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ACRES IS TEN YEARS OLD

NOV. 6

Acres Tenth Annual Dinner Meeting
CONCORDIA SENIOR COLLEGE DINING HALL

6:30
PM

\$3.00
PLATE

Send or phone reservations by Nov. 4 to:

Mr. & Mrs. Theodore H. Heemstra
2923 Woodstock Court
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46805
484-4385
or
483-1532

PROGRAM PANEL FEATURING:

Bill Barnes, Director, Division of
Nature Preserves, Indiana Dept.
of Natural Resources

Richard W. Holzman, President, Michigan
Nature Association

Thomas E. Dustin, Exec. Secy., Indiana
Division Izaak Walton League

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+ Panelists will give their views of environ- +
+ mental gains and losses through the 1960's. +
+ Participation and questions will probe for +
+ ways to solve the environmental problems of +
+ the 1970's. +
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QUARTERLY COVER ARTIST is 16 year old, charter ACRES Student member, Ann Barrett. Ann is a Junior at Elmhurst High School and has worked at various times at the Fort Wayne Art Institute. She loves horses, camping & art.

FIELD
TRIPS



Fall



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SEPT. 27

Sunday Morning, 10:00 AM

HIKE AND CANOE Field Trip

In the morning, we'll visit the Lloyd W. Bender Memorial Forest west of Albion. We'll lunch there and late comers can meet the group there. At 1:00 we'll leave the Reserve and canoe the Little Elkhart River through the "Spreads" to U.S. 6. We will arrange car "spots" during lunch time.

Meeting Place:

North East corner of U.S. 33 and old 30 (across from old Fortmeyer)

Bring:

Sack lunch, drink. Canoe

We say "Thank You" to the places where we field trip by picking up litter. Bring along a plastic garbage bag and help us say "Thank You".

OCT. 3

Saturday Morning, 9:30 AM

CEDAR CREEK Field Trip

First we'll visit the Latz property near Route 427. From there, we'll take the Boy Scout Me-Te-A Trail along Cedar Creek to its end at Auburn Road. Our route then will take us, still along Cedar Creek, through the Girl Scout Camp McMillen, across the Fort Wayne Izaak Walton League Chapter grounds and out thru Dustin's woods and lane to Chapman Road. A visit to a Great Blue Heron nesting area (approximately 30 nests) further north on Cedar Creek is the next attraction and back through the Klingler woods to Chapman Road.

Meeting Place:

Holiday Theater Parking Lot- 427 at Northcrest

Bring:

Carryable lunch and drink. Wear good hiking footwear.

NOTE: If that seems like much too much hiking, we will have a map and car "spots" at several points along the way. You can hike what parts you like or go ahead and loaf while the hikers catch up. Total Trip: about 3 1/2 miles

WE GO - RAIN OR SHINE!

Naturalist in charge: Robert C. Weber 747-6030

Donate a day to ACRES! ACRES WORK DAY
FUN SATURDAY
EXERCISE **OCT. 17**
VISIT OUR AREAS
HELP KEEP THEM CLEAN & REPAIRED!

Meet: The Peoples Trust & Savings Bank (Gold Dome)
Northcrest, Rt. 30 by-pass.

Time: 9 AM

Bring: Sack lunch. Drink and cookies provided.
Work gloves. Loppers, clippers, rakes.

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A REASON FOR JOINING ACRES?

The following is the text of a letter recently received by ACRES:

"I read the article on Baneberry, by Pro. John W. Klotz in the Journal Gazette for Sunday August 30.

To me also, I have always loved this plant, and I have a bed of it growing at my cottage at Green Lake for the last 10 years.

Where I got the start, now is a golf course, this area had coffee trees, orchids, baneberry, skunk cabbage, wild blueberry, and many tulip trees, now there's a golf course. No beautiful wildflowers, no trees, all filled in.

I am a cardiac, but I do get around, I saw a patch of cardinal flower and some baneberry just last Saturday, also heard the chain saws starting to timber the area. It made me mad and sad.

I would like to do something, but what?"

CHECK ON YOURSELF ! If there is a check mark on your address label, your '70 - '71 dues are due.

SPECIAL NOTICE: ACRES has changed its address!

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ARE YOU A PHOTOGRAPHER? ACRES welcomes black/white prints, color slides, and movie color footage taken at the various Reserves - or simply good shots of natural subjects (which are native) and will add to our growing photo library.



ACRES' BEECHWOOD AREA BECOMES PART OF STATE NATURE PRESERVES SYSTEM. In June, 1970, ACRES became the first private group to dedicate a natural area under the new Indiana Nature Preserves Act. ACRES will maintain the 20 acre Beechwood Nature Reserve as before for outdoor education and public enjoyment with foot trail access only. Dedication under the State Nature Preserves Act provides additional protection to the Reserve from highway, utility or other encroachments. Seen in the photo standing are: John W. Klotz, ACRES Pres. and John R. Lloyd, Director of Natural Resources; and seated, signing the articles of dedication is John A. Hillenbrand II, Chr., Natural Resources Commission.

FILM FILE

In addition to ACRES growing library (thanks to gifts from the Briney's, Prentice's and Helen Skelton) we have compiled a film file. Mostly free, these are highly recommended viewing and the file tells where and how to order them.

REPRINT EDITION is now available of **NATURAL AREAS IN INDIANA AND THEIR PRESERVATION**, written by Alton A. Lindsey, Damian V. Schmelz and Stanley A. Nichols. Describes 162 natural areas arranged by major physiographic and vegetational areas of the state. Orders should be pre-paid at \$5.50 per volume and mailed to: American Midland Naturalist, Department of Biology, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind. 46556.

WOODS OF MINE

These woods are mine for I have paid a sum
And have a paper saying so.
But who is fool enough to think that he may own a tree
An autumn leaf or frost upon the ground that's his?
How can he keep the wind from moving past a bound'ry line
Or cricket's sound enfenced?
Or water in a creek forever flowing to a point
But never from?
I did not seek a title to this land
To keep it from the sun and rain
But only from the hands of other men
For just the little while of me.
I know I cannot truly own a thing
Time being not for sale.

William W. Mattix

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Last June I visited Ethiopia, a country so barren and poverty ridden as to be downright depressing. I couldn't forget that this country was invaded and conquered by Mussolini and I couldn't help but think that anyone who would want to conquer that country was obviously mad.

Ethiopia is poor because its topsoil has washed away. The forests and vegetation which clothed its steep mountains and hills have been removed and the rich topsoil of centuries has washed away into the Nile. It is this topsoil which has been the basis for the fertility of the Nile valley for centuries: the annual flooding of the Nile brought life to the valley by depositing the topsoil from the south on the fields there. From what I saw of Ethiopia there isn't much topsoil left and if the areas I visited were typical, the famed fertility of the Nile valley is in jeopardy (parenthetically, I might add it's in trouble for another reason: man has decided to improve on nature by building the Aswan dam behind which the silt will deposit so that it will no longer be left on the fields to the south).

It's easy to be irritated by peoples' unwillingness to protect the topsoil for future generations and to become indignant at the fact that the fertility of Egyptian fields depends on topsoil washed down from Ethiopia. But maybe we ought to be indignant at ourselves. We're living off the resources of others. In the United States we have less than 9% of the world's population, but we use about 50% of the world's resources. There really isn't much difference between an American affluence which lives off the resources of the rest of the world and Egyptian fields which continue to produce because they get the fertile topsoil from Ethiopia.

John W. Klotz

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