

## AOS FALL MEETING

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The Fall meeting of the Alabama Ornithological Society was held November 5-7, 1976, at Gulf State Park. The membership meeting followed a seafood buffet at Gulf State Park Motel Resort Saturday evening, November 6, 1976, president Russell Bailey, Jr. presiding.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was: RESOLVED that the Amendment of Article I, Section 1 of the By-laws of the Society pertaining to dues and membership, as set forth in Volume 23, Nos. 3-4 of Alabama Birdlife, be approved effective January 1, 1977. That amendment, because of increases in publication, postage and other costs, increases annual dues for active members to \$5, for sustaining members to \$10, for students to \$3 and for life members to \$100, and includes a new category for family membership at \$8. Dues for associate (outside Alabama and Northwest Florida) members remain the same at \$4.

James V. Peavy, editor of Alabama Birdlife requested submission of papers suitable for publication in said journal. The spring meeting of Alabama Ornithological Society was announced for Dauphin Island.

George Bennett, warden of Audubon Sanctuary on Dauphin Island reported on problems and efforts to control them. He reported that the National Society had concluded negotiations leasing the sanctuary property from the Dauphin Island Park and Beach Board for ten years.

Mrs. Verda Horne presented a statement regarding potential development at Fort Morgan and the need to preserve the natural resources of the area. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was: RESOLVED that the statement presented by Verda T. Horne of Fairhope, Alabama, regarding the necessity of preservation of natural and ecologically sensitive areas at Fort Morgan and along the parkway leading to it be approved and that the President of the Society be authorized and directed to send copies of said statement, with such changes thereto as he may deem necessary or appropriate, to the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Alabama, the Chairman of the Alabama Historical Commission, and such other public officials and bodies as may be deemed appropriate.

Door prizes of Living World of Audubon Mammals and The Shorebirds of North America by Matthieson were awarded to Neely Denton and Bryan Johnson respectively.

Dr. Jerome Jackson, Associate Professor of Zoology at Mississippi State University, member of Mississippi Ornithological Society, editor of Mississippi Kite, and editor of the Wilson Society Bulletin made an interesting presentation of "The Birds and Art of John James Audubon". Included were details of his life as well as exposition of the development of his art. Colored slides illustrated the evolution of his work.

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