

New Members! HI! It's good to have you with us. Long time friends, You are just great! New members find it difficult to know what we are talking about when we say "Ed Shed", "Alfalfa Field", or "Hooter". We know what we are talking about! In future issues of NB - A FLYER attempts will be made to appraise you so that you too will know. Ed Shed is the newly renovated building to the SE of the Barn-Museum. It is a year round class room. Before we had it we closed down in the cold months. With it the classes are going full tilt all year. Your dues finance the classes. The Alfalfa Field is where we wish you'd park when you find the first area full. Coming in the gates, turn sharp right onto the huge field, then left and park facing the cars already parked. All you have to do is push thru Autumn Olive bushes, (luscious eating for winter birds), bend down under the fence, and you are on your way to the trails. You will have passed Hooter on the left! Perched in his nice shelter is Hooter, a Great Horned Owl whom some careless person shot thru the wing and eye years ago. He lives at the Sanctuary and helps with the teaching programs, as do most of the animals you see around the place. We do not believe in caging wild creatures; those in cages have been injured by man, and need man's help to live.

In leaving the courtyard you pass Ed Shed. Members should know that this building is available to them if they need a biggish room for business or social affairs. Why, we've even had weddings, not to mention innumerable birthday parties for wee ones! Lunches, lectures and classes for all ages. Exhibits of art and "wild" wolves and weaving. Frogs eggs have hatched in the window containers, seeds have sprouted, the skink has flourished, ice cream melted, songs sung and marshmallows toasted -- that's what the Ed Shed was built for.

With the price of food soaring, wouldn't you like a garden at the NBS? The only string is that you use no artificial fertilizer or pesticide. We will plow and harrow for you. Potatos now are 8.9¢ a lb., a sweet onion for salad is .25¢ each! What will they cost by harvest time? It takes little effort to grow potatos &/or onions!

We had a gift of a Bantam cock "Doodle" and his two brides, Henrietta and Cleopatra. The chicks of guinea fowl, ducks and hens will arrive already hatched. The goose and quail eggs hatched beautifully. Watching this miraculous process, it is not hard to see why an egg became the Christian symbol of immortality! From the seemingly dead eggs came life. In the case of the quail eggs, life was a series of honey colored balls of fluff on toothpick legs. The goose eggs brought forth larger balls of daffodil yellow downies on squatter legs. They proceeded to double their sizes each week! At the glorious old age of three weeks the geese spent their first night out, (in a pen, with a heat lamp in their house), a zinc tub sunk into the ground serves as a pond.

The Saw Whet Owl that was starving when he came to us, was freed, fat and sassy. He never even looked back to say "Thanx". But it is alright. He was a joy to have as a convalescent. Wisteria Mood (Indigo snake) is 6'8".

✓ She has grown 8" in two years. Halsy (Bull Snake) has been seen by experts and the consensus is that at some time in his life he has gotten too cold. Snakes take their warmth from the environment around them -- rock or sand or soil. The first part of a snake to suffer from cold is his tummy. So that is why Halsy doesn't eat by himself. He is fed by a tube, and he is thriving.

Interesting birds at the Sanctuary during migration are Indigo and Painted Buntings. Two interesting lady pheasants seen are cross-breeds, buff with blue-green collars.

✓ When people speak of "meatless days" that means no bacon for breakfast, no ham sandwich for lunch either. Let's do it! Meat prices are up in part because demand is greater than supply, and we can lower the demand. The great American dream of a "steak that covers the platter" can be a small steak on a small platter! In listing high protein food, put cheddar cheese at the top of the list, not steak.

✓ West Germany has a population of 600 to each acre of land, therefore must have a high regard for their disposal problems. Their incinerators work for the people creating electric energy, often at a profit. Rubble is used to create hills in hill-less areas for climbers and skiers. Aluminum waste, (here thrown on dumps or out to sea), there is treated and used to cleanse sewage. It causes effluence to sink to the bottom of the water, then both are harvested, treated and used as fertilizer. There are great pools of water where bacteria are cultivated to be released into the sewage cleansing it further. Why can't we learn from the "FATER LAND"? We used to be 50 years ahead of Europe, now it seems we trail. The bird has never seen a French type trash basket in beloved USA!

Taxes have been with us a long time. We've been trying to avoid them since the days of the Medes and the Persians. In those days people hid slaves to claim poverty, or tried to pay with slaves to avoid paying with gold. The West German Tax Division's emblem is an eagle with his tongue out. To us at the Sanctuary a bird with its tongue out is a hot and tired bird. Maybe the German eagle is tired of ferreting out tax evaders. During the Middle Ages in England, orchards were taxed, so they were, and still are called "Gardens" hence the great cherry tree gardens southeast of London.

One Thousand One Hundred Seventy dollars is the additional price we shall all have to pay on the life of a car when the pollution controls are on. That includes \$390 for the initial investment, \$420 for maintenance, and \$360 for additional fuel. If someone can invent less complicated controls each of us could save around \$600. With the extension of time recently granted the car people there is hope that they can overcome some of these expensive gadgets. No wonder it is not the fun it used to be to drive a car -- the latest car count shows one car for every 42 feet of highway!

✓ Scarcely noticed by the press, Pioneer XI took off on a photographic trip to Jupiter. When it gets near Jupiter it will take $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours for its radio signal to get back to earth. It will take Pioneer ~~one~~ year and eight months to get to Jupiter which is a huge planet 1000 times larger than Earth with 12 moons. It contains many of the same chemicals that

Earth does, and scientists feel it is very much as Earth was at its beginning. Should Pioneer miss its target, it will go on out into space to the next solar system 80,000 years away. (There will be no issue of the Norman Bird to tell you of its entry into that system.)

Some catfish are learning to eat pollutants. One kind of grasshopper has absorbed man's weedkiller, squeezing it out as a protective froth around its own body! ✓

C O M I N G E V E N T S

May 17 - Thursday - Wine Tasting - Ed Shed - 6:00 P.M. - Donation \$2.50

June 16 - Saturday - English Line Dancing featuring an All String Band -
COME AND LEARN!!! - 8:00 P.M. - Donation \$2.50 per couple

June 25 - Monday - Nature Day Camp begins - Call for information and Registration