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APRIL NEWSLETTER 1966

APRIL MEETING

The April meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 1966 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.O.L. Roberts, 62 Inglewood Dr., Toronto 7 (south entrance). The speaker will be Rev. Charles Long who will discuss the Chickadee Research Project.

MARCH MEETING

The March meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Gray on Wednesday, March 9, 1966. J. Roberts reported that he would be operating a banding station at Whitefish Point, Michigan this spring to band primarily Sharp-shinned Hawks. Anyone who is interested in assisting for a week or more should contact him immediately at the above address. D. Baldwin stated that an expanded duck banding program will be conducted at the base of Long Point in the spring and anyone who wishes to co-operate should contact him at 57 Dupont St., Toronto 5. W. Wasserfall announced that there would be a work-week-end at Long Point March 18-20.

The speaker of the evening was Mr. Bob Stamp who had been at Churchill, Manitoba last year in June and July with David Hussell. Their study was primarily conducted on Lapland Longspurs but it also included many other species of passerines which nested on the surrounding tundra. Many nests of shorebirds in the area were examined too. His slides showed much of the interesting flora of the sub-arctic as well as the birds.

LONG POINT BIRD OBSERVATORY

Mr. Gary Page has been appointed Warden at the LPBO for the period from April 24 to October 31, 1966. Mr. Harold MacPherson will be Warden from April 1 to 23, 1966.

The LPBO has recently received a contract from the Associate Committee on Bird Hazards to Aircraft, National Research Council, to supply results of counts of grounded migrants at Long Point during the months of April to October, 1966. These observations are required for comparison with migration observed on films which will be made of the London Airport radar screen. The work at Long Point will not involve any change in the usual routine of censusing, banding, etc.; but the co-operation of visitors in aspects of the work which are related to this contract, will be particularly appreciated this year.

P. S. Woodford, secretary.