



A Week for Wildlife

EVEN the urgent needs of a nation at war must not be permitted to cause a letdown in efforts to conserve and restore America's resources in wildlife, in timber, in the basic wealths of uneroded soil and unpolluted water. These are too much needed, both for the immediate support of our fighters and productive population, and for their ultimate contribution to the tremendous postwar task of national and world reconstruction.

Realization of this lends new emphasis to the observance of National Wildlife Restoration Week, held this year April 12 to 18, under the auspices of the National Wildlife Federation. Throughout the land, in newspapers and over the radio, in schools, churches, clubs, scouting and other outdoor groups, the story of this nation's multiform campaign to keep all we can of the great continental heritage we received from the founders of America will be told, and new plans will be laid to restore so far as possible that which has been lost through over-optimistic exploitation in the past.

Signs of encouragement are to be found in recent official reports. There are now 178 refuges for migratory waterfowl and 25 refuges for upland birds and game. The duck and goose population as of January, 1941, was estimated at 70 million, an increase of five million over the preceding year, despite a considerable take by hunters during open seasons. The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service states that the present commercial catch of 4.5 million pounds of fish can be stepped up to 6.2 millions to meet the war emergency, without seriously

impairing future supplies. So the picture is not as dark as it once was, though there is still great room for improvement.

A special feature of the week will be the launching of the annual sale of wildlife stamps by the National Wildlife Federation. The colored pictures of birds and mammals, fish and reptiles, trees and flowers offered this year are unusually well conceived and strikingly executed. Orders and inquiries should be sent, as in former years, to the Federation's office in Washington, D. C., in case they cannot be readily obtained locally.

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NEWS OF CLUBS

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—The Third Annual Science Congress for the Syracuse Science Center will be held on Saturday, April 25, at Syracuse University. Everyone is invited to participate in this Science Congress whether or not the individual belongs to an organized science club, just as long as some faculty member is willing to act as a sponsor. In both Junior and Senior Divisions, (the former taking in all ages up to fifteen years and the latter from fifteen to eighteen years) five Defense Bond or Stamp awards will be presented. The first award in each division is a \$25.00 Defense Bond; the second is \$8.00 in Defense Stamps; the sixth, seventh and eighth awards in each division are Honorable Mention ribbons. The event will feature lectures, demonstrations and exhibits. So whether you are an exhibitor or not, if you are in the vicinity of Syracuse be sure to attend this Science Congress. If you want further information or an entry blank, write to Dr. Richard R. Armacost, Director of Syracuse Science Center, Syracuse University, N. Y.

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—While up to the present America has not felt the pinch of a wartime economy it inevitably must come to pass. It is for this reason that a study of food requirements in war time and the presentation of special demonstrations of restricted diets and war economy in foods is being undertaken by the Bio Club of Chapman College. When other things besides sugar and rubber are rationed, members of this college group will be well prepared to furnish worthwhile suggestions. Members of the club also are working on present-day defense subjects and are typing blood of all students. At assembly and other programs the scientific hobbies of various members are exhibited. In many other ways the club shows a tendency to anticipate the needs of this country in the months or years to come. Dr. Florence Peebles, head of the Biology Department, is the sponsor.

LONGVIEW, Texas — What vocation should the student follow? That is a project being undertaken by members of the Lithium Chapter of the Texas Junior Academy at Longview Senior High School. But this club does not limit its activities to vocational guidance. A thorough study of the natural resources of the state is being made; a varied individualized experimental program is carried on; and an Open House exhibit is presented each spring. The club is sponsored by Adda Reid Templeton, chemistry and physics teacher.

MITCHELL, S. D.—The Science Club of the Senior High School has quite a problem on hand. It is not because of a lack of ideas but rather because there are too many problems which members would like to try to solve. One of the projects decided upon (and a very fine one indeed), is landscaping the high school campus. This is a long-range program of which the

members will be justly proud. Helen Field Watson, biology instructor, is the sponsor.

BRONX, N. Y.—How can we go about conserving rubber, paper, oil, sugar, etc.? What chemical or other substitutes can be found or developed for those articles now on the priorities list? What can be done by the citizen or school student during an air raid? How should First Aid be given in event of injury caused by bombs or explosives? And how can the morale of the school and home be kept on a high plane even in event of disaster? Those are only a few of the questions which members of the Science in Defense Club at Walton Junior High School, hope to be able to answer. It is obvious that the activity of this club is keyed to America's war effort. Katherine M. Byrnes, science teacher, is the sponsor.

Clubs are invited to become affiliated with SCA for a nominal \$2 for 20 members or less. You can become an associate of SCA for 25 cents. Address: Science Clubs of America, 1719 N St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

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