the winter when the native supply began to dwindle.

Three heavy snowstorms on Jan. 10, 16-17, and 30 gave us more than normal snowfall for that month. The ice storm of the 23rd-24th was the worst in 40 years in Frederick County, and because of its duration it probably dealt a fatal blow to most of the Carolina Wrens, Eastern Bluebirds and other border-line species that did not obtain assistance at feeders.

The notable feature of February's weather was an exceptionally deep low pressure system that brought a record-low barometer reading of 28.82 inches at Baltimore on Feb. 25. Associated with this storm were wind gusts in excess of 50 m.p.h. and tides 2 to 4 ft. above normal. Since temperatures were mild at the time and since so few species were nesting this early, this storm probably had little effect on wildlife.

March was cold, not only in Maryland, but especially in the southern states; consequently both the vegetation and bird arrivals were late--so late, in fact, that the table of early arrival dates will be combined with the table of April and May arrivals in the next issue.

Hérons. The Green Heron is a rare straggler in Maryland in mild winters. One was seen several times on Jan. 9 in Talbot County by Don Meritt.

Swans and Geese. The peak northward movement of Whistling Swans appears to have taken place on Mar. 17, when Mrs. Harry B. Rauth estimated 900 flying northwestward over Rocky Gorge Reservoir in Howard County. The largest concentrations of migrating Canada Geese were reported by Robert W. Warfield, who reported 500 over Triadelphia Reservoir on Mar. 22 and three flocks totaling 400 birds over Seneca on Mar. 28. Jan Reese, reporting from Talbot County, noted 6,000 on Mar. 16 and 5,000 on Mar. 28; but in that area it is not always possible to distinguish migrating individuals from the great masses of wintering flocks. Most of the 110 Blue Geese that were found on the Blackwater Christmas Count remained through the winter; Philip and Paul DuMont estimated 75 seen there on Feb. 22.

Ducks. A Harlequin Duck was seen irregularly off the Ocean City inlet from Dec. 11 to Jan. 17 (Samuel H. Dyke, Dr. H. M. Johnson). Although numerous inland arrival dates of ducks were reported, these did not fit into any particular pattern--possibly because many of the birds were not observed until several days after they had arrived. In the future it would be helpful if observers who visit reservoirs and other inland bodies of water would specify those birds that are believed to have arrived during the previous 24-hour period. The best variety and best counts of waterfowl for the period came from Jan Reese and Don Meritt of Talbot County.

Hawks and Eagles. This was a notable winter for Rough-legged Hawks in Maryland; but, as usual, they left during March. The last one was seen on Mar. 27 near Drawbridge in Dorchester County (Elting Arnold). Bald Eagles were found in several tidewater areas; the highest one-day count was of 3 adults and 4 immatures at Popes Creek in Charles County (Ruth Strosnider). Paul and Danny Bystrak and Bill Anderson viewed an early Osprey in Anne Arundel County on Mar. 13; the only other March reports came from the Eastern Shore.

Shorebirds and Gulls. The first three months of the year are the dullest period for shorebirds in Maryland. Both the birds and the observers have left most tidewater areas by the close of the Christmas Count period, and only a few species such as the Killdeer, Woodcock, Common Snipe and the yellowlegs regularly make their return prior to April. Piping Plovers were missed on the Ocean City Count this winter, but 2 were found there on Feb. 21 by the DuMonts. Bonaparte's Gulls were present in unusual abundance this winter. They were recorded for the first time on the Kent County and Dorchester County Christmas Counts, and the DuMonts had a peak tally of 288 in the Ocean City area on Feb. 21. Any flock of this size should be very carefully examined for the possible presence of European Black-headed and Little Gulls, which regularly associate with the Bonaparte's. According to the June issue of Audubon Field Notes, it took a couple of "outsiders", H. Alexander and S. Heckshen, to find 2 Black-headed Gulls at Ocean City on Feb. 27.

Flycatchers and Swallows. J. R. Probst identified a Western Kingbird at Ocean City on Dec. 24, the second winter record for the State. Wintering Eastern Phoebes were seen as far inland as Seneca. The only Purple Martins to return in March were in Caroline and Montgomery

Counties: 2 at Williston on Mar. 17 (B. Maloney), 2 at Greensboro on Mar. 19 (H. Hubbard), and 1 at Adelphi on Mar. 22 (L. Short).

Shrikes. Loggerhead Shrikes have not been reported nesting in Maryland for many years, although possibly they still do so locally. Reports of spring migrants, especially in Prince Georges County, should be checked subsequently on the chance that a pair might remain to breed. This year's localities where single birds were sighted at Beltsville on Mar. 28 (Dr. Tom Valega), Laurel on Mar. 30 (Vernon Kleen) and Greenbelt on Apr. 10 (David Bridge) were rechecked with negative results.

Blackbirds. Robert Warfield checked the Germantown blackbird roost, which has been occupied for the past five winters, and found the population about the same as last year; the percentage of grackles was possibly a little higher than last year. Mr. Warfield also points out that there is another large blackbird roost in Montgomery County, somewhere near Damascus. Philip and Paul DuMont identified 26 Brewer's Blackbirds (both sexes) feeding with Red-wings in a cornfield 2 miles south of US 50 on Md. Route 8 on Kent Island, Jan. 30. This is the largest flock of this western species ever reported from Maryland. Twenty-three Boat-tailed Grackles were back in the Ocean City area by Feb. 21 (DuMonts).

Northern Finches. A single female Evening Grosbeak on a feeder at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center on Jan. 30 (Mrs. Dale Horn) saved us from having a completely negative report on northern finches.

Indigo Bunting. A molting male Indigo Bunting appeared at the Denton feeder of Mrs. Carroll Bright on Mar. 3 and remained through the 31st. It also was seen by Mrs. A. J. Fletcher and others. Since this bird arrived during a period of unseasonably warm temperatures, and very strong southwesterly winds aloft, we conclude that it was an extraordinarily early spring migrant rather than a wintering bird. By the end of March its plumage was completely blue. Maryland still does not have a winter record of this species, although it has been found in late December just a few yards across the Virginia line at Greenbackville.

Western Sparrows. Two Harris' Sparrows appeared at Earl Baysinger's feeder near Ellicott City on Jan. 23; 1 was collected, for the first Maryland specimen of the species. The other, which Mr. Baysinger banded, was still present at the close of the period. Another Harris' Sparrow joined the Indigo Bunting at Mrs. Bright's feeder in Denton on Mar. 18. Identification was confirmed by Mrs. Fletcher on the 19th and the bird was banded by Mrs. Aldridge Pepper on the 20th. It was retrapped the following day and examined by other M.O.S. members. We tend to ignore sight reports of Oregon Juncos in Maryland because of the difficulty of distinguishing this species from the brownish northwestern race of the Slate-colored Junco. However, three reports of Oregons this winter deserve special consideration. One was closely studied by Earl Baysinger at his Ellicott City feeder in January and February; one, subspecifically identified as Junco oreganus mearnsi, frequented the feeder of Dr. Lester Short at Adelphi, Feb. 20 to Mar. 17; and one identified on Mar. 17 by George Robbins at his Laurel feeder was confirmed by Mrs. Chandler

Robbins. In each instance the observers were familiar with Oregon Juncos from having seen them repeatedly in the West. For a discussion of other eastern records of Harris' Sparrows and Oregon Juncos in the East this winter the reader is referred to Aaron Bagg's interesting account of the Northeastern Maritime Region in the June issue of Audubon Field Notes.

Other Sparrows. Dr. E. Paul Catts found a freshly dead Grasshopper Sparrow at Elkton on Jan. 15; the identification was verified by Allen Stickley. This is the first winter record for the Upper Eastern Shore. White-crowned Sparrows were possibly more common than usual on the Eastern Shore, although this was not apparent on the Christmas Counts. Carl Carlson found 2 at Blackwater Refuge on Jan. 20 and Marcia Lakeman and Marcia Nelson had a flock of 6 on Kent Island, Mar. 28.

Migratory Bird Populations Station, Laurel

#### BIRDS MARKED WITH SINGLE BRIGHT FEATHERS ON THEIR BACKS

If you should see a Catbird with a single red feather glued to its back, or an Orchard Oriole with a lone back feather of a contrasting color, please write immediately to Dr. Telford Work or Dr. Rexford Lord at the Communicable Disease Center, Atlanta, Ga. 30333, or telephone C. S. Robbins at 776-6760, ext. 63. Dr. Work and his assistants banded 2500 tropical American migrants during the spring migration in Latin America and Louisiana and marked each one with a brightly colored feather that lies flat in the middle of the back. Each bird also carries a regular Fish and Wildlife Service band. Although many species were included in the study, Catbirds and Orchard Orioles were marked in the largest numbers. The chance of finding one of 2500 marked birds seems rather slim; but out of 1510 birds marked a year ago, 8 were reported sighted, and most of these were seen east of the Appalachians. This is an important study, and the help of all M. O. S. members will be appreciated.

#### STATE-WIDE BIRD COUNT

The 1965 Annual State-wide Bird Count was conducted on Saturday, May 1. Counts were made representing all counties except for Cecil and Somerset. Unfortunately, late reports have prevented the presentation of the usual count tabulation in this issue. Figures on hand, without the Worcester, Wicomico and Queen Annes counts, show a total of 95,318 individuals of 211 species. Nine counts totaled over 100 species. Montgomery County led in total species recorded (148). Kent County was a close second, with 146 species and a phenomenal total of 25,256 individuals. Next in line was St. Marys County (126 species), Caroline County (124), Talbot County (110), and Patuxent Wildlife Research Center (106).

The complete tabulation and discussion of the results will appear in the September issue.

## SANCTUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

April 3, 1965

All three sanctuaries of the Maryland Ornithological Society's Sanctuary System continued to be used extensively during the past year. With the improvements that have been accomplished during these months, it is anticipated that they will be enjoyed by even more people during the approaching seasons. As has been pointed out in previous reports, the responsibility for the operation of each sanctuary rests primarily with the local chapters under the direction of their Sanctuary Committee representatives. Therefore, progress at each of the sanctuaries will be discussed individually.

ROCK RUN SANCTUARY:

Under the guidance of Mrs. Evelyn Gregory and Mrs. B. F. Early the first MOS sanctuary continues to be a most popular attraction for many of the members in that part of the state. A glance at the guest book would be misleading however, since many visitors have neglected to record their visit. Please urge all members to sign the book. The feeding stations have been maintained through the winter. In anticipation of spring, the trails have been cleared and a bench has been put on one trail. Two others are to be added shortly. Winter debris has been cleared from the pine plantings.

In March the West Chester (Pennsylvania) Bird Club visited this fine sanctuary. From all appearances they enjoyed their visit very much and are enthusiastic about returning. Several chapters have scheduled trips to Rock Run and several more are planned for this spring. These will include youth groups.

While the physical plant at Rock Run is in good condition, some repairs to the roof of the sanctuary house are planned.

It is appropriate to repeat again in this report that it is because of the generosity and interest of Mr. J. Gilman Paul that the MOS has this wonderful facility at Rock Run to use. Even more than that, the success of this sanctuary sparked other groups toward the establishment of sanctuaries in other parts of the state. Our debt to Mr. Paul can not be overstated.

CAREY RUN SANCTUARY:

Our westernmost sanctuary has also been actively used. The feeding stations have been maintained throughout the winter. Andy Martin has continued his bird banding studies through the season. Many groups from Frostburg and Cumberland have visited Carey Run.

Preparations for an exciting spring, summer and fall are underway. More evergreen and multiflora roses have been added for wildlife cover. The feeding grain program will be continued for the coming year. Buckwheat and other grain food patches have been planted by the Maryland Game and Inland Fish Commission.

In July, Billie Taylor and Mel Garland will lead the MOS on a new educational venture, The Allegany Chapter will sponsor a 5-day week Nature Camp for juniors. It will continue for four weeks. There are some extremely lucky children in our state,

#### MILL CREEK SANCTUARY

The most exciting news from our Talbot County Sanctuary concerns the expansion of this property. Mrs. R. R. Spring, of that county, has donated a 31 acre parcel on the north side of Route 662 to the MOS to be added to the Mill Creek Sanctuary. This is mostly wooded land and is ecologically similar to the original property. Thus the contagious enthusiasm of the Talbot Chapter continues to spread. Our appreciation of Mrs. Spring's generosity is deep and profound. In addition, the MOS has purchased another 17 acres adjoining the original property to the east. This includes a large field and adds a new wildlife habitat to Mill Creek. Blue bird boxes have been erected and are being checked almost daily by the local birders.

Mill Creek Sanctuary now consists of approximately 154 acres. Two trails have been cleared through the area and, although a great deal was accomplished on the "work day" last fall, there is more to be done. The planned clean-up day this spring was cancelled because of snow and will be rescheduled. The sanctuary is now identified by an attractive sign. Another is planned. The sanctuary has had many visitors, not only from Talbot County but from other parts of the state as well. Several groups of school children have made use of Mill Creek Sanctuary.

#### CONCLUDING REMARKS

The Sanctuary Committee continues to investigate other possible sanctuary sites. However at this time there is nothing new to report. During the past year members of the Sanctuary Committee have visited Frederick and Caroline Chapters to talk about our sanctuaries. The enthusiasm reflected in the discussions plus the solid progress reported by each sanctuary, leads the committee to conclude that the MOS sanctuary system is indeed healthy and growing.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. ROWLAND TAYLOR, Chairman

# COMING EVENTS

- June 25-27 ALLEGANY Anniversary weekend. Chairman: Mrs. C. Gordon Taylor.
- July 10 STATEWIDE Membership picnic at Damsite, Chestertown, Md., home of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Mendinhall
- Sept. 12 STATEWIDE Membership picnic at Capt. & Mrs. J. E. M. Wood's, 101 Old Crossing Road, Annapolis. Meet at Sandy Point Park 9 a.m. R.S.V.P. to Mrs. Wood for bean soup, served at noon. CO3-3229

## CONTENTS, JUNE 1965

Sheld-Duck at Broadwater Point	K. Friel Sanders	35
The President's Page	V. Edwin Unger	36
Minutes of Annual Meeting	Katherine B. Bauer	37
Condensed Treasurer's Report	Turner L. Smith	40
Annual Reports of Local Chapters	Chapter Presidents	41
Scholarship Winners		48
New Breeding Bird Survey	Chandler S. Robbins	48
The Season--Jan., Feb., Mar., 1965	Chandler S. Robbins	50
Birds Marked with Bright Feathers		53
State-wide Bird Count		53
Sanctuary Committee Report	W. Rowland Taylor	54
Coming Events		56

## MARYLAND BIRDLIFE

Published Quarterly by the Maryland Ornithological Society, Inc.  
to Record and Encourage and Study the Birds of Maryland

Editor: Chandler S. Robbins, Patuxent Research Center, Laurel  
Asst. Editor: Mel Garland, 36 Burke Ave., Towson, Md. 21204  
Editorial Board: C. Douglas Hackman, Vernon Kleen, Mrs. C. Gordon Taylor  
Production: William S. Clark, Gladys H. Cole, Mildred F. Cole, Mel Garland, Ted Van Velzen.

# Hastings-Miramar

Ocean City, Maryland

On the Boardwalk - Open All Year

**90 ROOMS, 60 WITH BATH**

EXCELLENT MEALS

30 BEAUTIFUL APARTMENTS

PARKING  
SPACE

SPECIAL RATES FOR BIRDERS

Phone: Ocean City:  
Atlantic 9-7417

