

Hi! It was a summer of fog. We had little other wetness! The fireflies gleamed palely through but the shower of meteors above us was invisible. After "Belle" blew past us, Fall came. Some intangible thing brought on Fall. It wasn't the hurricane inspired salt burn, it wasn't the fact that the redwings were gone, or that other birds were beginning to flock. It might have been the crickets, the busy spiders, golden rod, or ripe tomatoes. Or it could have been the ending of nature day camp and talk of the Harvest Fair. Whatever it was Fall was here and there were still four weeks of a funny sort of summer still to go.

Day Camp classes all were great, filled to capacity and lead by all new teachers! Except the Sea Study classe--the same marvelous teacher had those. The garden plots almost died from lack of rain, but sprang to life when wetness came. Plans go ahead for the "new" barn. (We bought it a couple of years ago with \$200.00 the Advisory Committee thought a good investment. Took it down piece by piece. It is that wretched heap you see to the west of the Barn-Museum. It will rise just about where the heap is, running westward from the Barn-Museum) The new Barn needs a name as will the new courtyard it will create. Can you think of something suitable? Try to wiggle the name of Cerie or Norman into it! The shed, when up, will house: the tractor, a shock treatment area for wounded wildlife (a memorial to Mrs. F.F. Rogers) and a freeze dry unit as well as a research lab (keep on reading!) If you can come up with a name, pray tell. (The new courtyard will enclose the big cage for injured raptors.)

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Have you seen our rare and adorable grey fox kit? He's right next door to big, fat and sassy Poe, now entering on his second year of life--and caged. This is the cruel thing that happens when a wild creature is turned into a pet--almost. Also the raccoon outside Drury Ct.--a pet, now caged. Right across the Ct. from Poe two staffers have been occupied with electro-thoresis-----research using the blood protein of birds as a means of identifying their species. The amount of protein in blood guides scientists back to the origin of the species. A tiny drop of blood is taken from the leg of a living bird (it hurts as much as a lab. needle hurts you!). Two to three days later the scar is gone, and the drop of blood is not missed. The blood is mixed with chemicals and a dye. Eventually the mixture settles in stripes within a gelatine to hold for study. The "families" of all birds are not known and some are wrongly classified. Work of this type is going on at Yale too. The Sanct. hopes to get a grant to pursue this valuable study which just in itself will serve to introduce a great many young people to research. (Do you know that the "family" origin of domesticated dogs is unknown? Roger Caras feels that their ancestors may have become extinct and that is why we do not know them)

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Because of poor management in years passed, the Alfalfa field not longer lives up to its name. As it is now lush with timothy--Timothy Field it is! Where ever the horses go, timothy grows. Where ever timothy grows the bob-o-links gather. We hope you saw those handsome white and black birds when they were nesting in the Timothy Field. To get alfalfa back would mean plowing abd reseeding. And then where would we have the October Harvest Fair? All those tons of cars parked on new alfalfa! You are getting ready for the Fair aren't you? Been whittling and knitting, tatting and sewing all summer? Good. The jelly and jam makers better get on with it. The time for pickles is at hand. Bakers and cookies have a time yet before we'll poke them!! The Fair will be the first weekend in October, Saturday & Sunday the 2nd & 3rd. On the fourth plant your daffodils for Spring!



From all over comes great news about this year's crop of ospreys! On Great Island near Westport, since 1970, a female has failed to hatch her eggs--the shells broke because of DDT ingested. Now after 6 years trying she has successfully hatched 3 chicks. In other parts of Westport a total of 24 chicks were born and are banded, while on the Vineyard 11 more were born but were not banded. So it looks as tho the local ospreys are making a successful comeback from near extinction.

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Those of us who love to see pheasants and to hear their "Karking" in the fields must have kicked up a proper row ( to the proper people) because there will be no killing of hen pheasants allowed in Newport County this year! But that appears to be only for this year. we must be forever vigilant concerning the malfunctions for those we elect as functionairies! A few years ago the Natural Resource-agents "culled" swans until Audubon said "No". Now it seems that there are too many swans for their own good. We get really sentimental about swans--it must be their beauty, fidelity and the gliding calmness that gets to us! Actually they are not cozy and pet-able at all! Far from it--especially if their signets are around. With wings and beaks they subdue their enemies and with their great strength they hold intruders under water until dead. If a male swans dies the other wives turn on the widow and kill her. It may not be that the wives fear their spouses eyes will roam, and they may not fear competition. They may very well realize the importance of family. Thus we give the swans one more plus.

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Two errors in the last Bird:

Valley Forge was in the winter of 1776-1777

Platypus and other birds feed on "milk". Doves and pigeons have milk glands on either side of the beak. Their young feed on it exclusively for the first 2 weeks of life. The "pigeon milk" is in no way comparable to cow's milk, being much richer and carbohydrate loaded! Cow's milk is not for birds.

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It is a season of biting & sucking insects! Because of the drought maybe there were 2 or 3 fewer mosquitos. Fleas, deer flies and plant suckers abound. Scientists have isolated the perfume of the female Japanese beetle. So maybe, maybe, the males will fly soon to their end. Now the season of The Big Stinger--wasps, we mean! A simple remedy against the pain of a sting is meat tenderizer!! Mix  $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon with 1 teaspoon water and smear it on the sting. It counteracts the venom. If you are above smearing meat tenderizer, you can buy any preparation with papain--any digestive aid contains it. "Papase" can be bought Over The Counter or an MD can make a prescription for "Panafil" --an ointment. For any allergic reaction that forms a rash--food allergy, poison ivy, there simply is no treatment as good as hot running water (120-130 degrees F.) Hold the rash under for relief lasting 3-6 hours, then cover with good old fashioned calomine!

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Six button nosed koalas were flown from Australia to the San Diego Zoo to join the others that are there. Two males, two already pregant females and two virgins! They come as a Bicentennial gift to US. Qantas Airlines flew them in and carried an assortment of dewy fresh gum leaves in case they wanted a snack aloft. Fortunately gum trees grow in southern California as that is all that Koala bears eat. And that explains why only California Zoos have these delightful little bears,

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Child deaths from aspirin poisoning has dropped 50% since the advent of safety tops on bottles. Remember that, or try to remember that, when next you have a crashing headache and can't get the aspirin out to relieve it. You are caring for babies!



Small children are so often allergic to airborne pollens and yeasts. Doctors suggest that Mothers can help build their immunities by feeding them unprocessed honey. Pure honey that has not been monkeyed with contains plenty of pollens & yeasts. Starting with a small amount a day and building up the child's intake daily will help immunize. All honey in the combe is of course undoctored. The honey sold at the Sanctuary's gift shop is the best in the world, but that which is sold in the supermarket--well, read the labels. Mostly it is processed.

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New consumer traps keep popping up all the time! Haven't you, all your adult life been taught that a yellow chicken was a corn-fed critter and therefore the tender corpse to eat? Not any more! Chicken farmers are feeding their chicks dried marigold petals. No sooner did we learn that marigold petals makes a lovely yellow, the farmers learned it too! (On petal-fed chicken labels must appear the words "additives") And all those soft fluffy paper products! Have you noticed that we are getting up to 33% less paper for the same money? And have you also noted that the TV ads are quietly teaching us to use paper towels to do the work a sponge does better and a whale of a lot less expensively? Especially as we are paying for air. The same is true for light weight ice creams and soap that floats---you're buying air, whipped and beaten in to the product!

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The oceans of the world are not getting cleaner. That sentence should read-- The ocean of the world is not getting cleaner. If you would see the truth of "the ocean" turn a globe of the world upside down. There with Antarctica upper most you will see that the oceans of the world are one. N.Y.C alone is pouring 1/2 billion gals of raw sewerage a day, into the sea. People who study water say that the worrisome thing about it is that water seems to cope with the cleansing of pollutants endlessly. Suddenly it stops coping. Then it is too late. We must all look cross-eyed with disapproval at ocean polluters, & write letters, as public opinion is a powerful force.

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From Dennis Massachusetts comes a clam chowder made from cultured clams. The motto proclaims that a cultured clam is a happy clam! Maybe so, free from all predators but man. However frozen potatoes are not happy items! Still, if you "can't" make a chowder, it will do. Blounts in Bristol expect to go in for the aqua culture of oysters! Can you imagine Narragansett oysters on the menu once again? Their salmon are about ready to come on the markets round about. Start saving!

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Campers seem to want "Wilderness & hot showers" as one radio host once said-- that's all we want, said he! When the Big Thomas River in Colorado rampaged thru the gorge a few weeks ago, there were many horrors. One was that the campers did not believe the warnings of the Forestry men! Another was the thousands of exploding propane gas tanks (hot showers) that broke loose from trailers. 800 people are still missing. How many of those bodies are sleeping cozily in their own beds at night without bothering to call the Forestry service and tell them "I got out!" Everytime a camper is lost in wilderness, Forestry service men endanger their lives to find the missing, (---so often they're at home!) Check in and check out, or soon you will be required by law to register a travel plan, and there goes another tiny bit of freedom.

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For Sale      One horse and one sparrow. The only two who can live as cheaply as one.

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Get it all together and have a far-out tuned-in superfantastic day.



PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE:

- \* Youth Programs start Sept. 18, 10:00 AM  
... from age 6 to highschool,
  - \* Saturday Mornings 8:00 AM: Birding class field trips  
Sept. 11, 18, 25. All old bird class members invited.  
All new ones too, of course.
  - \* Sept. 11 to 18: Bob Weaver's One-Man Photographic Exhibit.  
"A visual record of the Norman Bird Sanctuary"
  - \* Sept. 26: Fund Raising Cocktail Party. 6:00 PM. This is  
our fund raising program for school programs on the island.
  - \* Oct. 1: Square Dance 8:00 PM
  - \* Oct. 2-3: Aquidneck Island Harvest Festival. (pray for Sun)  
10:00 to 5:00 both days.
  - \* Oct. 10-16 Island and Ocean Cruise to watch the sea and island  
birds.
  - \* Oct. 29: Children's Halloween Party. Day camp and member's  
children (in costume only).
- \*\*\*\*\*Volunteers to help with all of this NEEDED \*\*\*\*\*

# Aquidneck Island Harvest Fair

Our Third Annual Harvest Fair! Because of the success of last years Fair, we are determined to maintain the flavor of a small, old-fashioned country fair. We will improve on quality, but not on quantity! The Fair will be held October 2nd and 3rd from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. We need people to help us organize and work for the Fair. If you have an interest in being part of a creative and exciting project, please call Pat Hegnauer, 846-1308 or Susan Watts, 846-1936. This year the Bird Sanctuary Booth will consist of baked goods, jams, jellies, relishes,, etc. Could you donate foods for this booth? There will again be food judging so anything you bring for the booth can be entered in the judging if you wish.

Fill out the form below and mail to:

Susan Watts  
Prescott Farm  
Portsmouth, R. I. 02871

Bake Something - - - - - Show You Care!

I pledge to bring:

cake \_\_\_\_\_  
pie \_\_\_\_\_  
cookies \_\_\_\_\_  
fudge \_\_\_\_\_

brownies \_\_\_\_\_  
jam \_\_\_\_\_  
jellies \_\_\_\_\_  
pickles \_\_\_\_\_

bread \_\_\_\_\_  
rolls \_\_\_\_\_  
muffins \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Food for Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ Food for Sunday \_\_\_\_\_

Bring to Bird Sancutary Booth by 10:00 a.m. on day/days indicated above. Thank you!