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Who'll Ride With Me?

Who'll ride with me in the gypsy weather,
 (Youth held lightly is Youth held fast!)
 Light and light as a white owl's feather,
 Till we win to the world's last edge at last?

Who'll ride with me to the ultimate faring,
 (Dream held sorely is dream held long!)
 Till the winds are knives in the teeth of our daring,
 And the last, lone star is a thin-spun song?

For what is youth but a coin to squander,
 (Youth spent lightly is aze deferred!)
 And what is Dream but a voice out yonder,
 And what is Life but a flying bird?

- Wade Oliver

OCTOBER MEETING:

Earl Higgins will give a talk and film presentation Tuesday evening on the gypsy moth - its affect on the forests in Pennsylvania and its status locally. This insect is a timely object of concern and study. Earl says the film is a new one put out by the state and is very informative.

TIME; 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: Childrens' Theater of the Altoona Public Library

DATE: Tuesday, October 30th

Blair County Arts Foundation Fair

Saturday November 10th the BCAF will host a fair of arts and crafts and the works or products of many county groups. The fair is to be in the Hollidaysburg Senior High School cafeteria and will run all day. Our group has decided to take a space in the exhibition, offering our image and a few of our members' handicrafts.

Anyone who can offer items that could be sold or displayed in this exhibit should bring them to the October 30th meeting or take them directly to the high school November 10th. Such items as bird houses (for sale or display), pine cone crafts, bird feeders,....nature crafts, etc. etc. Anything - items or ideas - are most welcome. Don't hesitate to get into this fair for it will be a way of helping Audubon. We hope to make a little profit from sales - so as to offset our debt from the film series.

Call Margaret Chonko at 942-8070 for more information and answers to any questions you might have about this event.

Kirtland Warbler Census

The 1973 census of the Kirtland's warbler, an extremely endangered species on which National Audubon has funded research, shows a gain over 1972's precarious low count. The increase, while not substantial, does not reflect the fact that a good many first-year warblers do not breed and therefore don't get counted. There were 201 singing males recorded in 1971, 200 in 1972, and 216 in 1973. The warblers, also known as jack-pine warblers, nest only in a small part of northern lower Michigan and winter in the Bahamas, where National Audubon conducts a seasonal study on the birds. Michigan Audubon has been working for 25 years to save the species.