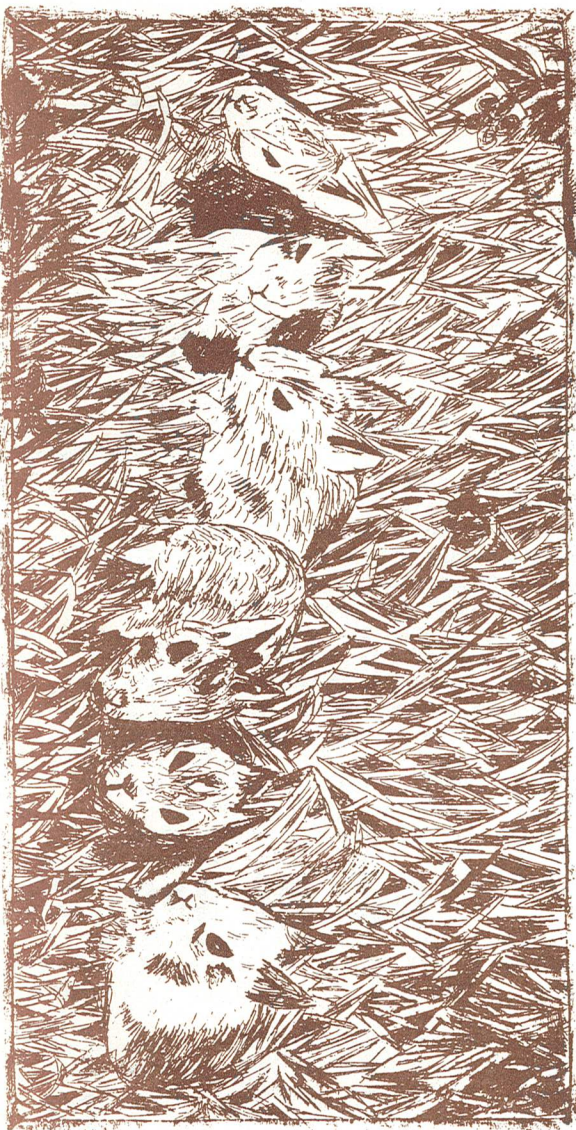
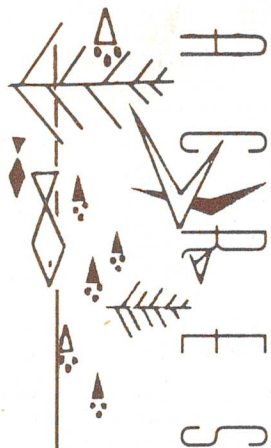




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FALL FIELD TRIPS

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Field trip to Asherwood, located between Marion and Wabash, which has been established as a school natural area. Pat Bolman will guide our visit to this 160 acre piece. (People wishing to camp, can stay at Miller's Hide-A-Way next door.)
TIME: 1:00 PM MEET: Liberty Mills Marathon
8713 US Hwy 24, W. just west of I69, US24 interchange.
BRING: Picnic supper and drink.

SPECIAL SPECIAL SPECIAL SPECIAL SPECIAL
joint weekend of meetings and field trips with the
INDIANA CHAPTER THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Saturday
Sunday
oct. 19, 20

Join us for all or any part!

Saturday, October 19:

Registration: 11:30 - 1:00 POTAWATOMI INN, POKAGON

Lunch & TNC STATE PARK

Regular Meeting (Lunch is Buffet style and no reservations required)

2:30 PM Motor tour of Wing Haven - Marsh Lake area followed by hike through Beechwood Nature Reserve led by Bill Barnes.

4:30 Camper set-up time. Cabins (4 persons \$17.00) or motel/Inn accommodations available (\$11.00 single, \$16.00 double). If making overnite reservations, make them by Oct. 11 and mention The Nature Conservancy. Accompany with \$5.00 deposit.

6:00 Buffet dinner - Potawatomi Inn (no reservations required).

7:30 Evening program - Slides and Movies! The Nature Conservancy properties around Indiana and the Country. ACRES new movie and re-run of one-minute spots. Please bring five (5) of your own special slides to show and share.

Sunday, October 20:

7:00 AM Before breakfast hike with Bill Barnes into the Potawatomi Nature Preserve, part of the park now dedicated as a state nature preserve and containing Lake Lonidaw.

8:30 Breakfast at the Inn.

9:30 Leave for near Orland to visit the Ropchan Memorial Nature Reserve which is ACRES' newest acquisition and contains a tamarack grove with carpets of living sphagnum moss, giant ferns and high-bush blueberry. Frank Kirschner will be our guide. Field trip will end by 1 PM.

QUARTERLY COVER ARTIST is Carolyn McNaghy who is a Senior at Columbia City High School. The cover art is from an etching Carolyn did while studying at the Fort Wayne Art Institute.

WORK DAY **nov.** WORK DAY



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The Steuben County Highway people have agreed to provide trucks and drivers on SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2 too help us haul away a dump area at the new Ropchan Memorial Nature Reserve. We will need all the helpers we can muster - wear sturdy work gloves, bring your lunch and drink. Work Day starts at the Reserve at 9:30 AM. Go north on rte 327 to Orland, east on rte 120 2 1/2 miles. Reserve is north of 120.

ACRES ANNUAL BANQUET

NOV. 8

CONCORDIA SENIOR COLLEGE

Main Dining Hall

6:30
PM

\$4.00
PLATE

Send or phone reservations by November 6 to:

Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Pacer

5211 Pheasant Run

Fort Wayne, Indiana 46815

485-3497 or 637-6264

PAUL WEBSTER of Bryan, Ohio using multi-image projection will present a program "Lenses On Nature". A specialist in the fauna and flora of northwestern Ohio, Paul Webster has taught 23 years of biological sciences at Bryan High School. President of the National Association of Biology Teachers, Webster received BA, BS and MA degrees from Ohio State University and has done summer work at Indiana University, Purdue University, University of Utah, and University of Michigan. He has prepared film strips on ecology used nationally in environmental education.

NOVEMBER 9 Saturday - WORK DAY AT MENGERSON RESERVE

TIME: 9:30 AM

PLACE: Mengerson Reserve parking area 5800 Stellhorn Rd.

BRING: work gloves, clippers, lunch and drink.

This is our "urban" natural area and it needs our help and love. It's close by for most of us so take some time to give ACRES a helping hand.

election

IF YOU ARE A DUES-PAYING MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING:

YOU MAY MAKE NOMINATIONS UP UNTIL OCTOBER 13 (see details).

YOU WILL RECEIVE A RETURN-BY-MAIL BALLOT BY NOVEMBER 20.

YOU MUST VOTE BY MAIL BY DECEMBER 12 or YOU MAY VOTE IN PERSON ON DECEMBER 13, 1974 8 PM, 1802 Chapman Rd., Huntertown.

SELECT ION OF DIRECTORS

There will be 18 directors. Three are appointed for staggered three year terms, one by the Department of Public Instruction of the State of Indiana, one by the Indiana Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, and one by the Indiana Park and Recreation Association. These appointees give broader public representation on our Board.

Fifteen directors are elected by the dues-paying members in good standing, five each year for three year terms. The procedure is as follows:

1. The statutory annual membership meeting will be held at 8 PM on December 13, 1974 at 1802 Chapman Rd, Huntertown, Indiana. At this meeting ballots will be counted, members present may vote in person and the elected directors will be determined.

NOTE* This is not the annual dinner meeting at which we have a speaker. The Annual Dinner Meeting will be held November 8, 1974, 6:30 PM at Concordia Senior College.

2. Between September 13 and October 13, dues-paying members in good standing may nominate directors as follows: Any ten members in good standing may nominate a member of the Corporation by a written instrument which is a) signed by the 10 members, b) contains the nominee's written consent to serve if elected, and c) is delivered to the Secretary at 1802 Chapman Road, Huntertown, Indiana 46748 on or before October 13.

3. If more than five members are nominated, the five nominated by the largest number of members shall be the nominees.

4. If less than five nominations are made by the members, then between October 13 and October 29 the Nominations Committee will nominate enough persons to make at least five. The Nominations Committee may, but need not, nominate enough to make a total of ten nominees.

5. Each nominee may submit a statement of his qualifications which will be sent to members with the ballot. Such statement must be received by the Secretary before November 13.

6. No later than November 20 the Secretary will mail to members entitled to vote a ballot and the statement of the nominee's qualifications, together with a short reminder of the voting procedure.

7. Members may vote by mailed ballot. Members do not need to attend the annual meeting on December 13. However, if a member does attend, he may vote in person and cancel any ballot he may have returned by mail. There are no "write-in" votes accepted for anyone not nominated pursuant to the foregoing procedure.

*** To be effective, a ballot returned by mail must a) be enclosed in an envelope signed by the voting member, b) not be marked for more than five persons and c) be received by the Secretary NO LATER THAN December 12.



" STUMPING "



In these modern times with so many people interested in nature study and nature photography, you quite often hear of the frustrations people have. Such as the deer that moves just as the shutter is released, or how about that slide that is out of focus because the flower was blowing in the wind, or the light is not right? or better yet, the time you were watching some small shy bird or animal and along came 29 boy-scouts, 14 campfire girls and five dozen mosquitos! Now that's what I call frustration!

What do you do now? Try readjusting your aims. Study or photograph something that will hold still for you. Something you can work around and study from all sides. I suggest TREE STUMPS. You could be the first on your block to become a "Tree Stump Interpreter" - think of all the advantages of stump study.

It can be shared. You might even want to share studying stumps with the 29 boy-scouts, 14 campfire girls and you can be sure the five dozen mosquitos will stop and study with you.

Another advantage of stump study is they seldom move, they don't blow in the wind, they can be studied from all sides and won't wilt (although quite often they do rot). The best advantage is they can be studied at any time of year! and with the right kind of light, stumps can be studied any time of the day.

With all these wonderful advantages you may be asking yourself, what you should study when you see a tree stump? Here are a few ideas.

What kind of tree was it? From what did it grow? (nut or seed) How old was the tree? What size is the stump? What time of year did it produce the most growth? Did it grow most in youth, middle age or old age? What evidence of animals? What grows around the stump? Has it left itself perpetuated in seedlings?

If you find stump study as fascinating as I do you might want to do some reading along the stump line. I suggest, "Burning an Empire" by S. Holbrook and "Sand County Almanac" (section entitled "Good Oak") by Aldo Leopold.

Pat Bolman

IF THERE IS A CHECK BY YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS
YOUR DUES ARE DUE
BE A VOTING MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING!

The environmental fight: where it is now

It was in 1968 that the public began realizing and reacting to the major threats of environmental pollution.

In that year, The Fox, the anonymous pollution-fighter, began his midnight raids against polluters. People began looking at smoking stacks as an illness of our environment, rather than as a sign of progress.

Earth Day was celebrated nationwide in 1970, but it's decreased in importance as the years unfold.

The federal Environmental Protection Agency was formed by Congress in 1970, the President set up the Council for Environmental Quality to advise him, and the Congress wrote a strong Clean Air Act.

Two years later were to come the equally-strong Water Pollution Control Act Amendments, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, and legislation on noise pollution.

As a nation, we've come a long way to cure our environmental ills since 1968.

But the thrust of the fight has shifted.

At first, the nation was concerned about filthy water and befouled air — it was concerned with the physical manifestations of an environment in trouble.

Today, the EPA, using the muscle the federal legislation has provided, has set up strict standards for clean-up, along with the schedules required to accomplish this clean-up.

Many feel the fight is being won and that indignant voices are no longer needed to keep the clean-up on the right track.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

It is now that the pressures are being felt by government and environmentalists to back

off from stringent standards and timetables for a number of reasons: a fuel shortage, unemployment, the sometimes-high cost of installing pollution-control devices; a consuming public that doesn't want to pay more for cars with emission-control equipment, and most of all, a nation that is accustomed to a high standard of living that is often wasteful.

The indignant voices that were raised several years ago, demanding that governments do something about pollution, have won. Governments are doing something.

It is now up to the people to rethink their way of life and join the many industries that have had to make the monetary sacrifices because both federal and state governments demand it.

We are now in the second major battle — the battle of environmental ethics.

There is far more at stake than saving plants, birds, and wildlife. In the long run, we are saving the life of the human race. Studies have shown air pollution causes respiratory diseases. That asbestos, when breathed, can cause cancer. We're paying more in laundry and dry cleaning bills. We're paying more for doctor's visits; our homes must be repainted more often as the air pollutants eat away the paint.

In many areas, we pay more to our city to treat water so that it's drinkable. We can't swim on many sections of Lakes Erie's and Michigan's polluted shores. In Duluth, Minnesota, we must buy bottled water for our children, for asbestos-like fibers have been found in our water supplies.

Over-development has caused flooding in many urban areas.

Frills such as garbage disposals and phosphates in our detergents have increased the cost of treating our sewage.

Most of us agree we don't want these environmental ills to go uncured. But are we willing to pay the extra cost to cure them?

We've known from the beginning that government, industry, and the public are in this fight together. There's been a shift towards recycling, biking, organic farming, car pools, population control, and environmental activism.

But none of those things, really, costs us any more or make us sacrifice much in our homes. And that is the place where we must live a renewed environmental ethic.

Do we need electric tooth brushes, can openers, dish washers and other work-saving appliances when there's a shortage of clean fuel for power plants?

Do we need big cars with air conditioning and power steering when there's a gasoline shortage and these frills detract from mileage?

Do we need disposable diapers, bottles, cans, cooking bags, and food wraps when the things that are used to make them are finite resources?

The test of environmental success will depend upon whether the American public is willing to sacrifice some of the very symbols of American prosperity.

Continued pressure on governments and polluters will go a long way in making ours a clean and healthful environment in which to live.

But the people, too, must work at it — for we're all in this together.

YOU CAN HELP ACRES

Members of the ACRES Board would greatly appreciate receiving the names and addresses of persons presently owning natural or potentially natural areas in northeastern Indiana. The Board is attempting to expand its present listing of areas for guidance in expanding our ACRES land preservation program, and it needs your help. A planned step in this program will be the preparation of a brief letter to the owners of these areas explaining our ACRES goals and outlining our successes. (Did you know that we now administer ten different properties of which five are dedicated under the Indiana Nature Preserves Act?)

Your name will not be used (unless requested) and our approach will be informational, not "pushy". A suggested method for an accurate list of landowners names would be to use a topographic map (for areas) in conjunction with a plat book (for names) and a phone book (for addresses).

The ACRES Secretary will be very please to hear from you!

YOU CAN HELP ACRES

As ACRES acquires additional areas, your help is more urgently needed than ever in the patrol and maintenance of these areas. Keeping trails clear is an especially important job for everyone. Don't be afraid to clear the trails of the all-too-persistent encroaching growth. We do want visitors to use these trails. Should you uncover special problems during one or your visits, please contact any one of the ACRES Board members.

THE GOLDFINCH

The flitting finch
A moment's grace,
Bright golden in the air.

Its warbling trill
High up in space,
No prison shall ensnare.

Margien L. Lund

REMNANTS OF BROCADE

Mary Jane Kennicott Osgood

That concrete ribbon newly laid
Was once a lovely green brocade
Of trees and meadow where we played.
Now cars their deadly fumes outpour
Where hawks and swallows used to
soar.

I'm glad I knew it as before.

I'm sorry that it could not stay—
The earth, the plough, the grain and
hay.

Now interchanges show the way
To find the things Progress mislaid:
Those precious remnants of brocade.

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