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On Extinction

When a man loses the face to face contact with a primary social group he loses contact with himself. We can only renew our own self image as we reflect it in the eyes and mind of others.

Let us renew these bonds of humanness and mutual goals in a revival of our group. Like the passenger pigeon and the bald eagle, we of the Juniata Audubon are in danger of extinction.

I recall a small bit of a love poem that hints at our situation - "his not loves passing that hurts my days, but that it went in little ways."

Our young and fragile group is held together only by a thin thread from each of us and as we allow that thread to snap we weaken the fiber of a dream, an effort, a source of direction for many.

We need desperately your voice, your presence and your constructive understanding as we re-strengthen this organization. For it is either this concerted effort or the feeling upon your conscience that this venture failed because you did not help.

Let us not look too long in the rear-view mirror but with both hands firmly on the wheel lets get this club going.

Attend the meetings. Speak your mind about your problems. Offer the leadership and hard work that this association of concerned people needs.

This is a letter to myself, a reminder of my obligations and responsibilities and a pledge to give this Juniata Audubon group one more sincere effort.

Semi active member
Dallas Webb

P.S. "If the shoe fits —"

The March Meeting

DATE: March 28th Tuesday (Last Tuesday of the month)

TIME: 7:30 P.M. (Ninth day of spring)

PLACE: Childrens' Theater of the Altoona Area Public Library

Our March meeting is an important one. Let us get together. The meetings have always been informal and often have been interesting. We will have elections. Spring field trips will be discussed. A short film "The Grand Canyon", featuring the naturalist Joseph Wood Krutch, will be shown.

Spring Elections

The nominating committee has prepared the following slate of officers for consideration by the group

President: Earl Higgins	Recording Secretary:
Vice-President: Al Richardson	Margaret Chonko
Treasurer: Truth Close	

Nominations may be made from the floor Tuesday night, March 28th.

Lobelia cardinalis

Walter Deckerhoff of R.D. Claysburg, Pa. 16625 tells us that he was fortunate last summer in finding and photographing one beautiful specimen of a pure white cardinal flower. It was growing among many of the natural red variety. Has anyone else ever found such a white specimen?

The May Film

May 8th - a Monday - the last film of the 1971-72 series will be shown in the auditorium of the Altoona Area High School. Starting time is 8:00 P.M. Thomas A. Sterling will present to us his film "Twentieth Century Wilderness", an introduction to many varieties of wilderness Habitat. Mr. Sterling's film covers many areas of the country. This film needs an extra effort! Can we give a last big push? Invite friends. Spread the publicity to individuals and to groups. Come yourselves to a great film. If you liked the films we have been able to present show your support. Mike Chonko has pointed out that each film has people attending who are new and, of course, those coming who are season followers of the series. If all the different people came on one night we would have a large crowd. Please back your films. We are not able to sponsor a full series next year but might carry one show if there is an interest and demand for it.

LeVan House

It was a house!

Environmental Council

A council of representatives from all environmentally concerned groups might be able to preserve "that what we gots left here". John Orr is interested in translating this idea into action. (943-5629)

Reservoir Birds

Now is an ideal time to catch ducks and other birds passing through at the reservoirs and lakes. Mill Run and the Horseshoe Curve areas are good places to look. Truth Close saw over 100 whistling swans at Glendale. Mike and Margaret Chonko saw swans there and at the Tipton reservoir. Shawnee is supposed to be another good place to see water-fowl. (To catch swans play Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake" or use a swan net)

Student Membership: A Gift

At \$6.00, the student membership is a bargain. It makes a good graduation gift for high school or college students. The magazine is worth almost that sum alone.

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