

Hi! Peace has come to the Sanctuary. Gone are the hordes of little people with sneakered feet and blythe voices. The voices heard now are crickets chirping amid scattered piles of fierce arrows used by Indians stalking game in the fields last August. The rains have washed away the arrows brilliant tips, leaving them the twigs they used to be before imagination transformed them. The animals in the Museum are fat and content having been served by willing hands all summer. Wisteria Mood (Indigo snake) weighs at least 4 lbs. and Halsey (Bull snake) is fine, altho' he must always be fed by tube. Mr. Doodle and his brides, Cleopatra and Henrietta, and their chicks have gone to a new home. The sheep have returned to theirs. The pouter pigeons really need a reflecting pool and fountain as they look dirty -- but they're happy! The mallards have found their wings - most have joined wild ducks. Five baby possums have graduated from miniature milkbottles to solid food. Pet sea gulls discovered the beach -- over Labor Day they caused some commotions down there -- one of them lifted a \$1.50 bologna sausage from a tourist's beach bag!

The geese have been moved over to Pollee Pond as they are too possessive for comfort. They share the Pond with a swan and several killdeer. Paths are beings made around the pond. It is a long job to create trails -- we'll let you know when they are ready.

The deer are prospering. Sighted from time to time, they appear to be a happy couple. For a long time, Fearless Leader has watched the tracks and slides of otter. Finally he has seen these elusive, shy and charming creatures. The first flight of geese went over early. The redwings left us and the robins started their migrations. Due to a damp spring the crabapple crop is poor. We expected to harvest them for jelly as we did last Xmas. We shall have to beat the Food Faddists to the rosehips if we want rosehip & clove jelly. Trouble is, it was so hot no one wanted to harvest fruit, or boil jelly!

Altho' peace came to the NBS we did not cease to function! All sorts of visitors and goings on. There was an art exhibit that was festive. One picture was entitled "The Norman Bird in Flight". Somehow The Bird had always envisioned The Norman Bird as white with black, but there it was in black and red! There were parties--a wedding anniversary celebrating 40 years of marriage--and a wedding reception following "our" fourth wedding. We can not yet report on the results of our annual Benefit Cocktail Party. As September began the classes started up again.

With your dues money we repaired the tractor--Golly Gee Whiz but transmissions are expensive (\$1,100.00!!!) Fortunately we got a new freezer before we got the tractor bill, or no one knows what would have happened! The freezer is nicely full of food for Wisteria, Hooter (owl) and various meat eating creatures who need us in order to live at all. We searched for, but did not find, a second hand freezer.



The dry flower classes are going full blast again. This really is the way to solve the search for gifts come Christmas! How many people on your lists are problems? You'd like to give them something but just can't think what. This year too, we'll all be worrying about the cost of keeping our homes warm--these classes in dried flower arrangements will cover the Christmas expenses and not dig into the budget for maintenance.

A lovely migration of monarch butterflies covered the upper pastures from Beeville to Quarry Pond one morning in September--some of the bird migrations are over. Sorry not to have any bird walks or caravans, but the same people turned up over and over! We threatened to have walks for beginner birders--we did that several years ago and no one turned up. Seems people want just to enjoy the Sanct. and not be instructed. That is too bad as we should all be learning everyday until the day we die!

The Greeks have 5 words for "love" while we struggle along with the one word. Small wonder young people confuse sexual attraction for love, and can't see parental love as love at all! We all use words incorrectly. We have accepted misuse of "moratorium" (that is a legal word, allowing time for a debtor to raise the money owed without further harassment). One misuse that is rapidly turning into a pet peeve with The Bird is "lady" or "gentleman". A lady today seems to be a babe of the street or one used for pleasure, but we never hear of a lady as being one who is concerned for others and displays thoughtfulness at all times. A prison warden was seized by his prisoners, thrown to the ground, kicked, beaten and finally stabbed in the back. When he was released eventually, he said, "The prisoners behaved like gentlemen the entire time"! Ladies and gentlemen, never do anything for which they will have to apologize later.

Skylab has been sighted over the Sanct. several times--twice in one night! It is astonishing to think that men get out and walk around the lab as it speeds through space 271 miles up. They took a picture of Cape Cod and on it, if one really looks, a tiny spot that can only be Gardiner Pond!

The Houston tragedy has been blamed on everything except the real culprit--sexual perversion. Most of the old "moral" laws had much good sense in them, based on centuries of trial & error. Cast aside now for the sake of "change" and "self expression", we will find more Houstons, more Mansons, more Learys.

Did you know that opium dealers are now blending opium and marijuana so as to increase their market? Pot smokers can't tell the adulterated pot from pure. It takes four days to get addicted!

How did the early Colonials cope with the names they found here like Aquidneck, Sakonet and Sachuest? Perhaps they came from Wales and were familiar with Machyolleth of Llanidloes; or from Dorset's Cerne Abbas! We have finally gotten used to "Phnom Penh", altho' we never pronounced Seoul correctly--to us it was "Soul". In World War II "Pigalle" became "Pig Alley". What do Europeans do with "Butte" & "Boise"?



A group of people armed with X-ray machines set forth from the School of Dentistry, U. of Mich., to study the inherited dental problems of the fragile Egyptian mummies. They found the Royal Family to be a broken line of heirs so few inherited problems could be studied. Caries, buck teeth and abscesses abounded, along with arthritis (in that dry climate!). One mystery which will never be solved came to light--a young Queen died in childbirth and was mummified along with her new borne babe--only it was not a human--it was a full grown chimpanzee! Now there's a story there somewhere!

The Bird has long maintained that the Island's economic woes (which hit around 5 p.m. Labour Day each year,) could be alleviated if the people of this Island set out to make it rag-weed pollen free. This is done by simply destroying ragweed. There is a small town in N.Y. State which has no income whatsoever except from allergy ridden people who come to breathe air freed of the irritation pollen. Every attic on the Island plus all hotel rooms could be rented to sufferers IF the air were clear. They would pile in by the thousands on August 14 and stay until mid October. And pay for the privilege! Allergy specialists say the the best place to live if one is sensitive to pollens is at the seashore. Aquidneck Island would be easy to clear and perfect to maintain, with its prevailing wind from the ocean. If you are not affected by ragweed, will you not be considerate of your neighbours and clobber the weeds in your domain?

With everyone conscious of air pollution, why is it that all our service trucks stand, often for hours at a time, with their motors running? All highway utilities and police cars' stand idling. A waste of gasoline and a fearful pollutant of the air!

Womens Lib is working -- It's working! A bar in Washington has served drinks to women at half price so as to attract the afterwork hordes. A man objected -- so now the gals have to pay full price. A group of women who worked for a railroad demanded equal pay for equal work. They got the pay raise and now are required to inspect the tracks and trains in all weathers - blistering heat to sub-zero cold. Before they had sat cozily in the office.

### C O M I N G    E V E N T S

Lunch lectures in November, not October!

Sept. 29-30    Camera Naturalists annual convention

Sept. 30    6:00 - 8:00 P.M. Annual Cocktail Party

Oct. 1 - Nov. 26    Fall School Programs; Newport and Middletown

Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28    2:00 - 5:00 P.M.    Senior Girl Scouts Ranger Aide Program

Oct. 7    Birding on Ocean Drive    8:00 A.M. Meet at Brenton State Park

Oct. 14    Second and Third Beach Birding 8:00 A.M. meet at Sanct.

Oct. 21    Jamestown Birding 8:00 A.M. meet at Toll Booth of Newport Bridge

October 28    Walking Tour of the Sanctuary    Birding    8:00 A.M.



\* Oct. 13 11:00 A.M. and every Saturday for 10 weeks to Dec. 15. Songs, Stories, Southern Country dancing, puppets, Appalachian Music and instrumentation. Boys and girls age 6 to 12 will be taught all this plus at least three musical instruments and how to make their own music. Cost: \$15.00 for the whole ten weeks. For further information and reservation call 846-2577. (Non-members \$20.00)

Oct. 14 Rhode Island Beekeepers Assoc. Fall Meeting 3:00 P.M. Guests and visitors are invited.

Oct. 20 An evening of RagTime guitar in the "Ed Shed" featuring David Jones. \$1.00 per adult to help defray the cost.

----- Every Saturday 10:00 A.M. Conservation (4-H) Club.

Oct. 22 - 26 Flower arranging workshop - Gloria Hanlon

Nov. 7 Wednesday noon luncheon plus Rainbow of Seasons by Ruth Edwards

Nov. 14 Pollution and Your Garden by Lee Gardner

Nov. 21 Recycling Sun and Wind by Jeanette Szpinalski

Nov. 28 Electric Powered Auto by Mr. Bunnewith

Luncheon Series \$10.00; Individual lectures \$3.00 A hearty soup, desert and coffee will be served.

\*\*\*\* HALLOWEEN PARTY \* KIDS \* SUNDAY OCTOBER 28 \* 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.  
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