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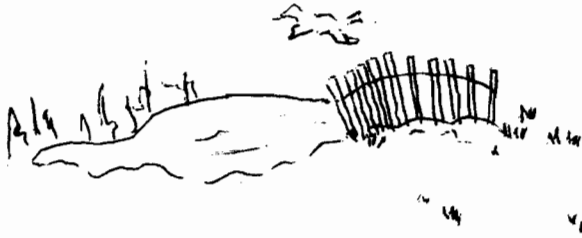
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In October Dr. Henry C. Courten did not show us his tentatively identified 10th planet because enlargements of one small area of sky would not show anything to an untutored eye. But he did show fascinating slides of eclipse watching in Siberia; Moscow watching in Russia; and eclipse watching in South America. Those who did not get to this meeting missed a most entertaining program.

On November 9th, we had one of our best meetings yet. Roland Hyler, Chairman of the Nassau County Commission on Environmental Quality, spoke for 15 minutes on the development of parkland on the original plains at Mitchell Field; and the dangers of oil drilling off the Long Island Coast. Richard L. Overgaard, Community Relations Assistant to Congressman Lent, spoke for Norman Lent and affirmed his opposition to the Atlantic oil drilling; to the 12 1/2% oil import allotment which keeps oil and gasoline prices up and creates an artificial justification for drilling for more oil, and to the favored status given to the oil industry in the United States. He outlined three bills Mr. Lent has entered in Congress in the hope of generating support to correct these conditions. Cont. on p.#4

NEXT MEETING - DECEMBER 14

8:15 P. M.



Freeport Memorial Library, Merrick Rd., Freeport

Elliott Kutner will present his excellent color motion pictures, "Birds in My Backyard", and "Birds at Jamaica Bay". These are remarkable films and a great program for you and your children to enjoy. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.



On January 11th the program will be the National Audubon Society film on "The Bald Eagle".

DON'T NEGLECT TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

And what about this?

Re-cycling news: Last fall and winter I fed many peanuts to the squirrels who, as squirrels are wont to do, promptly buried them until the cold weather really arrived. Except for a little annoyance at the cost of this practice, I found myself insatiably amused and continued to put out the peanuts. By winter, I had forgotten all about it. Come spring, however, peanuts were sprouting everywhere! I decided to leave them. In September, unable to stand the curiosity longer, and not knowing how to tell when peanuts became harvestable, I pulled up a plant! 6 - 8 peanuts on the roots! Ecology on the move!

ATTENTION! Big Tree Claimers

Letters to your Editor are always welcome, but "Big Tree" claimers must note certain facts first - specific kind of tree, its circumference at 3 feet above ground, its height (ask any Boy Scout how) and send these details to: Arthur Woldt, Environmental Conservation Commission, Albany, New York; or, telephone 518-457-5400.

URGENT NOTICE

Bill #S-2770, the Muskie Bill, was passed un-animously by the Senate last week. This Bill, which replaces the Refuse Act of 1899 by substituting effluent limitations for vague water quality standards, is in serious danger in the House of Representatives, as a result of industrial and Administration pressures. Let your Representatives know that this bill is important and must not be weakened.

NOISE POLLUTION

There is one area of not only vital concern, but timely activity for citizens concerned with improving the environment - an area about which we should be doing something now - namely, airplane noise. Right now, there is a crying need for concerned citizens (who are, also, we hope, members of National Audubon) to do something. Heavy pressure by airport officials has resulted in the F.A.A. (Federal Administration A

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Write to your Senators, Congressmen and newspapers!

Bert Lindner

TRASH - Love It, Don't Leave It

The garbage you put out three times a week, to you, is just that. But today, even garbage can be turned into an interesting and provocative art form.

View the exhibit now on display at Hallmark, 56th St. and Fifth Ave. This is a "must see" as seeing is believing. Go down the winding staircase and be jolted out of your complacency by an authentic junk heap. Piled high with debris, it seems to be waiting for the next pick up. File past the room arrangements and appreciate what can be recycled. A light fixture made from plastic tumblers, kitchen cabinets that once were wooden shipping crates. Mobiles that appear to be from "outer space", on earth, are everyday clorox bottles. Egg crates painted to form a modern geometric design. Tin work that could almost have come from Mexico. A chair from beer cans and much more. One could easily decorate and furnish a home. I suggest calling it "Re-cycled Modern". Just think! You'd be taking in the trash as opposed to those weekly trips to the curb.

This exhibit was set up to dramatize how our planet is becoming one big junk heap. It is most effective and to the point. Everyone contributes his share to this junk heap. Now, it's about time for everyone to undo his contribution to it. Sort your throwaways, re-cycle your throwaways, deposit your throwaways. Make the tomorrows a thing to look forward to for all our "senses", physical and mental.

What you do today will make tomorrow possible. Let not history record this generation left a legacy of trash to mankind. What a way to go!

Helen Mintz, a friend

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Thomas Macres, Jr., Executive Secretary of the Committee on Resource Management, CORM, explained the pledge of this organization to oppose, by every legal means possible, oil exploitation off the entire Atlantic Coast. He pointed out the pollution that oil drilling anywhere along the coastline would create because of currents and winds. He raised the question of why we need to tap our Atlantic Resources now with plans for 25% of the oil from North Slope slated for sale to Japan. He explained that there is currently no way to safeguard drilling blowouts since the so-called safety valves, "storm choke valves", have repeatedly been demonstrated to be ineffective in actual performance!

CORM needs your financial help. Contributions and availability for volunteer work should be addressed to the Committee on Resource Management, 129 Prince Street, Patchogue, Long Island, New York #11772. CORM must raise at least \$50,000. by next spring or summer to fight the legal battle against the oil giant industry. In the meantime, all three speakers urged individuals to write to Secretary Rogers C. B. Morton, U. S. Dept. of the Interior, Washington, D.C. #20240 to express opposition to granting oil leases on the Atlantic Coast.

NOTICE

The National Audubon Society T.V. Special, "The Eagle and the Hawk", is scheduled to be shown over ABC on Friday evening, November 26th. If you watch and enjoy this presentation, please write General Electric (the sponsor) and to ABC to encourage more programs.

From the Long Island Environmental Council: --- a list of existing collection depots for newspapers, cans, bottles or rags is available at the Council office. For the brochure, "How to Start a Re-cycling Program", send 25¢ (stamps or coin) to the L.I.E.C., 1 Main Street, Roslyn, New York #11576

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We have plans to haunt the barrier beach for most of this winter in search of Snowy Owl and Saw-Whet Owl..

We tried outdoor picnic twice but were rained out on both occasions. We'll try again. Join us any Sunday morning at 10:00 A.M. We look forward to your company. It is most enjoyable sharing our "finds". Be a part of us and our experience.

List of winter bird walks - 10:00 A.M.
Meet at Respective parking lots

- November 7 - Gilgo Beach, at Jones Beach
- November 14 - J.F.Kennedy Sanctuary (Tobay)
- November 21 - Zachs Bay, Jones Beach
- November 28 - West End, Jones Beach
- December 5 - Point Lookout
- December 12 - J.F.Kennedy Sanctuary (Tobay)
- December 19 - Cedar Beach
(East end, Jones Beach)
- December 26 - Gilgo Beach
- January 2 - J.F.Kennedy Sanctuary (Tobay)
- January 9 - Jamaica Bay
- January 16 - West End, Jones Beach
- January 23 - Gilgo Beach
- January 30 - Point Lookout

CONSERVATION BULLETIN

by
Al Lemke

Recently, I wrote to Hempstead Town Supervisor D'Amato suggesting the town set up collection centers in various locations where people could bring bottles and cans for recycling. Mr. D'Amato, after thanking us for our interest, forwarded a copy of the letter to Mr. William Landman, Commissioner of Sanitation. Mr. Landman wrote a very courteous letter stating that, in addition to Oceanside, a depot is maintained at 1600 Merrick Road, Merrick. He further stated that the Sanitation Division intends to open two additional depots in the "not too distant future". They are attempting to locate a suitable location in East Meadow and an additional one in the Levittown area. Also, the Town has an ongoing program for newspaper collection which now covers 20,000 homes and will continue expanding into 1972 "opening new areas of service as frequently as it is economically possible to do so".

Also, as Conservation Chairman of the South Shore Chapter of Audubon, I wrote Nassau County Executive Caso commenting favorably on the recent creation of a bi-county task force to draft research and development program to find ways to recharge Long Island's underground water supply with treated sewage. I suggested that the proposed outfall pipe at Wantagh be, in the interim, halted. Mr. Caso did not reply but forwarded the letter to James S. Gillen, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works. Mr. Gillen replied, stating that "even if feasible, if tertiary treatment were available right now, we would still need an outfall sewer to provide for malfunctions in the plant, however in frequently they might occur, and also to carry off wastes which might not be susceptible to treatment in the tertiary process." He did not explain what type of wastes might not be susceptible to treatment.

GREAT PLACE TO VISIT - Assateague Island, Md.

For natural beauty and recreational enjoyment, the National Seashore offers almost 40,000 acres which are spread over parts of Maryland as well as Virginia.

Wallops Island, south of Chincoteague Island, is a National Aeronautics and Space Administration station where rockets and small experimental satellites are launched. Before deciding to include this in your schedule, make reservations two weeks in advance for a free guided tour. Available Mon. through Friday.

The Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, is a sanctuary for waterfowl along the migration route. The refuge is on the high ground of the island with pine and oak woods and fresh water ponds. This is an ideal feeding area for waterfowl. At this time of the year, the ponds and marshes are heavily populated with ducks and geese in transit to the Caribbean. In November, the Greater Snow Geese arrive in V-formation. There are also about 40 other different species of shore birds, either visiting or breeding, including the almost extinct falcon.

In addition to foxes and raccoons, other inhabitants roaming the salt marshes belong to a herd of wild ponies. Legend has it that these appealing little horses' ancestors are the survivors of a wrecked Spanish galleon. They are as popular with visitors as the bears in Yellowstone Park.

A transplant from Japan, the Sika deer, has established itself here. Although smaller than the domestic white-tailed deer, it has flourished under adverse conditions and can be seen in the many marshy meadows.

The national Park Service operates visitor information stations at both south and north ends of the bridge approaches.

BIRDS AND BIRDING

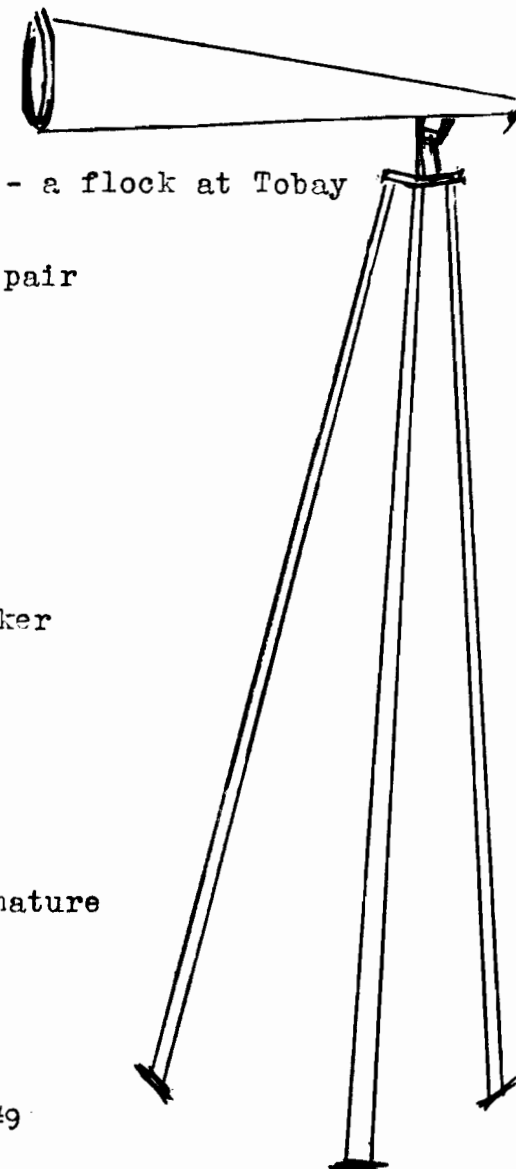
Our field trips this year have been most successful! Our last trip, November 14, at John F. Kennedy (Tobay) was a field trip operator's dream come true. The weather was perfect; the people were eager, and the birds were cooperative.

We have been blessed with about twelve "steadies" throughout this new season. Larry and Shirley Horowitz began with us in September. They haven't missed one trip! Marvin Goldman has put together a list of 100 species in a short three months! Arlene Fingerle is our Hofstra girl. She is a biology major who finds birding a perfect complementary pastime to her intended career.

Our veterans and proven stalwarts are Laurie Mass. She brought Brook O'Gorman along for a try at birds. Then there is Dennis and Janet Chichester, Mike Smiles, the "Hanley three" Jim, Kim, Dean, Marilyn Crotty, the Friedman pair, and Margaret and Charlie Kellerman.

This past week we had a newcomer who promises to be a new steady - Margaret Payne.

Our list of confirmed sightings is really exciting and impressive. We had an actual eye level "fly by" of about 40-50 Snow Geese at Tobay! The flock circled us twice and landed not more than 50-100 yards from our blind position. I will remember that sight for a long, long while. Here is a list of our confirmed sightings:



- Wilson's Phalarope - a flock at Tobay
- Dunlin
- Rough-Legged Hawk
- Evening Grosbeak - pair
- Osprey
- Bufflehead
- Pintail
- Eastern Meadowlark
- Myrtle Warbler
- Blackpoll
- Palm Warbler
- Magnolia Warbler
- Hermit Thrush
- Chickadee
- Yellow Shafted Flicker
- Junco
- Whitethroat Sparrow
- Dickcissel
- Field Sparrow
- Marsh Hawk
- White Winged Scote
- Gannett
- Chipping Sparrow
- Eastern Phoebe - immature
- Little Blue Heron
- House Finch
- American Gold Finch

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MISQUOTES:

- "Hawks that prey together feast together."
- "Send knot for whom the bells toll."
- "Quoth the Raven, 'Nevermurre.'"
- Lawrence Wolitz