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The Henderson Meeting—For a long time we have been talking about the fall meeting this year at Henderson. Plans are now about completed for the whole session. A full program will be mailed to every member later. Here are some facts to remember:

Dates—September 17 and 18.

Headquarters—The Soaper Hotel.

Programs—

1. **Friday morning, September 17**—There will be given before all the schools of the city and before six or eight centrally-located rural high schools a nature program by our members. Already some six have promised to help; we can use as many more. Let us know if you can help in this important work.

2. **Friday afternoon**—A great meeting will be held in the park or else in the courthouse yard at Henderson. All the children and citizens of the city and county will be invited. The whole membership of our society is on the program, each one giving something which he has found valuable and interesting in his study.

3. **Friday evening**—A great indoor program will be held in the auditorium of the Soaper Hotel. Here are some of the big features: "Modern Methods of Bird Study", Gordon Wilson; "A Midnight Concert in Panther Hollow", Dr. T. Atchison Frazer, Marion; "Birds and Boy Scouts", Professor Oakley Shelby, Marion; "Migration Routes", an illustrated lecture by Professor L. Y. Lancaster; "Audubon in Kentucky", Miss Susan S. Towles, Henderson; "How We Make Friends With the Birds", Miss Emilie Yunker, Louisville. Others will be added to the program for the session.

4. **Saturday morning, September 18**—A visit to the old Audubon Mill and a hike and breakfast out-of-doors. The members will be expected to give experiences they have met in bird study and observation.

The officers and local committee are eager to make this meeting the best by far of any meeting of the society in its history. Watch for the later program to be sent to each of you, but meanwhile make your plans to come for the whole session.

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The Spring Meeting—The annual spring meeting of The Kentucky Ornithological Society was held at Louisville on April 23. The afternoon session, in the dining room on the mezzanine floor of the Watterson Hotel, was devoted to the general topic "Birds and the Schools." An interesting bird program was given by grades 3 and 4 of the Louisville Normal School, with Miss Bertha Carrant, critic teacher in charge. Numerous readings, riddles, and dances were given.

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Several dozen bird boxes and posters were on display. Miss Mary May Wyman, head of the science department of the Louisville Normal School, spoke of the Saturday morning hikes, which every student attends. Miss Emilie Yunker, supervisor of Nature Study and Gardening, of Louisville, gave a talk on "Planting Food for the Birds." She recommended lunch counters and gave a list of trees, shrubs, and vines that could be planted to attract the birds. Special mention was made of Emmet Field School, which has planted a white pine as the birds' Christmas tree. Among the numerous new members were Miss H. J. Hoehle, principal, 4 teachers, and 16 pupils of the Nannie Lee Frayser School.

At the evening meeting in the auditorium of the Watterson Hotel Mr. J. T. Berry of Louisville exhibited about seventy-five of the original Audubon engravings and explained the process of this remarkable work of art of a hundred years ago. The prints are from a series owned by the Henderson Public Library which are being sold to raise money for a park at Henderson in memory of the great naturalist. Professor L. Y. Lancaster, of the Teachers College, Bowling Green, showed casts of animal tracks and explained the process of making these casts with paraffin or plaster of paris. Captain Charles F. Huhlein of Louisville gave a series of pictures collected during his recent circumnavigation of the globe and spoke of rural life in many European and Asiatic countries.

The present staff of officers was reelected for 1926-27.

On Saturday morning, April 24, at five o'clock, nine members directed by the president took a bird hike in Cherokee Park, finding 27 species of birds. Miss Wyman, under the direction of Professor Lancaster, made some paraffin impressions of Green Heron tracks.

All the members regarded the meeting as a great success. The membership roll was substantially increased, and enthusiasm resulted from the meeting.

Emilie Yunker, Acting Secretary

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White Crows in Henderson County—For the past two years, 1924-25, we have had a white Crow on our farm, six miles from Henderson, on the Dixie Bee Line. It was a very unusual sight to see a white Crow among a flock of black ones, cawing and showing every resemblance to the Crow family except for its white feathers. About the first of June, 1926, two white Crows came, and we concluded that the first one had nested and had brought back one of its young. We have sought some method of catching them, but, as yet, we have not succeeded. For the first two years the white Crow disappeared about the last of October. I shall watch to see if these two do likewise.

—Mary Gene Konsler, Route 2, Henderson,

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"Birds and Humans"—Birds are not human; not quite. They show many human qualities, however. I value the beauty and economic worth of birds; I learn from them a truer philosophy of life; I come to appreciate better the immutable laws of life. Birds teach me thrift, industry, optimism. By observing people and birds I am inclined to believe that the majority of people are just common black-birds or Bronzed Crackles. I do not mean they are entirely bad and worthless. Close observers of these birds say that they do about as much good as harm. Not many other birds like to associate with them. They cannot sing even the simplest melody. How many people do you know that are doing as well as the Blackbirds—breaking fifty-fifty with society?—Extract from a very delightful paper called "Birds and Humans", by Curtis Burgess, Glasgow.

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A Fine Hike—On May 29, 60 children from six schools of Louis-

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ville, accompanied by their teachers and Mrs. Merit O'Neal, Chairman of the Hattie Audubon Circle of the Outdoor Art League, Miss Edna Harlow, and myself, took an early-morning walk in Cherokee Park. Many of the children had never seen Captain Fulkerson, the park keeper, feed the birds and the squirrels. Of course, they were delighted when they saw his easy manner with the wild creatures. Many, too, saw that morning for the first time common birds like the Cardinals, Doves, Robins, and Brown Thrashers. The Hattie Audubon Circle is cooperating with Captain Fulkerson in making the wild life properly appreciated by the younger generation of the city people.

—Emilie Yunker, School Garden Director, Louisville.

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Lists of Migrants—Let us start this fall right by sending in to the editor complete lists of all fall migrants, using the following form: Date first seen, number, date next seen, when it became common, last seen, abundance. We can keep these records and check for the entire state. No thorough survey of state birds has ever been made. By collecting these records we could soon issue an authoritative check list. The very excellent "Wild Life of Kentucky", by our Dr. W. D. Funkhouser, and published by the Kentucky Geological Survey, is now out of print. We just must collect material for a bulletin on Kentucky birds, dividing the state into three or four areas and checking the seasonal distribution of each species. Here is a sample of the lists:

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Christmas Censuses—Though it is a bit early, let us insist that you plan right now to take a Christmas census this year. Be selecting a good place, so your figures will be appealing. A full form for recording the finds will appear in the October issue. We want to make the January issue full of these censuses, from all parts of the state and representing every kind of territory.

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New Members—We have a host of new members to report since our January issue: Dovie Anderson, Earlington; Audubon Club, Fort Thomas; Audubon Society, Murray State Normal; Lennie Brown, Providence; Nellie Clark, Fort Thomas; Alice Clements, Powderly; Bessie Griffin, Henderson; G. M. Haggard, Bowling Green; T. W. Johnson, Dixon; Bertha McClellan, Ashland; Mrs. Jennie A. Sewall, Anchorage; T. A. Stewart, Dixon; Mrs. W. C. Sumpter, Bowling Green; Mrs. W. A. Worthington, Annville; Alma Wyckoff, Bowling Green; Henrietta J. Hoehle, Mrs. Katherine E. LeGros, Hannah Passamaneck, George Greer, Louise Walther, Raymond Hartman, Nina Mae Shortess, Frank Walther, William Waters, Carleton Davison, Kenneth Meddis, Walter Evans, Aline Haysley, James Jirk, John Lee Tabor, Raffo Reynolds, Frances Hottel, Dorothy Yates, Teager Robinson, Mary L. Corcoran, Mrs. Ethelyn K. Gorham, Mrs. Alice R. Marriner, Mrs. John C. Oldacre, Minnie V. Overmyer, Rose M. Reilly, Bertha Trunnell, Louisville.

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Our Members—Our editor and president, Gordon Wilson, is contributing a daily column to the Bowling Green Times-Journal entitled **Birds and the Out-of-Doors**.

O. A. Adams has been elected principal of the Marion High School.

Miss Tommie L. Baker, on graduating recently from the Western Teachers College at Bowling Green, gave \$100 to the English Club of that school to be used in promoting the social activities of the club.

N. T. Hooks, who has been principal for two years of the Edmonton High School, will be a member of the faculty of the Richmond High School next year.

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T. W. Johnson has been reelected county school superintendent of Webster County. T. A. Stewart has been elected as his assistant.

Miss Emilie Yunker, our vice-president, attended the meeting of the American Iris Society in Cincinnati, May 22-24. There were enthusiasts present from New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio, and Alabama.

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Fall Migrants—The editor saw his first fall migrants for 1926 on July 23—the Wilson's Snipe and the Solitary Sandpiper. This is rather early, but he has one record for the latter for July 14. From now on we may look for the migrants every day. I want to urge that every member start this fall, as is elsewhere suggested in this issue, to keep full records of all migrants.

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Blue Jay, 3; Flicker, 6; Meadowlark, 8; Southern Downy Woodpecker, 5; Hairy Woodpecker, 4; Song Sparrow, 8; Carolina Chickadee, 8; Redwinged Blackbird, 1; Towhee, 3; Cardinal, 8; Vesper Sparrow, 3; Field Sparrow, 6; Chipping Sparrow, 4; Phoebe, 3; Pipit, 2; House Wren, 4; Carolina Wren, 6; Tufted Titmouse, 7; Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, 1; Mockingbird, 4; Bluebird, 32; Robin, 6; Bronzed Grackle, 5; Dove, 5; Purple Martin, 7; Barn Swallow, 5; Summer Tanager, 2; Chimney Swift, 2; Red-headed Woodpecker, 3; Red-eyed Vireo, 1; Yellow-billed Cuckoo, 3; Hummingbird, 1; Crested Flycatcher, 5; Kingbird, 1; Orchard Oriole, 2; Grasshopper Sparrow, 5; Henslow Sparrow, 1; Lark Sparrow, 2; Dickcissel, 2; Indigo Bunting, 2; Yellow Warbler, 1; Wood Pewee, 3; Bachman Sparrow, 2; Bewick Wren, 1; Killdeer, 3.

A Nest Census—On my farm of 200 acres in Nelson County near Cox's Creek the following nests were found for 1925: Red-tailed Hawk, 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk, 1; Sparrow Hawk, 1; Screech Owl, 3; —G. D. Hibbs, Cox's Creek.

THE KENTUCKY ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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