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Do Not Go Gentle Into That Good Night

Do not go gentle into that good night,
 Old age should burn and rave at close of day;
 Rage, rage against the dying of the light.
 Though wise men at their end know dark is right,
 Because their words had forked no lightning they
 Do not go gentle into that good night.

Good men, the last wave by, crying how bright
 Their frail deeds might have danced in a green bay,
 Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

Wild men who caught and sang the sun in flight,
 And learn, too late, they grieved it on its way,
 Do not go gentle into that good night.

Grave men, near death, who see with blinding sight
 Blind eyes could blaze like meteors and be gay,
 Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

And you, my father, there on the sad height,
 Curse, bless, me now with your fierce tears, I pray.
 Do not go gentle into that good night.
 Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

- Dylan Thomas

FEBRUARY MEETING:

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

 PLACE: Childrens' Theater of Altoona Area
 Public Library

DATE: Tuesday, FEBRUARY 29th

We will meet tonight at the Public Library. A color film - "Nature's Half Acre" - by Walt Disney will be shown at 8:00 P.M. This half hour film uses actual photos and time lapse photography to show the teeming life found in a small plot of land. It depicts the struggle for survival among insects and birds in the balance of nature. Also shown are survival techniques in winter.

We need to pull together more coming out of the winter solstice on into this year ahead. Our fourth Audubon Wildlife Film-Lecture is March 7th - a Tuesday. Support from our group for these films has been great but the community has not given the backing we had hoped for. Our regular monthly meetings have perhaps suffered in competition with the film outings. The executive committee meetings should be able to handle most of the business end of things, thus freeing our regular meeting nights for small programs, interchange of ideas, conversation and so forth. Please come to these meetings. Your support is needed to strengthen our organization. As Ruddyard Kipling said: "...the strength of the Pack is the Wolf, and the strength of the Wolf is the Pack."

THE MARCH FILM:

Harry Pederson will present his film - "Village Beneath the Sea" at the Altoona High School Auditorium at 8:00 P.M. March 7th (Tuesday). Number four in the five-film series, Mr. Pederson's film takes us to the underworld villages of the Bahamas. Sea villages or communities are to be seen in this work of a well-known undersea photographer. Mr. Pederson has done footage for a number of Disney films.

Bring a friend. Tickets to be sold at the door. Doors open at 7:00 P.M. There is parking in the library and Vo-Tech lots.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT: 1971

January 2nd, a Sunday, wet, a chilling day. Rain all morning and afternoon. A poor day to be out for the count. Early morning at Culp the crows came by. They're always the first. Jack Hancock, John McCall, Earl Higgins and John Orr. Standing in the rain, seeing little in the darkness of that rain. The heavy overcast wracked out the sun. 31 total different species plus 4 more in the two week count period. The day was dull and snowless. Hard work made it 31 and a success. Wait till next Christmas! Lighter later with more coming out to count. Al Richardson, Charley Walton and Bill Murray covering the southern perimeter of our circle. Janet DeMuth, Mike and Margaret Chouko in the valley. Paul Luckner and his daughter Linda. Bill Anslinger. Katherine and Fred Everts - all of these people in the valley on foot, in cars and at feeders. Beautiful views of pileated woodpeckers in pairs. Red-bellied woodpeckers in number. Red-breasted nuthatch, brown creeper in Greenwood creeping up a brick wall. Crows chasing two pigeons. A "white-tailed hawk" (?) No redpolls, no siskins. Not even 50 horned larks - our favorite count bird. Few mourning doves. Few of anything overall. No turkeys, a few grouse, two pheasants. The covered dish supper was at the Grange Hall again. No owls. See you next year when it is snowy and the sun is shining and the horned larks are feeding on the manure!

JANUARY'S MEETING

Thanks to Earl Higgins, program chairman, who arranged with the Game Commission to have "The Wood Duck" for the January meeting. An outstanding color film on the life cycle of the wood duck. Great film!

SPRING FIELD TRIPS

It has been suggested that we take one or two field trips in April or May - places mentioned have been Trough Creek State Park and the Rays-town Dam bottomlands that are to be flooded.

"American Birds" SUBSCRIPTION

\$5.00/year will bring you "American Birds", the Audubon Journal of bird study. Two years for \$9.00. April, 1972, now in preparation, will publish more than 950 Christmas Bird Counts. The address: National Audubon Society 950 Third St., New York, N.Y. 10022.

STATE COLLEGE BIRD CLUB LIST

We recently received a list from the State College Bird Club of the species seen for the entire year 1971 and for the Christmas Count. 230 species seen within a 25 mile radius. 50 species seen on Count. 230 is a pretty high number of different birds to be seen in Central Pa. in one year. John Orr has the list if anyone would like to see it.

WINTER BIRDS

Let us know what you see of significance. (943-5629) Al Richardson had 15 redpolls at his feeder Feb. 27th. John Orr has had 26 redpolls at one time; 15 mourning doves, field sparrow, wh.-throated sparrow, song sparrow, tree sparrow, purple grackle and evening grosbeaks at his feeder.

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To:

7:30 P.M. - MEETING TONIGHT - 7:30 P.M.

VILLAGE BENEATH THE SEA: Tuesday, March 7th, AAHS Auditorium: 8:00 P.M.