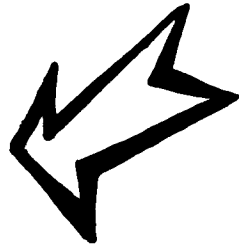


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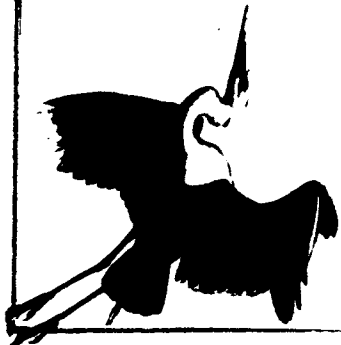


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— NEXT MEETING —

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 - FREEPORT LIBRARY

Please note the dates of the October and November meetings. Both will be on Thursday. This change was necessary because of confusion of room reservations. All other meetings will be on our regular 2nd Tuesday.

In October Adrian Dignan of the Baldwin Bird Club will return to show us more of his slides. Those of us who were at the March meeting (in spite of weather) and saw his slides of butterflies, birds, and wildflowers will look forward enthusiastically to seeing more of these wonderful slides. Those who were not at the March meeting, have real pleasure in store.



Our September meeting was both serious and interesting. We had several guests from the Great South Bay Chapter, including their enthusiastic President, who had come to hear Senator Smith. Senator Smith outlined the basic points of Proposition #1 for the purification of air and water; and made a strong appeal to conservation groups to advertise the bill by word of mouth. Since the Committee has little money, there is nothing for promotion and it is counting on conservation groups and conservation-minded people to promote this bill and insure its passage in November.

ENVIRONMENTAL BONDS SUPPORTED

Mineola - The Nassau County Planning Commission has voted unanimously to support the proposed 1.15-billion state environmental bond issue that will be on the ballot in November. The five-member commission said Nassau needs its share of the money to fight air, water and solid waste pollution and to preserve open space and wetlands.

"Newsday, Sept. 12, 1972"



"Ecology is an ego trip for many people. Do something about it - stop repeating litanies! Care about our environment."

- NOTICE RE NEWSLETTER -

We hope you noticed that in September you received your Newsletters very early. We hope to continue this policy during the coming year - namely, to mail the Newsletters on the 1st of the month. If we are to keep this schedule, we must also have a deadline for news items. We have set this deadline as the 10th of the month. Any article received after this date will be printed in the following newsletter.

Secondly, we hope to put out a Newsletter every month this year. Some will, of course, be short, and will take the place of the postcard notices. If we are to do this, we will need material - from everyone! You don't need to be a writer, or other genius. What's happening in your own backyard? Is there something we would all enjoy from your summer - home or otherwise? Can you draw? Black and white line drawings for fill-ins will be needed. Do you read magazines or newspapers - cut out a black and white picture. What about reading a book from our Library collection? A short review might interest someone else in the same book. Let's make it "our" Newsletter. We will try if you will help with articles.

Miriam E. Raynor, Editor
Dorothy Lovering, Assistant

FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are all aware of the plans of Horizon Corporation to develop a 24,300-acre second-home community in St. Lawrence County within Adirondack Park.

The proposed development threatens the "forever wild" concept upon which the Park is based, and poses significant pollution problems in a wildlife-rich region famed for its unique scenic, historic, and natural values.

WE CAN ALL DO SOMETHING:

Write Executive Director Harry St. Daniels, Adirondack Park Agency, P.O.Box #99, Ray Brook, N.Y. #12977, urging the area be preserved. Send copies to Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, Albany, N.Y., and to Horizon Corporation, 4400 E. Broadway Blvd., P.O. Box #5634, Tucson, Ariz.85703.

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MORE ON THE BOND ISSUE:

For those of you who would like further information on the Bond issue in a form which can be understood easily, may we refer you to the August-September issue of the (New York State) Conservationist. In the center supplement, the whole issue is clearly summarized, but not to the point of leaving out the meaningful details. And, as an added bonus, this issue is devoted to Long Island as well. It should be available in libraries.

We can thank Wendy Zeh for bringing this to our attention, although too late to condense for this Newsletter - but, on second thought, you would probably do better to read it in its original form anyway. We hope you will.

"What do I care about the killing of mustangs in Colorado? I came here to see birds." It's too bad about oil spills in Monterey. But our beaches are still oil-free; let the Californians worry about theirs." "So Horizon Corp. wants to subdivide part of the Adirondacks Park. I'll probably never go there." "It's a shame about that Alaska pipeline. But, after all, nobody lives there." "Those power plants really seem to pollute the Four Corners area. Still, it is far away."

Such remarks are frequently heard. But the world, as we so often hear, is constantly getting smaller. If we submit to the slaughter of mustangs in Colorado, can we protect snowy owls here? If we do not protest oil drilling off California, can we prevent it here? If we surrender the Adirondacks to the developers, can we save our wetlands? If we acquiesce in the despoliation of the Alaska wilderness, can we save it anywhere? If we are not concerned about the befouling of the air in the Southwest who will be concerned with the further befouling of ours?

Conservation, and the protection of the environment, is today's most pressing need. The fight to preserve it is the good fight! But it is far more than that; in the final analysis it is a battle of self-interest, a defense of our way of life. Environmentalists have been called selfish - in a sense we are. For our cause is to preserve and enhance the quality of life for our enjoyment as well as the enjoyment of all. Whoever poisons a coyote or shoots an eagle kills a part of us; whoever befouls the air or the beaches, or destroys the wilderness, or turns America's public lands over to the special interests, robs us and our children of a part of our natural heritage. The coyote and the eagle will be dead forever; the wilderness and the open spaces gone forevermore. We are the vanguard of the army - if we give up the crusade it will be lost forevermore.

LEGISLATIVE ALERT

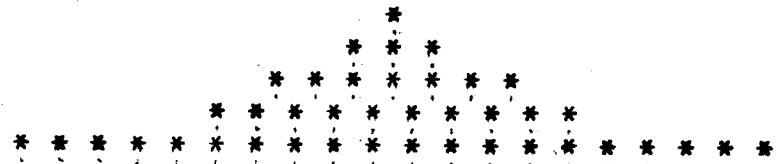
Congress has done admirable work on reaching a compromise bill which protects ocean mammals. It's main points are:

- 1) Tighten import restrictions on ocean mammal products. This includes prohibiting the importation of infant "whitecoat" Canadian harp seals whose slaughter has been well publicized.
- 2) Set a 15-year moratorium on the taking of whales, seals, sea otters, dolphins, polar bears, sea lions, manatees, and walruses. An exception would allow the taking of bachelor 3 to 4-year old male seals that are surplus to reproduction needs. Also, Alaskan fur seals may be taken by indigenous natives as long as the herd does not become an endangered species.
- 3) Issue class permits to tuna fishermen to require use of fishing methods that would reduce the taking of dolphins to a minimum. Present fishing methods for tuna kill hundreds of thousands of dolphins annually.

It still may not be too late to voice your opposition to the National Land Policy, planning and Management Act of 1972 (H.R. #7211). Briefly, this bill threatens the entire structure of the nation's public land system. It would open the door to potential abuse of public lands by grazing, timber-cutting and mineral extraction. National Parks, Forests, and Wildlife Refuge Systems could be threatened with disposal to private interests. There are many dubious aspects of this bill which cannot be mentioned here due to space limitations. All major conservation groups oppose this bill, especially

Conservation News

In the August 31st issue of News-Day your Editor noted that the Glen Cove Conservation Commission held its first fall meeting to consider noise pollution on Dosoris Pond. Seems there is a trap and skeet range across from the pond, operated by the Matinecock Rod and Gun Club. Residents say the noise is so loud "it disrupted conversation, television and children's sleep". "You can't hear yourself drive a nail", said another resident. That pond has been designated by the city as a bird sanctuary, yet it is said "noise from the discharge of firearms would not affect nesting birds". We know different! Let us hope the City Commission, who have the power to order the gun club to stop the shooting, will do so. Nesting birds NEED quiet - certainly not the noise of firearms, to successfully raise families.



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From Ethel Mines:

FOR NATURALISTS AMATEUR OR PROFESSIONAL:

The Hunter College Concert Bureau is running a film series of five nature and wildlife color film programs in conjunction with the National Audubon Society. John Douglas Bulger 's film "Sweden" will open the series on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 7:45 p.m. Narration by leading Audubon Society photographer-naturalists will accompany the films. Others in the series are Tom Sterling's "Twentieth Century Wilderness", Oct. 16, "Kentucky Out-of-Doors", Nov. 20, Charles T. Hotchkiss' "Exploring Big Bend", Jan. 31, and "Wildlife Safari", March 24. Subscription tickets are \$3. for students and \$4. for the rest of us. They are available at the Hunter College Concert Bureau, 695 Park Ave., New York City, N.Y., 10021. Single tickets are available and can also be obtained through Ticketron outlets. The films will be shown in the Hunter College Assembly Hall.

(Printed in Teachers Union Newsletter -
New York City and
New York State)



DEADLINE - NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER - OCT.10th

2 -Legislative Alert

since two other land policy bills in the Senate (S. #632, S. #2401) are considered to be constructive alternatives to H.R. #7211. Time is critical, if not too late by the time you read this. This bill has been pending for several months now and could be acted upon at any time. Write your congressman immediately and let him know that you oppose H.R. #7211. The address is:

The Honorable _____
House Office Building
Washington, D.C. #20515

The Ullman Bill, H.R. #13720, deserves your strong support. It would clear up the uncertainty of tax-exempt organizations' restrictions on legislative activity. This bill would permit public interest organizations such as the National Audubon Society to use up to 20% of their annual revenues to influence legislation. We ask you to write your Congressman to support this bill since it directly affects your organization's tax status. It is also important to contact Rep. Wilbur Mills, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, to express your support of H.R. #13720.

Mike Smiles, Chairman
Legislation, Conservation



Deadline, November Newsletter -
OCTOBER 10th

FROM THE BIRDING FRONT:

OCTOBER BIRD WALKS

All bird walks start at 10:00 A.M. and last about 2 hours. No walk if it rains, snows, or the temperature is 25 degrees or below.

- October 1 - Quogue - Meet 9:00 A.M.
Southern State Parkway Gas
Station at Exit #27 - Wantagh
Bring lunch.
- October 8 - Jamaica Bay - Meet at en-
trance parking lot
- October 15 - West End, Jones Beach
Parking Field #2
- October 22 - Cedar Beach
- October 29 - Short Beach, Jones Beach
West End - Parking Field #2

Elliott Kutner
Chairman, Birding
516 Iv.6 - 7667

What You don't know
You can always learn.

The more you know the more
you want to know!

Every bird-walk gives you
another chance!

GUIDED NATURE WALK

What better way to spend a Saturday morning than to take a guided nature walk along a local woodland trail?

To encourage the greater knowledge and appreciation of local natural areas, the Lyman Langdon Chapter of the Audubon Society, in co-operation with the Nassau County Department of Recreation and Parks, will be conducting guided nature walks on county preserve and park lands on successive weekends this fall.

On Saturday, October 7, will find a group walking the wooded section of Christopher Morley Park in Roslyn. And on October 14 the Mutton-town Park and Preserve will be the scene of the guided tour.

The walks will be led by members of the Lyman Langdon Audubon Chapter who will point out and explain various aspects of the fields and woodlands and their wildlife.

All walks will meet in the facility parking lots at 9 a.m. and will last one and one-half to two hours. There is no fee. Participants are advised to wear comfortable clothing and shoes and to bring binoculars and guidebooks.



Wild Birds
Need Your Care