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A wise old owl lived in an oak,
The more he saw, the less he spoke;
The less he spoke, the more he heard;
Why can't we all be like that bird?

- Anonymous
(U.S. Post Office poster)

Owls are Great! Get your owl stamps at the post office! The new commemorative stamps are beautiful. They are part of the wildlife conservation series. The four owls are: (a) great gray owl (northern coniferous forests); (b) earless saw-whet owl (usually nests in tree cavities in northern states); (c) barred owl (lives in swamps and deeply wooded areas in states east of the Rockies); (d) great horned owl (inhabitant of timbered regions throughout the U.S.)

Audubon Camp in Connecticut - the October Meeting

DAY: Tuesday - October 31st.

PLACE: 28th Street Church of the Brethren/Altoona, Pa.
- Union Ave. & 28th St.-

TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PROGRAM: Peggy Goodman will present a talk and slide show on her July 1978 experience at the Audubon Ecology Workshop in Greenwich, Connecticut. Peggy is a member of our group and is the first from our area to go to one of these workshop-camps. She is very enthusiastic about the program and will share with us all that happened there and is now in the works.

Notes on One Thing or the Other:

A Sand County Almanac, Aldo Leopold's famous and important book, will be reviewed November 1st at 12:30 p.m. by Dr. John Lemox, Asst. Professor of Microbiology at the Altoona Campus. Box lunches are available if wanted - \$1.00. Call the Public Library at 946-0417 by 5:00 p.m. Oct. 31st. if you want a lunch. The review will be given in the theater on the ground level.

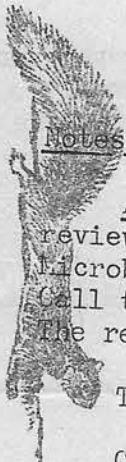
Tree stamps available. A set of four beautiful commemoratives now out.

Christmas Bird Count: Sunday, December 17th. Bird Count and executive committee meeting combined at John Orr's - Dec. 3rd at 2:00 p.m. (943-5629) 3001 4th Avenue / Altoona, Pa.

Christmas gifts: great suggestion! Give someone a membership to Audubon. Send in now to New York. They will furnish a beautiful gift card announcing the gift membership. Call Iran Burgoon, our membership chairman if you need help or more details on this. (695-5857).

Treasurer's Report: as of October 17th, 1978 - \$636.14 in bank
553.64 in savings acct.
\$1,189.78 total

Alaska Lands Bill - not voted on. Call Alaska Coalition (1-202-547-5550) for latest reports and advice on whom to write. Costs only \$.40 if you call after 11:00 p.m. Congress adjourned with no action on the bill. President Carter, it is believed, now has a clear mandate to protect these natural areas through action on the part of the administration.



Audubon Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Truth Close's / 1016 23rd Avenue, Altoona, Pa. November 13th.

Bluebirds Sighted Fran, Mary and Sean Burgoon saw three bluebirds near the headquarters of the Raystown State Park on October 22nd.

Mary Shippey Nominated Mary has been nominated by our group for the one position now open on the board of directors of the Blair County Soil. and Water Conservation District.

Christmas Bird Count Report The July 1978 issue of American Birds is devoted entirely to the count report. The '78 report is as usual quite large. Anyone wanting to see it can do so by contacting John Orr (943-5629) by phone or at a meeting. We are in it under "Culp, Pa."

Door Prizes Each monthly meeting will see the awarding of two door prizes: an Audubon key chain and a bird print.

The September Meeting: Al Burd gave another of his great slide shows on the four seasons of Fort Koberdeau. Nearly 40 people turned out for this meeting/outing. It was dark early but there was time for a good walk along the trails. Many people have said that an annual September meeting - and maybe a spring one, too - would be great out there. This may turn out to be a change in our scheduling. Al's slide presentation will be duplicated for use by our group in spreading the word on this outstanding outdoor ed center. The development of the old Kiwanis Farm property into a nature center has to be one of the most exciting and valuable things we've been working on since becoming an Audubon branch.

Nature Stationery and Note Sale All remaining stationery will be sold at cost or 50% off at the Oct. 31st meeting.

Audubon Patch Contest Draw up a sketch in pen and ink or color of a pertinent logo or insignia for our JVAS. It should be a standard size shoulder type patch. A number of people are anxious to have a good patch made with our name and identifying symbol on it. Submit sketches to Bill Rosevear.

In Memoriam

We are all saddened so much by the passing away of Bill Borland this month. Our deepest feelings of sympathy go to his wife, Ann, who is our secretary. As a small expression of our feeling for her and in remembrance of Bill we are giving a book on nature to the Altoona Area Public Library.

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