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NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING ** MARCH 24, 1971

The next meeting of the SOUTH SHORE CHAPTER, NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY, will be held on Wednesday, March 24, 1971, at the Baldwin Public Library, Grand Avenue between Merrick Road and Sunrise Highway, at 8:15 P.M.

The program, given by Leo and Fidelus Romalowski, will be:-

Rare and Common Rocks and Minerals
Where and How to Find Them

Our last meeting was at the Freeport Memorial Library where the start of our Audubon Shelf was on display. Mike Smiles gave an informative talk on Oceanic Ecology pointing out that ecology is never eliminated. It just changes and not always for the worse. He presented a movie on Mediterranean Sea Life filmed by the French and narrated in English - a beautiful film crammed with information. Thank you, Mike?

The Environmental Council of Melverne has issued a letter that we feel is so worthwhile that we are presenting it in its entirety:

"Dear Friends,

"At our meeting in February we concentrated on areas that only we can change. If we succeed in changing our own patterns we can with more validity ask for change by others.

"The disposal of solid waste is important. Our land-fill areas will soon be used up. Our water resources are important as we live on an island. While we continue to explore more efficient methods of

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salvaging paper goods, cans, and bottles for re-cycling, we ask that you do the following:

- PAPER -- Save newspapers, magazines, flattened cardboard boxes, junk mail, etc.
Tie in bundles. (A 36" stack saves a tree!!)
Deliver - there is a truck behind Bohack's the first Saturday and Sunday of each month; one at Pat's Market 2nd Thursdays.
(Or sell them - See Yellow Pages - Waste)
- CANS -- (Other than aluminum)
Save, rinse out, remove tops and bottoms, if possible, flatten. We are arranging for drop off sites.

BOTTLES AND ALUMINUM CANS --
After March 20 Coca Cola Bottling Works, Brush Hollow Road, Jericho, will accept all non-returnable bottles. We are arranging local drop off sites.

Paper, glass and metal make up 63% of solid waste in Nassau. We can reduce this and save trees and minerals.

WATER RESOURCES --
Buy laundry detergents without phosphates, NTA, or enzymes. Manufacturers are responding to the public. Support their efforts.

Use white paper goods. Dyes pollute our waters.

WRITE LETTERS to Mr. Ralph G. Case, County Executive
1 West Street
Mineola, New York, #11501

Ask him to consider tertiary treatment facilities as an alternative to proposed ocean outfall of sewage. Tell him that Nassau residents are opposed to having phosphate detergents used here.

GOOD NEWS:-

JOYCE KLIMER MEMORIAL FOREST will be spared by road builders!

The Town of Oyster Bay announces plans to have an oil spill Task Force and will be alert for oil slicks of any size within 100 miles of the shore. They will be contained, cleaned up and disposed of. Wild fowl will be preserved by cleaning! We recommend that Oyster Bay contact Dr. James L. Naviaux, Pleasant Hill, San Francisco, who has become an authority on the cleaning and care of oil coated birds.

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Jamaica Bay has strong support from the National Academy of Science for keeping Kennedy Runway Extension out. But write to your State Assemblyman for legislation to make the Bay untouchable! In the meantime, National Gateway is still very much alive, says Secretary Rogers C. B. Morton.

DON'T BUY "Bohac's No-Phosphate" or "Ecolo-G" or laundry detergents of North American Chemical Corporation. They have been condemned by the Food and Drug Administration as "extremely dangerous".

National Re-cycling Industries, Inc., a consortium of firms in the business of garbage collection and disposal, architectural design, engineering and plant fabrication have submitted a plan for the total re-cycling of all waste. They plan to make money! Three Cheers! If garbage is profitable, we may see faster progress than was anticipated.

BIRDING NOTES:-

Field Trip - February 28th, Parking Lot #4, Jones Beach

Luckily, the day of this trip was warm and beautiful, although windy. Starting from the parking lot we knew we would have a great day by the sight of a flock of snow geese overhead. Around the fishing station - Horned Grebe, Lesser Scaup, Common Merganser caught our eyes and we had some nice views with our scopes.

Unfortunately, no owls were sighted. Both the Sparrow and Marsh Hawks were flying above us.

All in all, it was a great day with some unusual birds - total count 22.

Rick Bierman, Mike Smiles, Karen Fielding, Elliott Kutner, Alvin Friedman, Bert Linder, Margaret Keller, Charles Keller and your reporter, Laurie Mass, made up the group.

NEXT TRIPS: March 21st - West End Beach, Jones Beach
March 28th - Tobay Sanctuary
April 4th - Jamaica Bay

All trips start at 10 A.M. and no trips in the rain.

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STUDENT COALITION FORMED

The Nassau County Student Coalition comprised of 24 environment groups in Nassau County has been formed to work on New York areas. Meetings are held once a month at Adelphi University. For information or for any group wishing to affiliate, contact Laurie Mass at Iv.1 -.6588.

We thank Laurie Mass for her contributions. Your Bulletin Editor appeals for more. Please send contributions to: Ass. L. Starkweather, 101 Lexington Ave., Malverne, L.I. #11565.

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