JUNE MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Association will be held on Thursday evening, 11th inst., at eight o'clock, in the Assembly Hall of the Public Library, corner McAllister and Larkin Sts. Take elevator to third floor. Car lines No. 5 or No. 19.

Reports will be made of several special field trips made recently, and data of this sort will be welcomed from any member or guest in attendance. Visitors will be made welcome.

JUNE FIELD TRIP will be taken on Sunday, June 14th, to Golden Gate Park. Take McAllister car No. 5, "Beach" sign, to 43d Avenue entrance on Fulton St. Bring lunch. The usual route will probably be followed, winding up for lunch at the Japanese tea garden, but variations may be introduced by leader, if any special features should offer. Party will leave place of meeting shortly after 9:30 a.m.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAY MEETING: The one-hundredth regular meeting of the Association was held on May 14th, in the Assembly Hall of the San Francisco Public Library, with President Kibbe in the chair; Mrs. Kibbe, Acting Secretary; fourteen members and four guests present.

The attention of the members was directed by Mrs. Mexia to an appeal for assistance issued by Mr. F. Vaughan Kirby, Game Warden for Zululand, South Africa, where certain elements are apparently endeavoring to secure the abandonment of all game reserves, and presumably, other phases of game conservation. On the motion of Mrs. Mexia, seconded by Miss Pettit, the Secretary was directed to communicate with Mr. Kirby, offering such suggestions, encouragement and moral support as we can, in the premises.

The President reported a new activity of the Izaak Walton League, whose President, Will Dilg, has devised, and offered as a substitute for the Migratory Game Refuge Bill, a proposition eliminating the federal license and calling for an initial appropriation of forty-five million dollars,—everything going out and nothing coming in. The psychology of such a measure, under existing conditions, with a vast majority of those interested in migratory game conservation satisfied with the terms of the present self-supporting proposition of the Migratory Game Refuge Bill, is not easy to fathom, and no explanation is offered.

Based upon data furnished by the Committee on the Preservation of Natural Conditions, of the Ecological Society of America, the following resolution, moved by Miss Pettit and seconded by Mr. Schindler, was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Cook Forest Association has been organized for the purpose of raising funds for the purchase of a tract of some 8,000 acres of virgin
forest in northwestern Pennsylvania and of dedicating it to that State for protection and preservation of this, one of the largest surviving remnants of white pine, of hemlocks, oaks, hickories, maples and other trees native to that region,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Audubon Association of the Pacific record its earnest hope for the success of the proposition and its conviction that the acquisition and perpetual maintenance of such a tract constitute measures of great historical, scientific and inspirational value, the opportunity for which, once lost, may never again be presented.

The meeting then considered the matter of bill carrying an appropriation by the State of California, of $10,000 for continuing work on the John Muir Trail, designed to connect the Yosemite Valley with Mt. Whitney. This bill was then awaiting the approval of the Governor, and the President urged that members address individual letters to the Governor, soliciting his approval of this measure. Mr. Parry stated that he thought such a matter was a proper subject for direct action by the Association and upon his motion, seconded by Mr. Schindler and duly carried, the Secretary was directed to transmit a letter to the Governor in the name of the Association, urging his approval of the appropriation and giving reasons for such action.

The proposed excursion to Howell Mountain was discussed.

The feature of the evening was furnished by Miss Mary E. McLellan, Assistant in Ornithology, California Academy of Sciences, who gave a most interesting account of her experiences in observing and collecting birds in the Samoan Islands. Nothing less than a full report could do justice to this lecture, and we greatly regret our inability to give more than random notes on points of special interest.

Arriving at Tutuila, were found the wedge-tailed shearwater, noddy and white terns; on the wooded slopes about Pago Pago lived the yao, a greenish-yellow honey-eater, and small petrels were found at entrance to harbor.

Trip from Pago Pago to Apia was made in a 30-ton launch in 12 hours overnight, in bad weather, with Standard Oil cans for cushions. In Apia, almost impossible to interest natives in any work. Here a caterpillar-eater, a street arab, corresponds with our English sparrow in character. A very beautiful little black and red honey eater found in coconaut trees and scarlet blossomed trees of locust family. Little lories with green backs, scarlet throats and purple underneath; tiny kingfishers along the shores, living on insects and small molluscs. In Tutuila, there was a larger and noisier kingfisher. There, two starlings, one a black woods bird and the other smaller and more plentiful, doing much damage in orchards. The sweet notes of a black thrush were heard in lonely forests. Six species of fruit pigeon, two of them protected by government. The big fruit dove is found in banyan trees which furnish its favorite food. There are also three other species of pigeon, one resembling the dodo, with a hooked bill. Only one hawk reported on the island and was not seen by speaker. Forests are passable only with difficulty and abundant rains make collecting very arduous.

The fan-tail, a small flycatcher, is the sweetest singer in the group, and a friendly bird. The vaca vaca, a woods shriike, of bluebird size, also has a sweet note. Two other flycatchers in the islands, but very rare. No finches, and the nearest approach to this family is a small weaver-bird found to a limited extent. Two species of gallinule along streams and avocet in brush. The pectoral raf very common and feeds with chickens. On seashore, reef herons occur in dichromatic forms. At Tutuila hospital, a tame golden plover. Wandering tattler and turnstones common along rocky shores; also bristle-sided curlew, rare. Frigate birds, tropic birds, booby and shearwaters breed on the rocks. White terns nest in trees along shore. Noddies numerous but nest not found.
With expressions of warm appreciation of the lecture, given as it was under trying conditions, the meeting adjourned.

On June 6th, 1925, Mr. Lee L. Stopple, of San Francisco, was elected to membership in the Association.

**BIRD BOX CONTEST IN PETALUMA**

On May 16th, the Garden Club, of Petaluma, Mr. Arthur D. Ayers, President, held a flower show in American Legion Hall, and prizes were offered as well for the most attractive and most practicable bird boxes submitted at this time, by children of school age. Unfortunately, the schools in Petaluma have done nothing to foster the bird box movement, and only slight interest was evinced in the contest, while the entrants were handicapped by the absence of anything like instruction as to the desirable features of bird nesting accommodations. Entries were also accepted from Napa, where Scout troops have received all manner of assistance from leaders and schools.

Boxes were judged by A. S. Kibbe, of Berkeley. The first prize was split between William and Edward Corum, first and second prize winners at Napa in March. The second prize was split between Baxter Harris and Charles Good, of Petaluma, who submitted boxes identically the same. Third prize went to John Hall, of Napa. A special prize was awarded to Harold Greggs, for cleverness of conception and execution of his entry, apart from its merits as a bird nesting box.

**MAY FIELD TRIP** was taken on Sunday, May 17th, in pursuance of an invitation by Mr. Emory E. Smith to enjoy the birds and horticultural developments at his country home at the foot of Mt. Diablo, in the San Ramon valley between Walnut Creek and Danville.

Though the day was overcast, the many willows and oaks and other trees along the bluffs and in the canyon to the rear of the grounds were teeming with birds attending to their Spring house-keeping duties. Some were singing and others were sitting on nests, while some were doing both at once. As some of the party expressed it, when one attempted to identify each bird seen and heard, it was like being at a three-ring circus.

The time before lunch was devoted to birding. Crossing the bay, a comparatively small number of non-breeding Western and California gulls were seen. Land birds encountered were: California quail, mourning dove, turkey vulture and western red-tailed hawk; willow and California woodpeckers, red-shafted flicker, Anna hummer, olive-sided and western flycatchers: California jay, bi-colored redwing, western meadowlark, Brewer blackbird and linnet; green-backed and lawrence goldfinches, pine siskin, chipping and song sparrows; San Francisco and brown towhees, black-headed grosbeak, lazuli bunting, swallow; warbling. Cassin and Hutton vireos, lutescent, yellow and pileolated warblers; Vigors and house wrens, slender-billed nut-hatch, bush-tit, russet-backed thrush and western robin. Thirty-nine species in all.

A male warbling vireo, relieving the female at intervals, sang as it sat on the nest in a willow branch over our heads. Several Lawrence goldfinches and some black-headed grosbeaks bathed and sported along the edge of the
creek for our special benefit. Betimes, Tragedy stalked grimly in our midst. A California jay bandit was seen robbing a linnet’s nest, built right against a house, between a water pipe and a rose vine. Three trips he made, bringing an egg away each time, with the wildly excited parents chasing him each time. They saved two of their eggs while we were watching them, but who shall say what the following hours brought forth?

Luncheon was served at 12:30 on pic-nic tables under the trees. A few continued birding thereafter, but the majority were conducted over the estate by Mr. Smith. Some of the exotic plants had been brought all the way from Mexico and Central America. A spineless cactus was grown from seeds brought from Morocco. A eucalyptus tree, possibly the largest in America, is about 170 feet high and about 25 feet in circumference, four feet above the ground, and it is only half-grown as yet.

Among the vines, shrubs and trees shown to us, were some very rare loquats with variegated leaves, Japanese maples of various sizes, with delicate and richly tinted leaves; beautiful roses, tree peonies, California columbines crossed with the blue Colorado variety, tree dahlias; Arctic and Colorado blue spruces, a weeping cherry from Portland, a cut-leaf elderberry, a weeping or Chinese cypress and an incredible number of different flowering fruit trees; a new Canary Island ivy which does not climb and which has large variegated leaves; a beautiful golden-leaf alder which serves as host plant for a certain species of butterfly; Wild currant bushes with blossoms of various colors; artichokes six to ten feet tall, with inconspicuous flowers but large ornamental leaves; spireas with red seed pods; purple beeches which keep their beautiful leaves all winter, until Spring buds push them off; a cocoanut tree bearing 75 lbs. of yellow cocoanuts the size of plums. The outer pulp is edible and the inner portion is a small cocoanut with husk and milky fluid like the ordinary nuts of commerce.

There were agaves from Mexico, many species of box-plant and shrubs too numerous to mention; gorgeous native Fremontias, purple robinias and hybrid brooms from Ohio. Most of the shrubs, vines, fruit trees and flowering plants have been grown by Mr. Smith within the past seven years. The larger trees are older and originally formed part of an extensive plantation.

The day was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone fortunate enough to make the trip and when it came time to leave, a vote of thanks and appreciation was offered to our generous host. Members in attendance were: Mesdames Baylor, Kibbe, Mexia, Myer, Hall, Northway and Parry; Mesdamesoilles Ayer, Beaman, Chapin, Cohen, Ethel Crum, Martha Crum, Harcourt, Paroni, Pettit, Rhine, Schroeder and Stevens; Messrs. Bastin, Ellmore, Myer and Parry. As guests, Mrs. Elmore, Miss Fannie W. Mueller, Robert Eisner and, last but not least, if we may so consider him, our genial host, Mr. Emory E. Smith. Twenty-three members and four guests.

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