

Hi! Summer came, as it always does to The Island, with a bang. Sweaters one day, shorts the next. With it came fireflies by night and orioles by day. The perfume of mowed hay gave way to roses and honeysuckle. Never were the woodroses lovelier or the thrushes' songs more liquid! The white pink and purple of clover were rivalled by the Aurora Borealis. Our R.I. Red hens grew--one rooster only. The Kohouteks were joined by another pair of bantams and 6 chicks. A quinea hen, lonely, stayed near her reflection in the Ed Shed doors. Nasturium & Marigold proved that even sheep have different personalities--extrovert Nasturium, introvert Marigold. A school bus lurch ed over the potholes on June 18 bringing the last of the 12,510 public school kids to be taught at the Sanct. '73-'74 (another 10,600+ were taught the care of domestic pets through a grant from the R.I.SPCA). The Father's Day Breakfast had 80 customers. It was all cleaned away before about the last decent rain of the season started. By the end of June the Membership Committee had addressed 5,500 invitations to new people to join the NBS. (Hi! New members, welcome aboard!). Some 20 garden plots were cultivated, and grew to maturity despite the drought--they were well mulched by prudent owners. The banding program went on--the most exciting birds banded were glossy ibises on Gould Island. Two years ago, one ibis, this year 9 nesting pairs!

Other activities of the Sanct. are best summer up by part of Fearless Leader's report to the Advisory Comm., "We had our ups & downs. UP--we had the largest variety of camp programs ever. A 2-week kindergarten program, the regular 6 one-week programs for ages 6-12, a 2 week all-day Sea Study program & a 3 week overnight conservation camp school. Each one was well attended, and the income was the highest on record. Before the season was ended two of our staff of 12 had to be released. (DOWN)(They proved not to be mature enough for the responsibilities). Of 12 staff only one had worked with us before. We had our first, in 18 years, child-auto collision. A six year old darted from the group into the path of a car which was pulling around another that had stopped for the children. Thanks Be, here was no damage done other than bruises". There are yellow signs up warning drivers of running children, near the entrance of The Sanct. There'll be a lot of yellow paint added to 3rd Beach Rd's black top in the near future. Rather yellow paint than red blood.

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COMING EVENTS* * * ANNUAL BENEFIT COCKTAIL PARTY at The Sanct. on Sept. 29th at 7 p.m. A ten dollar deductible donation will entitle you to all you want to drink and hors d'oeuvres of delectable deliciousness. What better way to entertain your house guests and friends than to help our teaching program!

THE BIG ONE * * * AQUIDNECK ISLAND HARVEST FAIR * * * Oct. 5 & 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sanctuary. This will be an old-fashioned home-grown Fair. \$1.00 admission for adults .50¢ for children under 13. Booths for exhibiting your wares, be they crafts or arts are available for \$10.00, your profits are your own. (Shops that do not make their own merchandize may not exhibit) There will be contests: straight sawing, cross cut sawing, weight lifting, plowing, pie eating, corn shucking. If we can get a pole up, there will be a greased pole contest for a purse. There will be raffles to gamble on: baskets of home made food, booze, corncob smoked ham from Harrington's in Vt. Hayrides for the kids, popcorn, palmistry, quohaugh chowder, beer, sandwiches, coffee, chimpanzees, farm animal exhibits. Contests in everything from pies to pickles! How do you become a contestant? Just bring along a pie or a jar of mustard relish! Who knows, you may go home with a Blue Ribbon! * * * * The Peter Pan Players will put on a play for the kids in

in the Courtyard Saturday afternoon. That night there'll be a square dance with a caller & live music (bring your own picnic that night). Sunday afternoon there'll be a fiddlers' duel. The Rose Island Family Band will play folk rock. Someone will give a chair caning demonstration and a silk screening show too. WED LIKE A QUILTING DEMONSTRATION & some quilts on exhibition, or for sale. So get busy everyone who makes interesting things. If you plan to enter stuffs for sale, cakes afgans etc, call Mrs. Norton 847-7109. Please look in your attics, cellars, barns and see if you have any oldtyme kitchen or farm impléments that could be made to work for an exhibit (on loan) -if so call Daphne Smith in Jamestown 423-0433. If you don't have anything, or even if you do, how about donating a loaf of your famous cake, bread or a pie to the Sanct's table. Profits go to the teaching fund for this coming year. Enclosed is an entry form for you to use or to pass on. Use it, even if you only crochet hot pot holders. Anyway, save the dates! And come to the Fair.

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Does anyone have knowledge of our farm lands before Mrs. Cerio owned them? We are drawing up a commemorative account of our benefactress Mabel Norman Cerio. November marks the 25 anniversary of her death. We'd like to know about other owners, the Brownells & the Baileys who owned Paradise Farm. And about any famous guests who visited there. If you have any tidbits please call The Bird at 847-4967

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ANOTHER COMING EVENT: October 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 12 noon, Lunch-Lecture series, each meal cooked by a different volunteer cook. One lecturer will be an atomic plant expert! More about this later. Each lunch \$3 or \$10 for all.

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The finished report of the N.E. Regional Commission states that fish farming is a definitely desirable project. It says that each NE. state should set aside 1000 acres of sea waters to be leased to fish farmers for not less than 5 yrs. Within that time it will be shown whether it is economically sound. Copies of this report are free from the URI Marine Advisory Service Narragansett Bay Campus, Narragansett 02882.

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The history of the word "fox" is interesting. It started out in written language as Lopecs. It changed to opecs, to pecs, pacs, to pucs to fucs, to fux, arriving at fox. Where can it go from there?

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Someone with a computer has figured out that there are 3.75 trillion insects in Rhode Island! Only 600 species are pests---600 in the whole world. Not all of them are in our gardens, it only seems that way.

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Prayer of a Japanese fisherman: Lord, Help me. My boat is so very little and your ocean is so big.

One for all of us: May my words be soft and tender today. Tomorrow I may have to eat them.

***** Notice to Exhibitors*****

AQUIDNECK ISLAND harvest fair

Norman Bird Sanctuary
3rd Beach Rd.
Middletown, R.I. 02840

The first annual real down-home harvest FAIR will be held at The Norman Bird Sanctuary on Oct. 5 and 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All of the old-time events, contests and exhibits will be featured. We are asking you, your group and its members, if you have anything to sell or exhibit that would be an example of Yankee ingenuity, creativity and craftsmanship.

Booths must be manned by the people who make the items. All booth equipment must be supplied by the exhibitor.

Arts, crafts and food booths will be available for \$10.00 for the whole darned weekend! Booth space will be about the size of a double card table.

We would like to include:

Ethnic Foods
Unique hand crafts
Breads
Plants & Flowers
Jams and Jellies
Pies and Cakes

Vegetables
Weaving
Smithing
Forging
Carving
Scrimshaw

Live Stock for exhibit/sale

If you would like to show or sell your wares amid the excitement and nostalgia of a real country fair, please complete the following application, and return it to: Aquidneck Island Harvest Fair--Booths
400 Paradise Avenue
Middletown, R.I. 02840

We will reply to your application as soon as possible.

Name of Person or Group _____

Address _____ PHONE NO. _____

I intend to: Exhibit _____ Sell _____ Demonstrate _____

(Please check one or more of the above)

To facilitate our planning, on the backside of this form please describe as fully as possible the contents of your booth.

If you do not plan to use this form, pass it on. It's a great way for a group to make money!