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"Granite may make a
lasting monument but
life resists erosion
best of all."

- Loris Milne
Paths Across the Earth

The April Meeting

TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DATE: Tuesday, April 27th
PLACE: Childrens' Theater, Altoona Area Public Library
PROGRAM: "A Trip to Sapsucker Woods" - Harold Yoder

All are invited to Harold Yoder's slide-tape presentation "A Trip to Sapsucker Woods". This program comes at just the right time. Birds are migrating north. Spring is moving north. It is a time for seeing birds. Harold's photography will start us off right. Sapsucker Woods is a sanctuary attached to the Cornell University Laboratory of Ornithology. Bring a friend with you to this very worthwhile affair. The program will begin at 8:00 p.m.

First Spring Field Trip: April 25th

Jim Samuels and his field trail committee have been out surveying the proposed Juniata Gap-Woppsy trail. A field trip is now set-up for Sunday, April 25th. The group will form at Parks Poultry Farm and proceed from there onto the trail for a spring hike. Early wildflowers will be seen and a survey of the trees will be made. The meeting time is 2:00. This trail seems to have great promise. If it can be set up successfully, we will move out looking for more paths. The whole project will be given publicity so the general public will know that one can get out for walks without too much trouble. Call 943-5629 for more details or directions for meeting if needed.

A Gathering of Seagulls

On Saturday, March 13th, nearly 200 ring-billed gulls set in on the fields of Sinking Valley just opposite the Kiwanis Farm sign on the main road. They worked the furrows of the newly ploughed fields presenting a most impressive sight. If not on the ground they were wheeling freely about as if the sea were there. These gulls were going north. Some could remain at Glendale, others go on at least as far as the Great Lake region.

Ranch Life and Wildlife

Thursday - April 22nd - 8:00p.m.

Al Wool is our guest lecturer for the last of the five film series. This will be a good program as they all are. Make every effort to come. Bring a friend. Bring five. \$1.25 a ticket for adults. \$.50 for children. Special discounts on students coming in classes (or groups from classes) on this most significant of days - "EARTH DAY". The setting for the film is Mr. Wool's 1300 acre cattle ranch in California's Santa Cruz Mountains overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Farm life and wildlife blend together in the beautiful color photography of this rancher-conservationist. We need to support our film lecture series. Make every effort to attend. There is now plenty of good parking. Support Earth Day, too. Let's show the students that we are behind them in supporting a program that is so very much intended just for them! Have you seen Al Wool's prize sheep on the new 6¢ stamp? Look for it.

Earth Day Activities

The Altoona Schools have various Earth Day activities planned for April 22nd. The entire week is being called by some "Earth Week". Buttons and armbands relating symbolically to the environmental problems are now being worn. The high school is sponsoring with the Altoona Public Library an "Ecology Photography Contest" with prizes as a way of pointing out our area's polluted conditions. Any student of Altoona - public or parochial - may enter. Black and white or color. Encourage any young people you know to enter. Entries in envelopes are to be dropped off at the Public Library or the science departments of the area's junior and senior high schools.

Altoona High School is having all day assemblies with speaker from government and industry. Also films, folk singers and student speakers. A gigantic can recycling drive is underway. Send cans in with students or drop them off yourself at the big collection point across from the Public Library next to Roosevelt Jr. High School. There will be a large wooden box up street a bit at the corner of 15th St. & 6th Ave. Any cans: beer, food, pop, dirty, clean, rusty, bent, etc. Bring them by the 100s and all together they should pile up by the hundreds of thousands. This is the first recycling effort in Blair County. A definite arrangement has been made from scrap dealer locally to Penn Central to can companies.

CENTER CITY PARK: Proposal for Unity

We are spearheading a drive to establish an area "Environmental Council" - a coalition of many and diverse groups and organizations who are non-partisan and interested in dealing with environmental problems. Such a group or council will have two representatives from each supporting organization on the board. Our first concern and focus of action will be the park plan for the area between 17th St. and 12th St. - the old Penn Central yards lying unused at this time. This land is about 75 acres in size and extends from the P.C. tracks to 9th Ave. There is great potential for a beautiful and utilitarian park at this location. If hundreds (!) of groups get behind this project it will happen. The people can get things done if they want something and can speak up for it! This is just the beginning of a combined effort at making our little world a great place to be.

- RANCH LIFE AND WILDLIFE -

Albert Wool

\$1.25 adult

\$.50 student

We need a 400 plus crowd! We can do it if each of us will give it some publicity. Bring friends to the film. Bring the film to your friends.

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