

## PENINSULA FIELD NATURALISTS

The Niagara Peninsula's only field naturalists club was formed last April at a meeting held in St. Catharines by a few enthusiasts who felt that there might be a desire for such a club among people who had various out-door hobbies. The name, Peninsula Field Naturalists was chosen, a temporary slate of officers selected and a program was developed for the current year. The total membership is not very large as yet but members come all the way from Fruitland to the Niagara River and from one lake to the other. At the moment, the main interests of the members are concerned with birds, wild flowers, trees and conservation but the club is prepared to sponsor programs dealing with any outdoor subject suggested by its name.

During good weather attention is directed to field trips and during the winter months meetings will be held indoors to view nature movies and hear speakers. The Club is affiliated with

the Federation of Ontario Naturalists and it is hoped that in the future programs will be shared with similar clubs in Hamilton and Buffalo.

The highlights of the past season have been the field trips enjoyed at Niagara Glen, Beamer's Memorial Park at Grimsby, Dr. Hurlburt's property near North Pelham and Point Abino. Many points of interest in the Peninsula are not available to the average person except by invitation from the owners and it is expected that the club will be able to secure such invitations for field trips. In addition, an interesting evening was spent at the Plant Products Laboratory at Vineland Experimental Station last September. A welcome awaits all persons of similar interests of all ages and both sexes. Inquiries should be directed to the Secretary, Mr. J. McInally, R.R. 1, Beamsville. The annual meeting and election of officers will be held at Power Glen School, St. Catharines, on January 21st, 1955 at 8:00 p.m.