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Fifty Years Ago in *The Chat*—December 1962

David A. Adams, curator of ornithology at the NC State Museum, authored the lead paper, an analysis of collections of birds killed at four TV towers and two ceilometers at Winston-Salem, Raleigh, Goldsboro, Columbia, and Charleston on the night of 6 September 1962. That night was cloudy and rainy, and had a large migratory movement brought about by a 10–20°F temperature drop from the first large cold front of the season. It was thought that cloudiness and precipitation favored disorientation and flying into obstructions, leading to a large kill. Not all of the killed birds were collected, but 4189 specimens representing 61 species were collected and examined.

The fall field trip at Myrtle Beach was attended by 102 members and guests, and they observed 114 species.

Rarity reports included a Roseate Spoonbill seen between Wrightsville and Carolina Beach about 16 August 1962, the first record in NC since 1919. Swallow-tailed Kites were observed a number of times between 26 May and 23 July in the Buxton Woods area near Frisco. On 21 May 1962, James F. Parnell observed a Purple Gallinule at Lake Raleigh, just south of the Raleigh city limits. The only prior Wake County record was by H. H. Brimley in 1887. Dan Knight, Robert Thomas, John Fussell, and John Thompson observed three Ruffs at North River marsh in Carteret County, NC on 29 July 1962. James F. Parnell observed a Gray Kingbird at Battery Island, Southport, NC on 25 July 1962, and with T. L. Quay relayed a previously unpublished record of Gray Kingbird near Buxton on 12 March 1957. Baltimore Orioles were reported nesting near Greensboro, NC for a second successive year.