

Bats, with special Reference to Vampires by—Mr. A. M. Greenhall.
Botanical Collecting by—Prof. R. E. D. Baker.

Mosquitoes, their Biology and Relation to Disease by—Dr. T. H. G. Aitken.

Among the topics discussed were: River-fish Populations, Pollution of Rivers, The Caging of Local Birds and The Proposal to Exterminate Trinidad's Monkey Population. As a result of these discussions, representations were made to Government.

Seven excursions were held, the places visited being the Caroni Swamp, the Quare Dam, the Aripo Savanna, the Heights of Guanapo, La Pastora, the Maracas Valley, and the Caura Dam. Although something of interest was seen on every occasion, these ventures, in my opinion, suffered from the lack of some definite objective, a circumstance that might be profitably remedied in the coming year.

On Dr. Herklots's invitation the club visited I.C.T.A. in August.

Attendances at meetings have been good, with thirty or more persons present as a rule; attendances at excursions have been less good, the average number of persons attending being about fifteen.

Forty-eight new members were elected during the year, bringing the total number of members (including honorary and corresponding members) up to about one hundred and forty at the year's end. The number is only approximate because on the resumption of activities at the start of the year some of the persons whose names were on the membership list could not be located. Two members went abroad to further their studies.

The death of Mme E. Jourdain in December is regretfully recorded. During the short time she was with us she proved herself to be a keenly-interested member.

At a meeting on 14th May, a small committee was appointed to look into the possibility of publishing a journal. The committee concluded that the decision to publish should be taken only after it had been shown that the quantity and quality of the papers proposed for publication justified this step. The achievement of this goal, which will require the co-operation of many members, is something to work for in the year ahead.

In conclusion I should like to thank the College Authorities for the loan of the library and the Press for their co-operation.

VICTOR C. QUESNEL,
Hon. Secretary.

27th January, 1955.

TRINIDAD FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB
ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1955

The club's second year of renewed activity has been, perhaps, even more successful than the previous year; a full schedule of meetings, film shows and excursions has been maintained.

Eight meetings were held at which the main features were lectures or discussions. These are listed below:

- Thursday 10th February .. General Meeting
 Thursday 17th March .. "At Home in the Jungle"—a lecture and film by Miss Jocelyn Crane, A.B., M.Sc.
 Thursday 12th May .. A lecture on fresh water fish by Mr. J. Kenny.
 Thursday 16th June .. A lecture on "The Meaning of Landscape" by Dr. K. W. Barr.
 Thursday 14th July .. A panel discussion on how to study animals. Recordings of the voices of frogs and toads by Mr. J. Kenny.
 Thursday 8th September .. Panel discussion. Report of the committee on bird caging.
 Friday 14th October .. "The Web of Life"—two films on natural communities.
 Thursday 10th November .. A lecture on "Corals of the Caribbean" by Capt. A. L. Mendes.

The lecture on fresh water fish which was scheduled for the meeting in April had to be cancelled because of Mr. Kenny's illness; there was no meeting that month. The panel discussions are the first two of a series which may take several years to complete.

In addition to these regular monthly meetings, the club met on 12th January to hear a lecture on the natural history of Curacao by Dr. P. W. Hummerlinck, a Dutch zoologist who was then on a collecting trip in Trinidad and who was entertained and accompanied on field trips by members of the club.

The club sponsored two lecture-film shows by members of the National Audubon Society, the second in cooperation with the Zoological Society of Trinidad and Tobago. The first, on 7th February, was "Bonaventure Diary" by Mr. R. C. Hermes, the second on 25th November, "Forgotten Country" by Mr. Bert Harwell. Both were well attended and very favourably received. Again in collaboration with the Zoological Society of Trinidad and Tobago, the club sponsored the showing of some of Disney's films in the series "True Life Adventures" on two Sunday mornings at the Astor Cinema.

There were eight meetings of the Management Committee at which a good deal of business was transacted.

The various sub-committees have done good work. The committee on the caging of local birds submitted its report which was read and discussed at a meeting of the club on 8th September. The committee on the Broadway Memorial has completed its plans for the memorial which, it had been decided, would honour not only Mr. Broadway but also five other distinguished past members of the club. It is hoped that the memorial will be erected early in 1956,

At a meeting on 14th October the club endorsed a decision taken by the Management Committee that a journal should be published, and appointed an Editorial Committee and an Advisory Committee. The Editorial Committee has begun its work.

Seven excursions were held, the places visited being Mt. Tamana, El Tucuche, Cerro del Aripo, Cedros, Maracas Valley, Tabaquite and Guayaguayare. An eighth excursion to Chacachacare had to be cancelled because of damage to the boats by which we were to travel. The excursions to Mt. Tamana and El Tucuche were, perhaps the most successful.

Attendances at meetings have been good—never less than thirty persons and occasionally more than fifty. Attendances at excursions have been less good, but the party usually numbered twenty or more.

Forty two new members were admitted during the year, bringing the membership up to about 160. This figure includes honorary, corresponding and two associate members; it is only approximate since some of the persons whose names are on the membership list have not been located. The number of corresponding members, too, is also in doubt. However, the number of these doubtful members has decreased; by next year an exact figure should be possible.

Three members went abroad to further their studies and are expected to be away for several years. Mr. Kenny, one of our most energetic members, left on a year's study leave. Mr. Omardeen who had departed on a similar mission last year is back with us. At the Annual General Meeting Fr. Graf was accorded the distinction of honorary membership for his work on behalf of the club and of scientific education. He has been a member for the past thirty one years. Mr. H. C. Ghent, another old member of thirty one years standing, has resigned on account of ill health. The death of Mr. Jim Gibson, a prominent past member, is regretfully recorded.

For yet another year the club has enjoyed the use of the Library Room of St. Mary's College, and a hearty vote of thanks is due to the college authorities and to Fr. Graf in particular.

In conclusion, I should like to thank members of the press for their co-operation, and Miss M. Wood and Miss P. Heath for relieving me of the burden of a considerable amount of typing.

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Hon. Secretary.

11th January, 1956.