"The Eagle"

He clasps the crag with crooked hands,
Close to the sun in lonely lands,
Ringed with the azure world, he stands.

The wrinkled sea beneath him crawls,
He watches from his mountain walls,
And like a thunderbolt he falls.

- Alfred, Lord Tennyson

The First Fall Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 15th
Time: 7:30 P.M.
Place: Children's Theater, Altoona Public Library
Program: "Hawaii" by Harold Yoder

Fall brings our group close to its second anniversary. Conceived and projected in the fall of 1968, the Juniata Valley Audubon Society first formed in January of 1969, was granted its branch charter provisional in the fall of that year and now is to be given full, permanent branch status. Originally the dream of a few hard-core bird watchers the association has been structured and affiliated with the conservation aims of the National Audubon Society - our country's oldest and largest conservation organization.

Other things fall brings - our first meeting of the season and an excellent program - "Hawaii" - a color slide presentation by Harold Yoder, Science Supervisor for the Altoona Area Schools. Harold traveled to our 50th state for the first time this past summer. It was his 50th state in another sense for he had left the last for last. (Puerto Rico may be the subject of a future lecture) Members remember his fine slide showing on Alaska given last spring. The Hawaiian photography is beautifully done and should appeal to one and all.

This meeting has been set up earlier than our usual date at the library for the purpose of distributing publicity materials and tickets for the first film of our Audubon Lecture Series this October 5th. All members are urged to help in the promotion and sales. Our regular meeting date - the last Tuesday of each month (excepting December) still holds unless specifically changed by notice in the Gnatcatcher or local paper. Our apologies to anyone who came to a meeting in August. Bucky Braun announced one in his column's calendar but it had not been scheduled through us. Just a mistake. Watch Bucky's column in the sports section Thursdays for he gives space to the conservation effort.

"Wetzel Trails"

Charles T. Hoteckiss comes to Altoona October 5th - Monday evening at 8:00 P.M. in the Altoona Area High auditorium. Doors open at 7:30. Mr. Hoteckiss is a very well known lecturer and we are fortunate in having such a good speaker to begin our first full film series.

The film-lecture committee has procured the tickets, printed publicity flyers and in all ways arranged for the 5th of October. It is very important that our tickets get out into the hands of members. The prices are as follows:

- Season - adult: $5.00
- Season - student: 2.00
- Adult single: 1.25
- Student single: .50