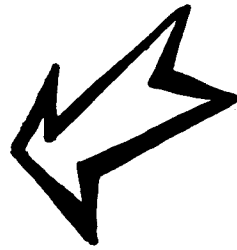


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Welcome back! From what we hope was a good summer for all; and we hope with renewed vigor for the problems ahead - (see "From the President", p. 2).

It's the beginning of a new year and fresh beginnings. But for the South Shore Audubon Chapter, it's the beginning of the third year of our organization; and a beginning for our first slate of elected officers. We are now no longer a fledgling group, but have grown our wings.

Our first meeting will start off on a purposeful note - air and water pollution. Senator Bernard Smith of Northport, a member of the State Senate Conservation Committee, will be our guest; and will speak on the proposed \$1.15 billion Air and Water Purification bill.

And for those who missed our dinner meeting in June, our first two years ended on a very happy note. Thanks to the efforts of the Kellers, plans for the dinner at King's Castle in Lynbrook could not have gone more smoothly; and judging by the capacity crowd and noisy sociability, we think we cannot be wrong in saying that our first dinner meeting was a real success.

WATER HAS NO PRICE

Your June 16 edition contained a report by George DeWan on a hearing, conducted by the State Department of Environmental Conservation, on a proposed state policy on water resources management. The main item of the proposed plan would require Long Island to either recycle 50% of treated sewage water underground by Jan. 1, 1982, or maintain the 1954 level of "significant" ponds and streams and the average 1966 levels of the water table.

In his article DeWan quoted me as saying: "If these programs can prevent the deterioration of our water and the reduction of our water table, I would be willing to pay any amount of money required." As this statement was taken out of context, and the preceding reference to costs cited only in part, I feel it is vital to clarify this important issue.

I spoke primarily in reply to a prepared statement by Nassau County Executive Caso, read for him by Commissioner of Public Works John Peters. Caso estimated that the state plan would cost approximately \$3.50 per \$100. assessed valuation, or \$280 a year for a home assessed at \$8,000. What the article did not mention was that Peters stated Nassau's plan would cost about half as much and bring

MALVERNE - Malverne Environmental Council, parking lot back of Malverne Theater, Hempstead Ave. Anytime for aluminum. The first, second and third weekends of the month, for paper, magazines tied separately - stack in trailer.

MASSAPEQUA - Highway Department Garage, Carman Hill Road (just south of Sunrise Highway), 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Aluminum cans.

MASSAPEQUA - Nassau Shore Civic Association at Mays Department Store, Sunrise Highway. Third Saturday of the month, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. (Except April when collection day is April 22.) Newspapers.

MERRICK - Merrick incinerator, 16 Merrick Road. 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. seven days per week. Aluminum, bottles, newspapers.

NEW HYDE PARK - Canada Dry Recycling Depot, corner of Lincoln and Denton Avenues. Saturday 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. All cans, bottles.

OLD BETHPAGE - Old Bethpage incinerator, Sweet Hollow and Round Swamp Roads. Anytime. Bottles, aluminum.

PORT WASHINGTON - Weber Junior High School, Port Washington Blvd. Monday through Friday, 9 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Aluminum.

ROCKVILLE CENTRE - Parking lot, Sunrise Highway, between Forest Ave. and Long Beach Road. Every Saturday morning 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. Bottles and glass, aluminum cans, bi-metal cans, aluminum foil.

ROSLYN - Incinerator, West Shore Road. Monday through Saturday, 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. Bottles, cans newspapers.

Please refer back - ◀



The following is a list of the Collection Centers for Re-Cycling in Nassau County - compiled as of March 1972:

EAST MEADOW - Hempstead Water Division headquarters, Prospect Avenue east of Newbridge Road. Monday through Saturday, 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. Bottles, Aluminum cans, newspapers.

EAST MEADOW - Christ the King Church, DeWolf Place and Fifth St. First weekend of the month, Friday 4 P.M. to Saturday noon. Paper, magazines, cardboard, rags, copper.

EAST WILLISTON - Wheatley School, Bacon Road, Old Westbury. On days when there is no curbside pickup. Paper.

GARDEN CITY PARK - North Hempstead Town incinerator on Denton Avenue. 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Newspapers, cans, bottles.

JERICHO - Coca Cola Company, Brush Hollow Road and Jericho Tpke. Organizations: By appointment during the week. Individuals: First Saturday of the month, 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Bottles, aluminum.

LEVITTOWN - Good Shepherd Church, 3434 Hempstead Turnpike. Anytime - side door. Paper.

LONG BEACH - Kennedy Plaza, Park Avenue. Every Saturday 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. for aluminum, bottles. Every third Saturday, 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. for paper.

about stabilization of the water table only after a considerable period of time and significantly below the present level. Peters admitted that this plan would further reduce our streams to about 30% of the present level, especially with the greatly added water loss that will be brought about by the addition of sewers and the dumping of the water in the ocean.

Thus, Caso's plan would still cost the owner of a home assessed at \$8,000 some \$140 a year, with no assurance of a continued adequate supply of pure water, whereas an additional \$140 would bring about a water table level somewhat better than we have today.

I pointed out in my statement that several eminent scientists have warned that unless speedy action is taken Long Island will be faced, in the near future, with an extremely grave water crisis, resulting in severe rationing or even the complete loss of potable drinking water.

We of the South Shore Audubon Society urge the adoption of the state plan as we feel that a further severe depletion of our streams and water table, with the concomitant damage to our beaches, wetlands and marine life, must be prevented at any reasonable cost. We are convinced that the taxpayers of Nassau, burdened as they are, would rather pay an additional tax of under \$3.00 a week than wake up one morning to find that, when they turn on their water taps, nothing comes out.

Albert H. Lemke, President
South Shore Audubon Society

Al's article is reprinted from
Newsday, 6/29/72

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Our South Shore Chapter of National Audubon, now entering our third year, has become in the past two first years a viable, growing organization - a credit to our founder and early guiding light, Alvin Friedman. But we cannot now rest on our good beginnings. We are still facing monumental tasks.

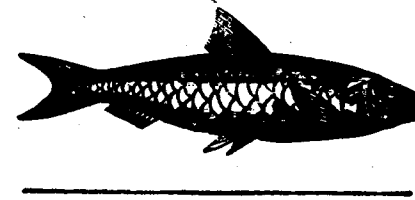
We are surrounded by despoilers who would sound the death knell to our rapidly deteriorating environment. Automobiles keep polluting our air - but the auto makers attempt to delay deadlines for emission control devices. Our waters keep getting dirtier, but chemical wastes and raw or inadequately treated sewage keeps pouring into them. Chemical companies and farmers are mounting a growing attack on the DDT ban, and the sheepmen create enough holes in legislation seeking to end the mass slaughter of eagles and predatory mammals to render the bills meaningless. The Federal Government is seeking to befoul our beaches and waterbirds with oil - and our Governor vetoes legislation designed to prevent it. Land developers attempt to subdivide the Adirondacks Park to bring in the "blessings" of congestion, and a bill in Congress would turn over our public lands in the West to the mining and forestry interests.

Our own Chapter will continue our bird walks, our nature slides and films, and share and enhance our enjoyment of our natural heritage. But we must never relent in our fight to preserve and improve our environment, or there may soon be no natural heritage to enjoy - no breathable air, no water fit for bathing or fishing, no birds, no wildlife.

Al Lemke

The White Amur lives in water cold enough to freeze but is also tolerant of water of 90 degrees. However, its spawning habits are one of its weaknesses. It must spawn in cold, fast-moving water, but its eggs are so delicate that few survive to become fish.

In spite of its apparent list of virtues, the Federal Government is going slow on introducing it in this country, well aware of other species introduced which have become nuisances. However, its praises sung by its enthusiastic supporters, make its potential value seem unbelievable.



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SYOSSET - Syosset High School, South Woods Road. Tuesdays from now to June 13, except April 4. Front door or school lobby until 11 A.M. Newspapers. In student parking lot on March 4, April 1, May 6 and June 3 - aluminum, bottles.

VALLEY STREAM - Ecology Committee of Forest Road P.T.A. Forest Road School parking lot. Last weekend of every month. Newspapers.

THE WHITE AMUR - SUPERFISH

To the uninitiated, White Amur (pronounced Ah-mer) could just be one more of those strange but supposedly authentic words in the weekly crossword puzzle. But to those who may have read the article in the January 1st issue of the National Observer, the White Amur is a fish of super-potential, mainly in pollution control.

The White Amur, a member of the Carp family and, therefore, a cousin to the goldfish, is a native of the Amur River which flows through Siberia and Manchuria. It is not considered there a dominant fish. Until recently, it has been largely ignored. However, since the mid-60's, it has been under increasing study by not only the Federal Government but by several leading Universities as a natural pollution control. The State of Arkansas, at present the Amur's most enthusiastic supporter and promoter, introduced the White Amur in 7,000-acre Lake Conway, a lake clogged with algae, and in less than a year, Lake Conway was cleaned, stripped of every trace of algae.

The White Amur's Latin name is *Ctenopharyngodon Idellus Valenciennes*, but to the rest of us, it is also known as the Siberian (or Chinese) grass-eating carp. It has a voracious appetite, eating up to 4 times its weight per day (adult fish weight 100 lbs. or more) and its major food is algae and other pond-clogging grasses. It appears to have many virtues, does not disturb other fish; in fact, may even benefit them because of the fact that food goes through its short gut so fast that the excrement is still in usable form for other species. It also has food value and is considered a good sport fish. It not only rivals beef in its protein content, but would be much cheaper to produce. Flavor-wise, it is reported to compare with the red snapper.



Conservation News

"IF Beasts and Birds Abound No More
and Fish Grow Scarce on Every Shore -
What Chance Have You and I, My Friend,
to Meet a Different Gladder End?"
Anonymous

Legislative Alert

This past summer has seen many environmental proposals being discussed in Congress. Hopefully, this portends of a continued strong "ecological" conscience in the thinking of our leaders in Washington. For example, bills that are being discussed cover subjects such as predator and pesticide control, public lands use, new wilderness designations, clean water, endangered species and Bald Eagle Protection.

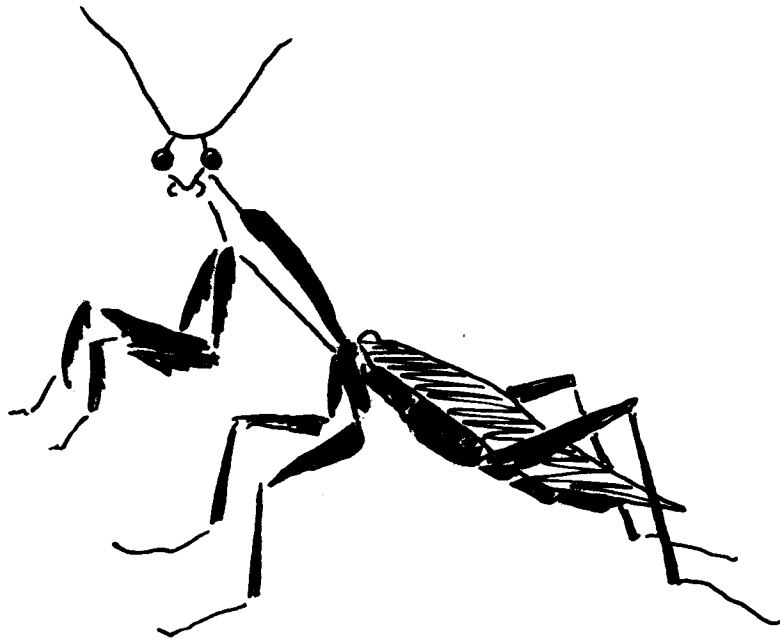
Since most of the hearings were held in July and August, it is a little late to write letters concerning specific bills. Due to editing deadlines for this first newsletter it is not possible to give any final determinations of these hearings. Since newsletters will now be coming out on a regular monthly basis, it will be the goal of this column to keep you alert to pending legislative action on conservation issues, so that you may send letters to the proper authorities expressing your viewpoint.



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There are many vested interests lobbying in the legislatures against conservation. As a concerned citizen, you may help overcome these lobbyists by intensive letter writing campaigns. Hopefully, this column may help to be the impetus for your letters.

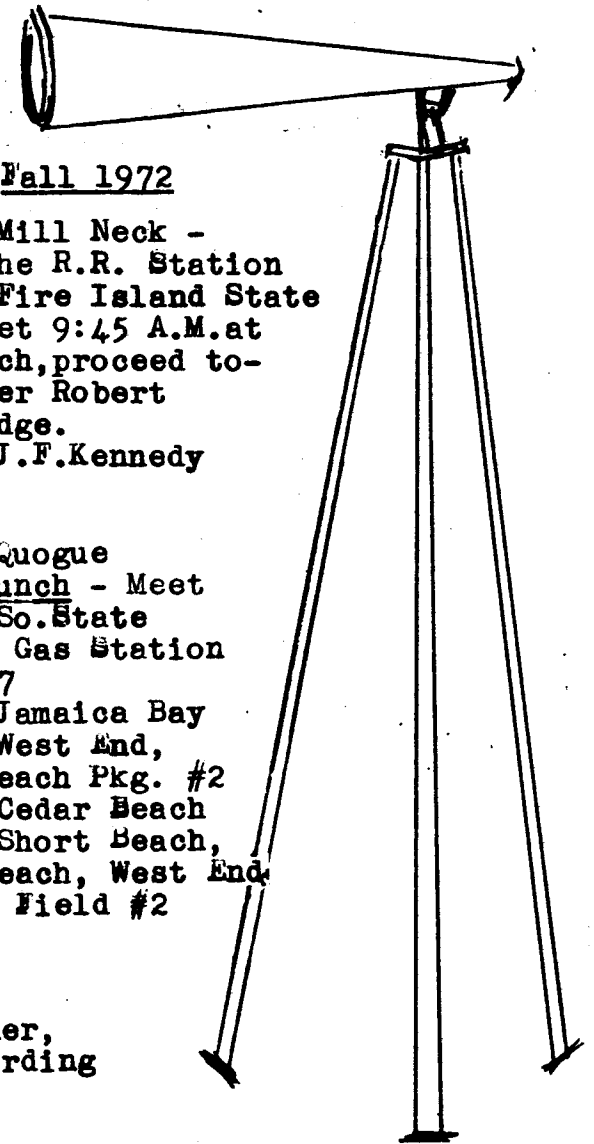
Mike Smiles
Chairman, Conservation



If you live in Maine, you can buy a non-toxic detergent at the Kennebunk Chemical Center with a prepaid label for return when empty for refilling and resale!

FROM THE BIRDING FRONT:

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



Bird Walks - Fall 1972

- September 10 - Mill Neck -
Meet at the R.R. Station
- September 17 - Fire Island State
Park - Meet 9:45 A.M. at
Cedar Beach, proceed to-
gether over Robert
Moses Bridge.
- September 24 - J.F.Kennedy
Sanctuary

- October 1 - Quogue
Bring Lunch - Meet
9 A.M. So. State
Parkway Gas Station
Exit #27
- October 8 - Jamaica Bay
- October 15 - West End,
Jones Beach Pkg. #2
- October 22 - Cedar Beach
- October 29 - Short Beach,
Jones Beach, West End,
Parking Field #2

Elliott Kutner,
Chairman, Birding