

Hi! That was a party! We counted up \$910.00 when it was all over! Still there are bills to be paid, only then we shall know what we cleared with our 3rd Annual Benefit Cocktail Party in the Barn. To all of you who came, many thanks. To those who came bearing food, mucho gracias. To those few of you who couldn't come and still sent checks--you're great. The ladies who did the work were gracious and graceful as always. The clean-up crew was superb. All efforts added up to a darned good time.

Work is galloping along on the Ed Shed. Most of the partygoers looked it over and approved. Some one asked about the new shingles on the Barn. All maintenance of the buildings on the Cerio Estate are done by funds from the Trust left by Mrs. Cerio. Trust is managed by a bank and two trustees named by Mrs. Cerio in her Will. The salary of our Director also comes from Trust. So don't think your dues go for shingles. (Shingled barns are native to New England! Our barn is over 100 years old) Your dues go for teaching conservation & nature studies--subjects today wrongly called "ecology" (For new members a simplified definition of ecology is "A study of the links that exists between all living things and their environments".) Your dues help with the running of the Barn--expenses are about \$200.00 a month more that the Trust can afford. Dues provide the teaching programs for all public schools in Newport & Middletown--6th grades. The Ed Shed remodeling is by special gifts, over and above dues, plus a gift of \$6,000.00 from the R. I. Foundation. Only twice have we strayed from the plan to use all dues for teaching. By vote of the Advisory Committee* money has been used to replace a broken pipe and to buy 1/2 of a second hand tractor. One can not teach 60 children for 5 hours without toilet, nor can 450 acres be managed without a tractor. *Advisory Committee is made up of interested people from the towns and the city of the Island, plus members of the Bank's Trust Department, Representatives of the Audubon Society, and the Federal Soil and Conservation Department and the Chairman of the Town's Council. Members are elected for 3 year terms. Meetings are held quarterly--altho' informal meetings go on by phone all the time settling small matters such as: can we get someone to fix the truck without charging us an arm and a leg? (Yes we got it fixed for nothing--the truck also was a gift!)

The owning of birds of prey seems to be a mounting status symbol. Don't get one! Hawkes are magnificent creatures but--their wings are clipped right down to the flesh so they can't fly for at least a year. Just remember your own frustration when you have a flat tire and can't drive your car--you were not born with wheels. Just think how a hawk must feel with clipped wings! He was born to soar on thermal drafts across fields and marshes, born to catch his food in mid-air, born to spread his wings for lazy circling in the sun. Just think how he must feel to find man has cut off his flying feathers and he cannot fly. Instead of buying a hawk get a Lincoln Continental. I is, after all the final step up!

It was suggested that we are using a Chinese Torture at the NBS! We have a skunk (Whiff) in a cage opposite a great horned owl(Hooter) Horned owls are the birds that prey on skunks, so Hooter should be salivating and Whiff in terror all the time. NOT SO Hooter hates

skunk meat(from time to time a wild skunk is killed by a car and Hooter rejects the meat). Whiff, like all skunks, relies on his nose, not on his eye, thus he doesn't even see Hooter! Whiff was a pet that the owner had decanted, so he has lost his weapon. Hooter was shot thru the eye and wing and can not fly. As a result of humans, both animals have been mutilated. Both are ours for as long as they live.

Charles Lamb went back to the Middle School when Labour Day was over. It was just as well, he was becoming rambunctious! and growing horns too! Adding peat moss to Wisteria Mood's cage proved a good thing. It is moist enough for her to shed her skin without human help. A Bull snake "Halsey" has been returned to us after a summer of love. Halsey refused to eat all last winter. He worried us to death. A veritable snake buff said all Halsey needed was love, and took him home for the treatment. Several months of love and forced feedings brought Halsey back from death to life! See what love can do! He is in the same cage as Wisteria, separated by a sheet of glass as both are snake-eating snakes.

If, during the winter you find a buggy, wormy mess in your corn meal or whole wheat flour, will you remember our skink? Skinks are nice little insect eating lizardly things. To feed our is no problem when the fields are full of insects. But soon frost will come and flies will go. Where with all shall we feed our skink? Your bugs please. Did you ever get a news bulleting before that asked for a donation of your household bugs?

A child was heard to say "I hate school". "I feel like an animal being trained". That child needs to go to school to learn that he is a primate. He must be trained to think and to get along with the other primates in this world.

All those wasps were imported by our Department of Natural Resources to combat the Gipsy Moth caterpillars(which were imported by a man a hundred years ago, to cross-breed with silk worms, and make him a rich man.) Dispite the wasps, the caterpillars are still with us spray or no. Seems whenever man tinkers with nature, man loses as does nature. How long will nature put up with man's mistakes?

So much concern has been shown for the baby pigmy sperm whale that floundered on the beach at Far Rockaway NY that the aquarium issued daily health bulletins. The prognosis is not good. Be prepared to hear that it has died. Pigmy whales never have survived more than two weeks in captivity. Little is known about their habits. The diet for this orphan in NYC is a puree of cream, mackerel, squid, antibiotics and vitamins. He is fed by gavage(tube into tummy)last report said that he is frisky, and cutting teeth!

The diet called macrobiotic that the young are embarked on is of interest. The dieters must remember that the highest of the primates, man, needs great amounts of protein, so be sure you eat cheese, fish and poultry to compensate for the lack of red meat. Beef contains potassium, without which the primate gets ill. To compensate for it drink lots of O.J. rich in potassium. And as long as you are dwelling on cereals, The Bird leaves you with this thought: Beef cattle are taken from the range to the feeding pens, where they are fed cereals to put fat on them. Without fat those juicy red steakes you refuse to eat now, would not be larded, or marbled, with white fat. You are an animal, you are eating cereals: you will be larded too. Don't forget the milk--these's a new you coming every day!

Tremendous migrations of cattle egrets have been sighted on the fields of "Farmlands" Wapping Road. They are wonderfully beautiful birds and never seen in such numbers here before in memory.

Archeologists tell us that the Cave Dwellers were not the beginning of our civilization, but the end of a finer one. Their crude drawings were scratched on walls over drawings of great sensitivity. Like the graffiti we see to-day splashed across magnificent stone cutting they would suggest we are on our way down and out--back to the caves.

Aggressive and vicious bees from Brazil(imported from Africa!) are on their way north. They are killers of man & cattle, not to mention other bees. In 3-4-years they'll be among us, unless scientists can head them off at the pass. Should they establish themselves on our continent our own bees will be killed, great pollinating problems will arise--then we shall learn how totally dependent man is on nature!

Some weeks ago, on Telly, our Black brothers made, what seems to the Bird, an unfair & thoughtless attack on our medical researchers. They said the researchers had "finally gotten around" to the study of a disease which is fatal to black children--sickle cell anemias. It is true that disease is only now being studied, after the researchers have arrested, or cured, germs which attack and kill children of all colours. To name a few: T. B. Diptheria, Tetanus, Meningitis, Strép and Staph infections, Measles, Rubella, several Anemias and Whooping cough. What year was the last summer of Polio? Now researchers turn their attention to "ethnic" diseases.

PROGRAMS --- PROGRAMS --- PROGRAMS

RANGERS: Ages 6, 7, and 8. Every second and fourth Saturday from ten to noon. Starts November 11. Nature walks, crafts, out-of-doors activities. Enrollment limited to fifteen children. Call for reservation.

Jr. CONSERVATIONISTS: Ages 9 to 12. Every first and third Saturday. This is an official 4-H Club which will be involved in many work and play projects about conservation. Although many projects will benefit the NBS children will work toward 4-H awards. Starts Nov. 4. Limited to fifteen students.

NATURALIST'S CLUB: Generally age 14 and up, although some younger students with special interests may join this group. This club is for students with a particular interest in nature jr. leadership, and service. Members will be responsible for leadership, of younger groups, work and development of museum displays, running the Sanctuary activities on week-ends, plus adding weekly to their knowledge of nature. This is not a club for the lazy! Regular meetings at 9:00 Sat. mornings, starting Nov. 4, but activities and responsibilities of this group continue through the weekend, holidays and days for special events.

Oct. 27, Five to seven-thirty PM Costume Halloween party for children of family members and a guest. Reservations must be called in.

November 1, 8, 15, and 22 at Noon in the "Ed Shed" Light lunch followed by interesting programs on travel and natural history. All four programs \$16.00 or you may pay \$3.00 per session. Tell your friends, come as a group, but call

in reservations NOW!!!!!!

November 5, 12, 19. At two o'clock Nature walks in the Sanctuary. On those same dates 'birding on the Island' driving tours start at 8:30 till about 10:00. We leave from "The Barn".

December 3. Save this date! Put it on your calendar now! At Roger's High School, 4:00 PM Sunday, Dec. 3 the NBS is sponsoring the National Award Wildlife Slide Program featuring the most beautiful, artistic, and interesting wildlife slides of the entire country. A Dollar Bill will let you in.