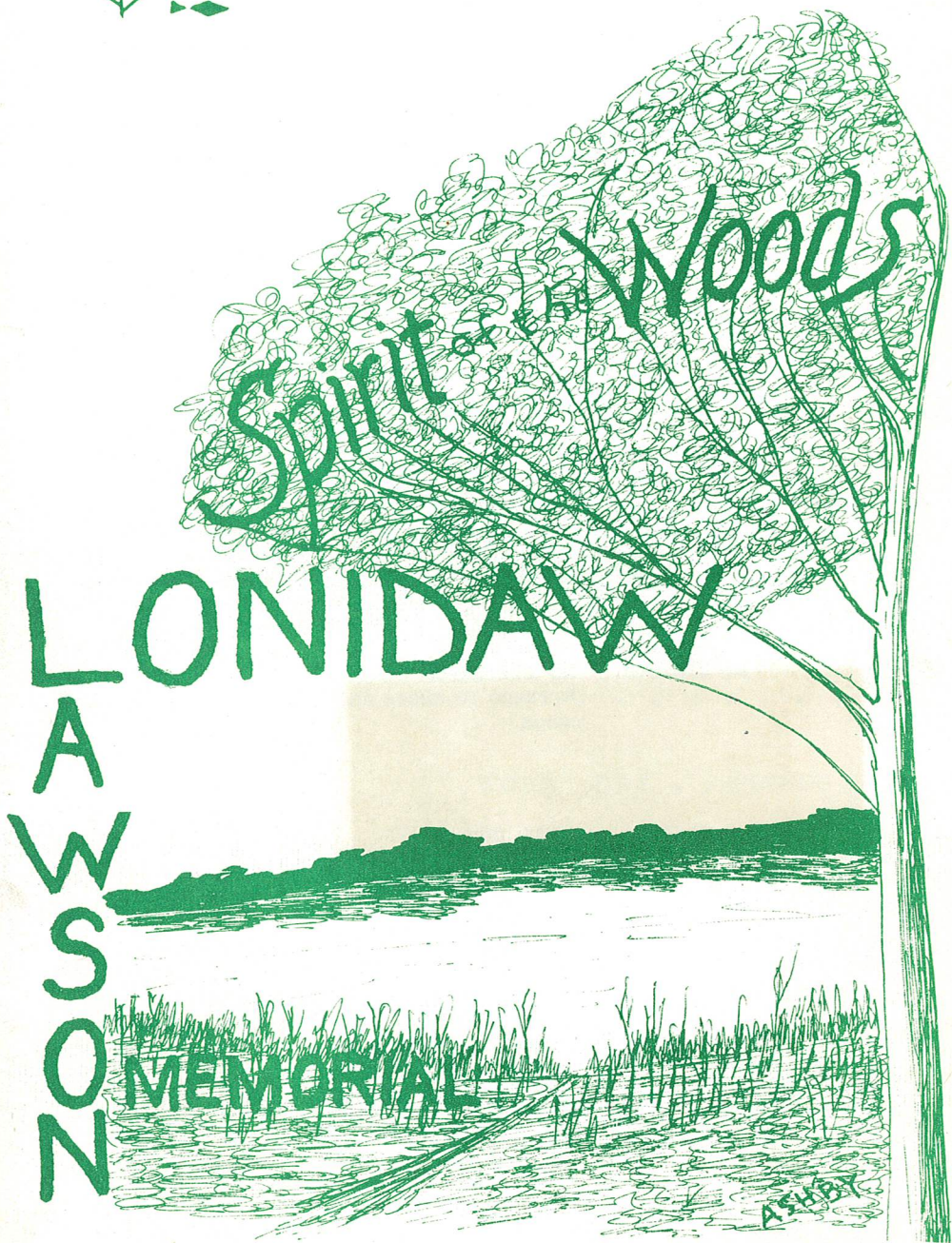




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Saturday WORK DAY . LONIDAW

Sept 15 8:30 AM Meet at Golden Dome, Peoples Trust Bank, Northcrest, Coliseum Blvd. OR
9:00 AM at Lonidaw Preserve.

Work includes clearing and painting sign, clearing trails, marking boundaries, general clean-up for "Open House".

BRING: Appropriate tools, work gloves, sack lunch and drink, repellent.

IN-CHARGE Ted Heemstra 484-4385

Saturday FIELD TRIP . FAWN RIVER
Canoeing and Hiking
Oct 6 ROPCHAN MEMORIAL NATURE PRES.

9:00 AM Meet at Golden Dome, Peoples Trust Bank, Northcrest, Coliseum Blvd.

OR 10:00 AM Orland Fish Hatchery (1/2 mi. N. of town). NATURAL AREAS IN INDIANA says ... "providing a float trip that rivals any other in the state for combined biological interest and feasibility". Leisurely canoe; hike back or car-spot optional. Visit ROPCHAN MEMORIAL NATURE PRESERVE in afternoon.

BRING: Lunch, drink and one life preserver for every canoeist.

IN-CHARGE Ed Eberhardt 424-2462

Arrange to share the ride, auto and/or canoe.

QUARTERLY COVER ARTIST is Paul Ashby, Kendallville artist and retired school teacher. Probably best known for his woodcuts of mushrooms, woodland flora and covered bridges. Ashby, an ardent conservationist, did this cover sketch to share his hopes for preserving LONIDAW Nature Preserve. (Story inside)

Friday ACRES ANNUAL DINNER

NOV. 9 6:30 PM \$7.00 PLATE

MAIN DINING HALL . CONCORDIA
6600 NORTH CLINTON, FORT WAYNE

Phone reservations by Nov. 6 to:

Ted & Tali Lanham 432-1885
or call 637-6264

Decorations by Jean Hammel

PROGRAM TIME IS 8:00 PM CLASSROOM 201

If you are unable to join us for dinner, welcome to the program at 8 in classroom 201.

SPEAKER: HAROLD F. MAYFIELD
"THE FRAGILE ARCTIC"

"The arctic, frozen like a rock for three-fourths of the year, dissolves into mush during its short summer. Here the surface of the earth, in a state of thaw, bears a unique set of plants in their brief flowering period and supports teeming populations of water and shore birds in their breeding season. Under these conditions the land and its inhabitants are exceptionally vulnerable to damage from the activities of modern man."

Harold F. Mayfield from Waterville, Ohio combines a business career at Owens-Illinois with the science of ornithology. Best known in bird circles for his outstanding work on the endangered Kirtland's warbler, he has participated in a number of bird expeditions to Mexico, Central America and the Arctic.

Saturday WORK DAY . SPURGEON

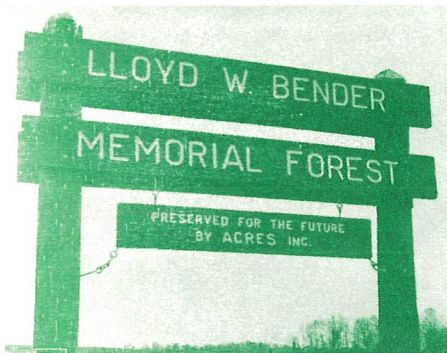
Nov 10 9:00 AM meet at Golden Dome Peoples Trust Bank, Northcrest, Coliseum Blvd.
OR 10:00 AM at Spurgeon Reserve.

Projects are general clean-up, trail and fence maintenance, trash removal.

BRING: Tools, work gloves, sack lunch & drink. Hot soup provided.

IN-CHARGE: Ted Heemstra 484-4385

WORK DAYS PROVIDE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY AN ACRES OUTING, AND IN ADDITION TO A LITTLE WORK, INCLUDE A HIKE AND EXPLORATION OF OUR NATURAL AREAS.



MEMORIAL

LLOYD W. BENDER
24 MAY 1900 - 4 JULY 1979

Donor of

LLOYD W. BENDER
MEMORIAL FOREST

It seems such a short time since November, 1965 when, with a letter, I made my first contact with Lloyd Bender. ACRES at that time was much in need of someone to actively pursue acquisition, and the soils agent in Noble County had remarked about Mr. Bender's strong interest in conservation, adding that he was locally well known for a reputation for shrewd judgement. In that November letter I asked him to be our acquisition investigator, carefully pointing out to him that none of us receives any kind of salary from ACRES!

A fast reply from Lloyd was full of interest along with a query about whether ACRES would want to consider helping him preserve part of his woodland. Sometime between then and Oct. 1966, when we officially dedicated the 60 acre Lloyd W. Bender Memorial Forest, I toured the land for the first time while riding on a tractor Lloyd was driving fearlessly over, up, down and across the wooded slopes as he entertained me with remarks about the trees, shrubs, herbs and other assorted "critters". His interest in such things was most sincere and his knowledge admirable. Often I was later to be advised about the virtues of several plants for treatment of ailments.

Now through a bequest from Lloyd, we will be able to enlarge his Preserve an additional 50 acres to include his remaining woods which lies on either side of the winding Elkhart River before it meanders on along the north and west boundaries of the first 60 acre tract. What a lovely walk one can have as he explores along a trail through Lloyd's beloved trees on the slopes along the river.

Lloyd Bender was a lover of trees from his beginnings. Born in Williams County, Ohio, he was soon to move with his parents, William and Ella (Smith) Bender, to Indiana where they too wanted to buy and protect the woodland we know. From the many conversations I have had with Lloyd, I learned something of his life. (Three brothers and a sister preceded him in death and he is survived by his wife Nellie, a brother Donald and a half-brother Walter Hall)

Lloyd was a school teacher for 29 years. He also, at one time or another was a farmer, shipbuilder, storekeeper and rail-roader. In addition to his strong conservation interests, Lloyd was a dedicated historian. He was president of the Noble County Historical Society from 1965-1972, spearheaded the drive to save the old Albion Jail for a museum in 1968 and likewise helped save the old York Center School. He began the first use of visual aids in rural Noble County schools and also founded what is today the Rural Youth Organization. He was proud to have donated four gallons of blood to the Red Cross.

There is something delightful in the name Strawberry Valley Nursing Home (Ligonier), and there is where Lloyd, while convalescing in 1976, met and later married his beloved Nellie Grace Barkley Schlemmer. Lloyd was 76 and Nellie 80. Nellie is now living with family in Ligonier and, no doubt, often remembers with great fondness the few years she and Lloyd shared making their home together in Lloyd's old farm house.

In July, 1979, Lloyd was buried in Oak Park Cemetery at Ligonier. Not many years before his death, and after a severe illness, when asked something about who or what he gave credit for his life being saved, he replied, "I owe it all to the Man upstairs."

In the years to come, as I enjoy the rolling woods and river banks Lloyd Bender left to ACRES to be preserved forever, and as I work with updated species lists and other preserve data, I will hold a special warmth for this unselfish man who saw well beyond his years.

Robert C. Weber, Pres.

FUND RAISING TO PURCHASE LONIDAW BEGINS

LONIDAW, in Noble County, northeast of Kendallville, has been maintained by ACRES since 1968 at Mrs. Lawson's request. Many of you have been to this lovely wooded area with its rolling terrain, tall timber and bog lake.

Circumstances have now made necessary the sale of this property. In order to preserve LONIDAW as a natural area for the region, and to retain the intent of Mrs. Lawson to designate this land as a living memorial to Dr. I.H. Lawson, ACRES Inc. has agreed to purchase LONIDAW.

A Purchase Project Committee, selected from the ACRES, Inc. membership and the Kendallville community is working to obtain the necessary \$30,000.00 amount for acquisition of LONIDAW. The help of every ACRES, Inc. member is urgently needed too.

A return envelope is provided for your convenience in sending your contribution to preserve LONIDAW.



PURCHASE PROJECT MEMBERS

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Project Chairman

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CROOKED LAKE NATURE PRESERVE
MOST OF THE NORTH SHORE OF ONE OF INDIANA'S
CLEANEST LAKES IS PRESERVED HERE. PURCHASED
BY THE STATE OF INDIANA WITH THE ASSISTANCE
OF THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, ACRES, INC. AND
CROOKED LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION.

At the ceremonies, Gov. Bowen stated, "The Department of Natural Resources Division of Nature Preserves has been in existence since 1968. In that time, we have dedicated 50 state nature preserves comprising over 7,200 acres. Thirty-one nature preserves totaling more than 2,400 acres have been dedicated since 1972".

Data available for

Mark DeBrock has visited the ROPCHAN WILDLIFE REFUGE 47 times since the areas dedication in May of 1977 and has compiled a paper, "Vertebrate Fauna Of Ropchan Wildlife Refuge".

Mark states, "Ropchan Wildlife Refuge truly can provide a refuge for practically all the native mammals in our area. The availability of several sources of water, a wide range of plant and animal foods, and many types of cover are important factors in attracting wildlife to an area. Ropchan possesses all these factors."

Mark's narrative lists observing star-nose mole, muskrat, weasel, raccoon, opossum, short-tailed shrew, eastern mole, cottontail rabbit, woodchuck, gray, fox and red squirrel, flying squirrel, chipmunk, meadow jumping mouse, meadow vole, red fox, whitetail deer, red-backed salamander, blue spotted and tiger salamander, American toad, spring peeper, gray treefrog, leopard frog, wood frog, bullfrog, green frog, snapping turtle, musk turtle, Blanding's turtle, box turtle, painted turtle, northern water snake, eastern garter snake, ribbon snake, blue racer, black rat snake, massasauga rattlesnake, mudminnows, grass pickerel, and 66 bird species.

Mark concludes..."the habitat for most species is there at Ropchan. Obviously, it is better for some species than others. However, it preserves a "core area" to which animals may retreat when surrounding areas are altered and made unfit for their requirements. These same animals may then migrate to other suitable habitat if it becomes available. Although it would be nice if all the land were favorable for habitation, the imperfect landscape we have created will never again permit this. That is why areas such as ROPCHAN WILDLIFE REFUGE is and always will be very important to the survival of all species."

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IF THERE IS A CHECK (✓) BY YOUR NAME, YOU
FORGOT TO PAY YOUR ACRES DUES. REMEMBER TO-
DAY ! \$1 STUDENT; \$2 SENIOR CITIZEN; \$5
REGULAR; \$10 FAMILY; \$25 SHARE-THE-EXPENSE;
\$50 SUSTAINING; \$100 PATRON. REMEMBER TODAY!
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election

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 15 1979 at 1802 Chapman Rd, Huntstown, 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 9 1979 6:30 PM at Concordia .

3. 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.
4. If more than five members are nominated, the five nominated by the largest number of members shall be the nominees.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. Members may vote by mailed ballot. Members do not need to attend the annual meeting on December 15. 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.

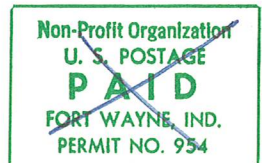
*** To be effective, a ballot returned by mail must a) be enclosed in an envelope signed by the voting member, b) not be marked for more than five persons and c) be received by the Secretary NO LATER THAN December 14

Note a change:

ACRES LAND ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT FUND

A vital part of successful PRESERVATION, beyond the actual ACQUISITION of the land, is the MANAGEMENT of such essentials as drain assessments, surveys, fencing against livestock, appraisals, etc. Although management requirements vary from area to area, it has even become necessary in several instances for ACRES to wage legal challenges to preserve the integrity of our nature preserves. All this takes money and although ACRES has never maintained a staff to do either the acquisition or the preserve management work, it is increasingly difficult to pay the direct costs of the area management from monies paid by ACRES memberships. Now, contributions to ACRES LAND ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT FUND pay toward ACRES' acquiring natural areas for preservation purposes AND for maintaining and managing these natural lands forever as nature preserves.

ACRES, Inc.
1802 Chapman Road
Huntertown, Indiana 46748



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