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FEBRUARY 20 - Saturday, 10:00 AM - HIKE

Hike will start at St. John's crossing (in DeKalb County) on the abandoned Penn Central railway right-of-way going south to lunch at Barrett's woods (between 327 and Fitch Road), then hike south to the Carroll Road crossing. Total length: 4¼ miles.

Car spots will be arranged.

MEET: Peoples Trust Gold Dome bank - Northcrest, Bypass 30. (We will leave from here sharp at 10:00 AM)

BRING: Lunch to carry in your pockets. Hot drink provided.

WEAR: Warm clothes, hats, mits and boots.

MARCH 6 - Saturday, 10:00 AM - WORK OUTING

BEECHWOOD repairs - before busy times of spring begin, we need to do some repairs to the Beechwood Reserve boardwalks which suffered from vandals early last fall.

If you can help, bring your muscles, work gloves, hammers and saws.

MEET: Beechwood Nature Reserve (ACRES' area just north of Pokagon State Park on old US route 27.)

BRING: Sack lunch and drink.

"The forest is woven as one.

The fox and the flower.

The sun and the soil.

The water and wings.

The toadstools and trees.

The forest is woven as one.

Plant and animal and mystery and

man, the forest

is a tapestry, a treasury

of riches forever, for all."

*-Epilogue
from "Patterns of the Wild"*

QUARTERLY COVER ARTIST is photographer John H. Ellenwood who has taken many ACRES photos recording field trips, special events and natural features. John is active with Coed Camera Club and is a Model Maker at Kokheim Corp., Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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JANUARY 22 - Friday Evening, 7:30 PM - FILMS

"Patterns of the Wild" - a U.S. Forest Service film showing the interdependence of nature.

"Winter Sleep" - Hibernation, where animals sleep & how they awaken, distinguishing the true hibernators.

"The Wild Dog Family" - a Walt Disney Production featuring the Coyote.

Please include the children! The total length of this film program will be 1½ hours.

PLACE: CONCORDIA SENIOR COLLEGE, Room 201, North Classroom building.

FEBRUARY 12 - Friday Evening, 8:00 PM - SLIDE-LECTURE

Dr. John W. Klotz, ACRES past president and Director of the Natural Science Department at Concordia Senior College will take us on a naturalists tour of South Africa and the Near East relating conservation problems of these areas to our own local, state and national problems.

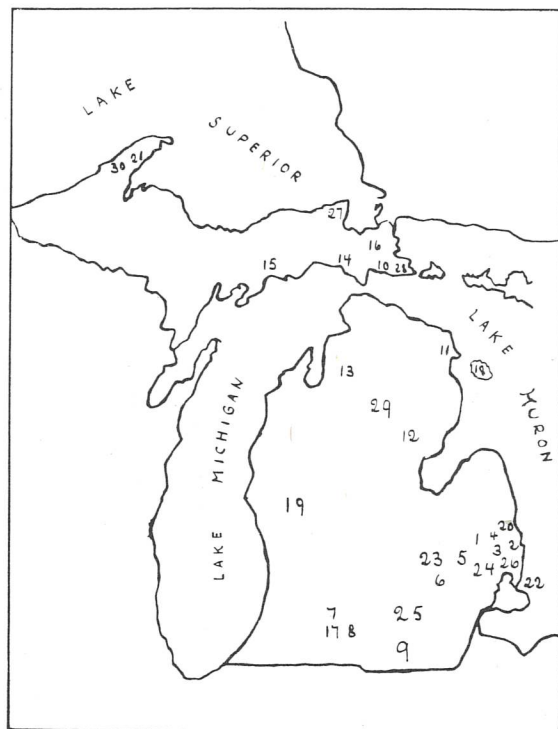
PLACE: ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE, Achatz Hall. Park off the Leesburg Road.

MARCH 12 - Friday Evening, 8:00 PM - LECTURE

Dr. Robert O. Petty, Associate Professor of Biology, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana will speak on "Ecological Systems and the Environmental Crisis". Long active with preservation efforts in Pine Hills and Big Walnut Valley, Dr. Petty works closely with natural preservation efforts of the Indiana Academy of Sciences & Izaak Walton League.

PLACE: SHOAFF PARK, River Lodge (St. Joe Road on north east edge of Fort Wayne).

One of ACRES Annual Dinner speakers was Richard Holzman, President of the Michigan Nature Association. Holzman showed an excellent series of slides beckoning a visit to many of the splendid natural areas this group administers. If you are traveling to Michigan, you might have an opportunity to visit or write for more detailed information.



Areas starred (*) may be visited at any time by the public. Write MNA for details about a guide for the others.

ACRES MEMBERSHIP INVITED TO SPEAK OUT!

The ACRES Board of Directors meets at 8:00 PM on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The Board wishes to encourage members to attend if they wish to present suggestions or proposals directly to the Board. Since the Board alternates meeting places call Jane Dustin, ACRES Secretary to know where to go. Call 637-6264.

The Board is always interested too in the membership's opinions of ACRES operations. Write, please, and tell us : What you like best? What would you like more of? Would you be interested and willing to serve as a Board member? Are there other specific jobs you would help with? Any other comments?

MICHIGAN NATURE ASSOCIATION

The first sanctuaries, No. 1-19, are pictured and described in publications, "The Nature Year," and "The EMNA Story: Preserving Natural Beauty in Michigan," complete with driving directions, and may be ordered for \$2.50 from MNA, 124 Miller Street, Mount Clemens, Michigan 48043.

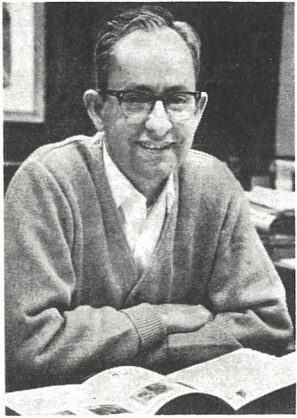
1 Red Wing Acres Nature Sanctuary	40
*2 Pine River Nature Sanctuary	17.5
*3 Big Hand Road Plant Preserve	5.42
*4 Trillium Trail Nature Sanctuary	20
*5 Lakeville Swamp Nature Sanctuary	66.35
*6 Timberland Swamp Nature Sanctuary	205
7 Pennfield Bog Plant Preserve	29
8 Fish Lake Bog Plant Preserve	3
*9 Bean Creek Nature Sanctuary	55
10 Beaver dam Nature Sanctuary in UP	40
11 Grass Lake Nature Sanctuary	150.16
12 Lost Lake Nature Sanctuary	80
13 Green River Nature Sanctuary	40
*14 Purple Coneflower Plant Preserve and ghost town of Kenneth in UP	21
15 Huntington Memorial Plant Preserve in UP	6
16 Sandhill Crane Reserve in UP	78
*17 Flowering Dogwood Plant Preserve	10
18 Gull Island Nature Sanctuary	12
*19 Newaygo Prairie Plant Preserve	110
20 Orchid Haven Plant Preserve	1
*21 Pilgrim River Pines Nature Sanctuary in UP	20
22 Squirrel Island Prairie Plant Preserve	3
23 Calla C. Burr Memorial Prairie Plant Preserve	2
24 unnamed Macomb Co. Gift	3.9
*25 Lefglen Nature Sanctuary	91.8
26 unnamed St. Clair Co. Gift	9
27 Lake Superior Nature Sanctuary in UP	220
28 Cedarville Bog Plant Preserve in UP	32
29 Jack Pine Project	40
30 Sante River Nature Sanctuary in UP	160

total acreage 1571.13



ACRES BEECHWOOD NATURE RESERVE GETS ADDITION

This new piece of land, a gift of Garnette and Mildred Foster, extends the Beechwood Nature Reserve with a natural strip to the edge of Otter Lake, preserving a piece of natural, undisturbed shoreline. The 20 acre Beechwood Reserve was acquired in 1964 and is a marsh and tamarack bog habitat with a slope of large beech trees at the northeast edge.



ACRES new president is founder-friend and for ten years the vice president of ACRES, James M. Barrett III.

Jim, a Fort Wayne native and Attorney has served ACRES in many ways but most especially with his legal abilities - writing deeds, wills, tax forms and etc. All very complicated and without which ACRES could not have accomplished the first ten years of acquisition.

Jim Barrett is also the author of the Indiana law which established the Indiana Division of Nature Preserves, reputed to be the best legislation of its kind in any State in the country.

Jim will have the assistance of three Vice-Presidents. Frank Kirschner of Kendallville will serve as Land Acquisition Vice-President, Roberts C. Weber as Program Vice President and Dr. John W. Klotz as Educational Activities Vice President. Klotz will continue to write his "of Bogs and Logs" column which appears bi-weekly in the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette.

Larry Moore of near Grabill will fill the unexpired term of Robert Summe who retired last month from the ACRES Board. A native of Springfield Township, Allen County, Larry is a Purdue graduate in mechanical engineering and is Product Reliability Manager for International Harvester's Motor Truck Division. Larry is a pilot, a ham radio operator, a photographer, a biking and hiking enthusiast and a nature lover. Wife Katherine and three children share - especially the nature love, biking and hiking.

Year in, year out
No matter what the weather
A blight upon the harvest
Or a storm upon the sea

Year in, year out
No matter how the wind blows
Another ring is added
To the Evergreen Tree.

Kathleen Milley

Dr. John W. Klotz, ACRES founder and leader for ten years has lent energy, direction, purpose and persistence to the task at hand.



Florence Klotz, also an ACRES founder has been recording secretary for many years and the short ACRES history which she wrote tells best the success of John's leadership. A group of Fort Wayne citizens devoted to land conservation met on December 2, 1959 to discuss the possibilities of organizing. At first the group thought primarily of acting as a fact-finding and propaganda organization aimed at promoting public acquisition of unspoiled, uncommitted lands having natural value.

However, at the second meeting "the group's discussion shifted toward direct raising of funds and direct acquisition of land to be held and administered by a corporation for the public benefit", using as models Nature Conservancy and in particular, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.

The original Board of Directors was made up of Florence and John Klotz, Jane and Tom Dustin, Ethyle and William Bloch, Robert Weber, Glenn Poe, James M. Barrett III, Adolph Hofer, Elmer Phelps and Werner Reifsteck. All but four of these original persons still serve on Acres Board.

Early in 1960 the Constitution and By-laws were adopted naming a self-perpetuating Board of 12 members and the groups name was formally adopted as ACRES, Inc. The number on the Board has since been expanded to 15 and meet monthly in the homes of the members and the last meeting on December 30, 1970 was our 117th consecutive meeting.

The membership has grown from 72 plus the 12 Board members in June of 1960 to 387 members as of January 1, 1971. Field trips were offered and have become increasingly popular. Winter meetings were planned and a Quarterly was published.

The highlights of ACRES history, of course, have been the gifts of land beginning with Mrs. Edna Spurgeon's gift of 60 acres in 1961, later expanded to 82. Shortly after this, ACRES took a lease on Hanging Rock over the Wabash River. This has been renewed continuously. In 1964 the Beechwood Reserve was donated by Miss Mildred and Miss Garnette Foster. Mr. Lloyd W. Bender gave us his woods as a memorial forest in 1966. A 20 acre bog near Angola was purchased at a tax sale in 1968 and Mrs. Nona Lawson gave her woods called Lonidaw "Spirit of the Woods" in 1968 in memory of her husband. The Beechwood Reserve has been extended to Otter Lake.

The ACRES Board of Directors and all members and friends will always be grateful to these donors who have helped to accomplish what ten years ago was a dream of a small group.....

For seeing the need and implementing the action, we all say "Thank you John Klotz for your leadership and service."

PARKWAY MUSINGS

They've tamed the country for the sake of men,
And what we pass is patterned for our lives,
Bisected, leveled, cleared and drained, and then
Seeded to bring the green to earth again
In strict control. But where now is the food
For outrageous fancy? Dark and dangerous wood,
Small Everest of rock, swamp-jungle pond,
The daisy meadow that can hide a child
Flattened to ground, tickled by weed and frond?

The grass is cut, the trees have long since gone,
Bulldozed to creaking death. The mounds are razed,
The only forest is of aerials,
Twigs brushed by the same tune a thousand times
But indifferent to wind. For miles no wild,
Strange, sudden life catches the human throat,
Swells the mind outward. Oh, there's light and air,
And children play and fathers mow the lawn
And mothers hang out washing, and you can find
The age-old acts of families. But where
Is the nourishment? That natural birth
Of dreams that flower in the untampered earth?

Marya Mannes

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