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I am pessimistic about the human race because it is too ingenious for its own good. Our approach to nature is to beat it into submission. We would stand a better chance of survival if we accommodated ourselves to this planet and viewed it appreciatively instead of skeptically and dictatorially.

- E.B. White

The April Meeting

DATE: April 25th  
 TIME: 7:30 P.M.  
 PLACE: Childrens' Theater of the Altoona Area Public Library  
 PROGRAM: "The Way of the Trout"

Trout Unlimited has given the Public Library a new film on its namesake - "The Way of the Trout" - a 30 minute color film portraying its life cycle. This will be a very informative presentation. It is an excellent film.

Hoping again for a nice turnout at this meeting. We have all been thinking how nice it would be for our group to have its own building - our own private headquarters. Keep eyes posted for such a place. It would be ideal. In the meantime, the library is a fine place to meet. It is centrally located, easy to find, and the staff are very helpful to us. (This is National Library Week! Let's support our library!) Our new president, Earl Higgins, will take over the operation of this meeting. Everybody is urged to give him the fullest support.

New Officers

Tuesday, March 28th the following officers were elected:

President: Earl Higgins - RD#1 Box 100 Tyrone, Pa. 16686  
 684-0350  
 Al Richardson - Box 39 Sylvan Dr. Hollidaysburg, Pa.  
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Congratulations to an able group of leaders!

May Banquet

It was decided at March's meeting to hold a banquet-meeting our last time together before summer. Tuesday, May 30th is the last Tuesday of the month and will be the date of this affair.

Alan Miller has told us he will be our guest and speaker for this dinner. Alan is Field Representative for Audubon in the Mid-Atlantic States Region. He was instrumental in getting our branch started and is our man-in-the-field. We will be glad to see Alan again. He is an excellent speaker!

This event is open to all members, their friends, and children. Any friends of Audubon are most welcome to attend. Tentatively the banquet is planned for Chilcoat's. (It's pretty definite) This restaurant is familiar to most all - located on Rt 220 near Newry. They serve family style - adult \$ 3.50 each - children up to 11 yrs old \$2.50 each. Everybody come! Send in your reservation now. 6:30 P.M. is the time.

Our Last Film: Twentieth Century Wilderness

"The Last Picture Show". A great film - our last - May 8th at 8:00 P.M. Our old plea: Bring a friend. Did you enjoy the previous film-lectures? If so, show support May 8th at the Altoona High School auditorium. Tom Sterling will appreciate a good audience. Let's not

disappoint him. Have you ever seen a Blackfooted ferret? Are there any alive in the world today? We can ask Mr. Sterling. He's got one in his film for us.

#### Audubon Magazine

Are you looking for a good graduation gift for the student interested in nature and the environmental movement? Give Audubon. For \$6.00 one can get the magazine as well as the student membership. Write to Audubon in New York City. They will arrange a special gift announcement for your needs. Help youth get involved with our group.

#### May Field Trip

A spring field trip is scheduled for May 21st to Trough Creek State Park. Meet at 1:30 PM at the Merkelburg Firehall on Rt. 26 south of Huntingdon. Or - meet at 2:00 at the Trough Creek Park parking lot. The second meeting place is for those who (think) they know the way there. This will be a new place to visit for a good many of us. A good time for flowers and birds - and other things of natural interest.

#### Earth Week Report

The third year of the earth activities - the day or week devoted to extra emphasis on our environmental problems - has seen a small scale effort at education and change. Classes specifically at Altoona Area High School have been working quietly at projects relating to subject matter. No big all day assemblies. Films were shown last week, speakers came to classes from the community, a small group continued a good, healthful tradition of walking in to school Friday morning and a natural foods workshop was held all day Thursday, an event that proved to be a hit with students. A student group at Altoona Area High is working to solve a big problem pertinent to them - namely the air and noise pollution coming from Rt. 764, a state highway, commonly known as 6th & 7th Avenues, that run through the school complex. The students hope to bring attention and change to this deplorable situation. There seems to be some evidence that individuals and classes are thinking more and more on an "earth year" basis although there are plenty of times when one wonders just what makes our society act the way it does. We must all become good psychologists, I suppose, to better understand this problem. Ask Dallas about his troubles relating to the Peoples' Park for an example of the ever present problem. Think positive! It is one way to stay afloat through a troubled time.

- John Hunter Orr

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