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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

After a cool winter prolonged into March, the Halifax River Audubon Society will wind up its 1977-78 season. Vice President and Program Chairman Carlton M. Smith put on a superb series of programs during the winter, and our field trips turned out well, though one trip had to be canceled because of bad weather. Our heartiest congratulations to Beatrice and Chester Childs on their recent marriage. All the officers of Halifax River Audubon join in wishing our members a pleasant summer, and we hope to see you all again next fall.

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FIELD TRIPS

On March 13, 1978, 13 birders set out from City Island for Blue Springs. On the way we were to try three places mentioned by members of West Volusia Audubon. One was productive, a pond to the left of the Phillips gas station in Orange City; purple gallinules were there, distant on the other shore of the pond but clear in the scope. All told we recorded 51 species for the day - the greatest number at any one place, right at the starting point and the rest on the way to Blue Springs and back. An immature bald eagle flew above the pond at the airport. Along Route 92, nine bluebirds perched on the wires.

On Saturday, April 1, our ultimate destination was changed from Lake Woodruff to Alexander Springs, with stops along the way on Beach Street, Sanchez Park and Ike's Woods. The last two places were very quiet, but we did spot bob-white in the yards across from Ike's Woods. At Alexander Springs at lunch time, a tufted titmouse flew around in plain sight; we had heard others earlier. Afterwards we walked on the nature trail, which has a new attractive entrance,

and we sighted two limpkins in the run. Returning to town, as we sped along Route 42, we saw hundreds of zephyr lilies along the highway east of Altoona. The bluebirds again perched on the wires along Route 92. A few more birds at the airport pond brought the total for the day to 45 species.

Two trips that will occur after you receive this issue of the Pelican are on Saturday, April 29, to Osteen and Mullet Lake, and Friday, May 5, to Washington Oaks, with lunch at either Anastasia or Faver Dykes.

BIRD NOTES

A report from South Daytona stated that about 100 cedar waxwings were gorging on the fruit of Japanese plums and other trees and getting rather tipsy as a consequence.

In 1978 the Canadian Wildlife Service will be continuing an extensive program of banding and color-marking shorebirds. They request that if anyone sees a shorebird with marks or leg bands, the information be sent to:

Dr. R. I. G. Morrison
Canadian Wildlife Service
2721 Highway 31
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1G 3Z7

For colour-dyed birds, please note area dyed and for bands note position of band above or below the knee and which leg. Add date, place, species of bird and other birds with which associated.

OUR PELICAN ROOKERY NEEDS PROTECTION

Many who use the Dunlawton Causeway, Port Orange, have noted the gathering of shore birds on the mangrove island and spoil bank just south of the bridge. In recent months, the second island north of the causeway has been the gathering place of an even greater number of brown pelicans.

The MORNING JOURNAL of April 11 carried a full page story by Kenneth Goodman about the pelicans nesting at this site. He expressed his concern about the disturbance of these birds by well-meaning boaters who come ashore for a closer look. The parent birds, frightened by the intrusion, leave the nest and the young die in a short time from sun exposure. The island is state property and should be protected. This has been done for the pelican rookery in the Indian River but has not been done here.

Audubon members can render an important service by calling or writing the Game and Fresh Water Commission, 620 South Meridian St., Tallahassee, Florida 32304, urging that protective measures be taken. Contact with Volusia Legislators might also help.

- Walter S. Boardman
Conservation Chairman

COUNTY STORM WATER ORDINANCE NEEDS PUBLIC SUPPORT

Remember the letters you wrote in support of the Daytona Beach Tree Ordinance. That Ordinance passed because of public support. Public involvement was also responsible for keeping a development out of the Spruce Creek area. Public involvement of that type is needed again to encourage the County Council to pass the proposed Storm Water Management and Conservation Ordinance. The Councilmen began a study of this Ordinance on April 3, 1978.

This Ordinance would require developers to retain approximately the same amount of water on site after development as would have been naturally retained without development. This allows more water to percolate into the ground to recharge the aquifer - the source of our drinking water. Furthermore, this Ordinance would reduce the pollution to our surface water bodies by requiring the developers to retain at least the first one inch of a rainfall. Tests have revealed that at least 80% of the impurities would be removed and not be discharged to our rivers and lakes if the first one inch of rainfall is contained on-site. Retention on-site would also reduce flooding of roads and streets. This Ordinance would apply only to new developments.

There are five different alternatives that the Council can consider to determine the area that the Ordinance would cover. The environmentalists are recommending that the cities as well as the unincorporated areas be covered by this Ordinance, or one of their own as stringent in the near future.

There has been no ordinance to regulate storm water since an old ordinance, covering the potential recharge area, expired in 1975. Since that time many citizens, members of the county staff, engineers, and the 208 Water Quality staff have worked preparing this Ordinance.

In spite of the salt intrusion into municipal wells, as well as private ones, and the declining conditions of our water bodies, some of the Councilmen questioned the need for the Ordinance and would prefer delaying it. Dr. Tom Kelly, County Manager, stated that in the last three months most of the issues the Council have dealt with have been drainage problems, and this is a step toward solving these problems.

Councilman Bud Fleuchavs spoke positively about the need for the Ordinance. Councilman Joe Benedict suggested public hearings during the next three months with a vote on the Ordinance in August.

There was an excellent turnout by the public who support the concept of the Ordinance. The Council acknowledged the presence of the supporters. The problem we have as environmentalists is maintaining public support during the summer vacation months when this Ordinance will undergo public hearings. Please try to attend at least one of these meetings: May 18, June 15, July 20.

Letters will be helpful also. Write to your County Councilman and tell him why this Ordinance is important to you. Letters can be sent to P. O. Box 429, DeLand, FL 32720.

- Jeri Wyly

SUN DAY - MAY 3

A SUN-DAY HYMN

Lord of all being! throned afar,
Thy glory flames from sun and star
Centre and soul of every sphere,
Yet to each loving heart how near!

Sun of our life, thy quickening ray
Sheds on our path the glow of day;
Star of our hope, thy softened light
Cheers the long watches of the night.

Our midnight is thy smile withdrawn;
Our noontide is thy gracious dawn;
Our rainbow arch thy mercy's sign,
All, save the clouds of sin, are thine!

Lord of all life, below, above,
Whose light is truth, whose
warmth is love,
Before thy ever-blazing throne
We ask no lustre of our own.

Grant us thy truth to make us
free,
And kindling hearts that burn
for thee.

Till all thy living altars claim
One holy night, one heavenly
flame!

- Oliver Wendell Holmes

The WORLD'S LARGEST WINDMILL will be built on a mountaintop near Boone, NC. The \$3.5 million windmill will have a pair of adjustable blades spanning 200 feet, about four feet longer than the wingspan of a 747 jumbo jet. The windmill will produce 2,000 kilowatts of power, which will be hooked into the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corp. power system. The research project is being financed by the U.S. Department of Energy.

Worth Quoting

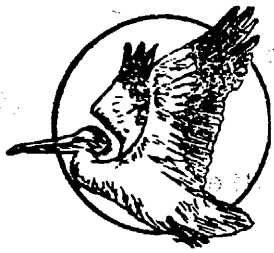
"Search for TRUTH is in one way hard, and in another easy, for it is evident that no one can master it fully, nor miss it wholly, but each adds a little to our knowledge of Nature, and from all the facts assembled, there arises a certain grandeur".

- Aristotle (Circa 330 B.C.)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After one of our hottest summers, cooler weather is coming. Welcome to a new season of field trips and indoor programs. The lineup of trips is about the same as last year, except all trips are on Fridays. The holiday weekends are being skipped. For information on the programs at our meetings see the article following by our program director, Carlton M. Smith. Consult your program brochure for field trip and meeting dates.

PROGRAMS FOR 1978-1979 SEASON

This year's programs are almost set. Listed below is a short resume of what is planned.

For our first program, October 16, your program director will bring you a collection of color slides entitled "Long Legged Waders and Waterbirds." Our late member and bird photographer, Reginald Hicks, once said, "A bird should be big enough to be seen and close enough to be photographed." Hopefully these selections meet this criteria.

Our November program will be on the St. John's Water Management District and has been arranged for by the Conservation Committee with special help from Bob and Shirley Owens.

Later in the year we will have a nature slide program presented by Ken Brate. Ken is well known as a photographer and recently spent several months on a trip for the primary purpose of taking pictures. We saw a sample of his work at our members' show year before last. This should be one of our year's highlights. Watch for it.

By the time this notice is published, the Florida Ornithological Society will have been held in Naples. It is expected that we will be able to make arrangements there for two programs that you will enjoy and that will present a good conservation message.

For our annual meeting in March we will again be hosts to Jeffrey Kuhn who will present his narrated 16MM color movie, "The Other Everglades."

Carlton M. Smith, Program Director

IN MEMORIAM REGINALD HICKS

Reginald Hicks, a life member of the Audubon Societies, died August 1, 1978 at Halifax Hospital.

Born in Plymouth, England, Mr. Hicks moved to the Halifax area in 1957 from Yonkers, N. Y. He studied engineering at the University of London and law at the New York Law School, in preparation for a career as a patent attorney.

Beside his membership in Audubon, he was an active and life member in the Art League, at whose shows he exhibited paintings for many years. In addition, he was a member of the Central Florida Zoological Society in Sanford. As Mr. Smith has mentioned, he was one of our most expert photographers.

Many of us enjoyed his slide programs offered not only at the meetings of the Halifax River and New Smyrna Beach Audubon Societies but also at the Ormond Beach Public Library.

HALIFAX PLANTATION - AN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE

Halifax Plantation, a proposed 5,870-acre development along the Old Dixie Highway north of Tomoka State Park, presents serious environmental questions. The "Amended Plan for Development", presented to the County Council on October 5, contemplates building within the flood plain as determined by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Mr. Steve Hartman pointed out to the Advisory Committee on Environmental Control that the 1973 Development of Regional Impact statement did not cover the questions of water quality and quantity; threat to the Tomoka Marsh Aquatic Reserve; sewage treatment and disposal; population impact on the surrounding areas; and drainage impact on the Tomoka River Basin.

Conservationists are urging that a new look at the project be taken by the Florida Departments of Environmental Regulation and Natural Resources, the St. Johns River Water Management District, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission. Much has changed in the past five years and the Amended Plan should take into account the new awareness of the ultimate consequences of building projects on such lands as are included in Halifax Plantation.

Walter S. Boardman
Chairman, Conservation Committee

BIRD NOTES

Estella and Jackie Seymour report they saw four gray kingbirds near their beach cottage on South Atlantic, also a flight of white ibis, towhees and least terns. In midsummer a gray kingbird was hanging about the parking lot at Morrison's downtown. The Carlton

M. Smiths advise that a neighbor of theirs had screech owls in the yard; pictures were obtained. In their own yard a crested flycatcher nested this summer. Mrs. Alpha Little mentioned that five pileated woodpeckers were about her house, two adults and three little ones. Mrs. Bea ^{Little} saw twenty-four redstarts during the spring migration at her home down on the South Peninsula. Thelma Acosta noted on her travels along the Gulf Coast that the nesting sites of the least terns over there had been roped off.

Speaking of least terns the nesting colonies on the roofs of the Daytona Beach Harbor Apartments and the Riverside Garden Apartments on North Halifax Avenue returned this spring.

An indeterminate but very large number of black poll warblers were killed this spring during their migration at the High Bridge across the Intracoastal Waterway. Mike Brothers of the Daytona Museum staff suggested that they had flown into guy wires. Indeed, there are a couple of arrays of guy wires around a very high pole carrying lines across the water, just where the bodies of the birds covered the ground.

The Museum is offering a course entitled "Introduction to Florida Birds" beginning October 19, a Thursday, at 7:30 P. M. The five week course will be taught by Mike Brothers and the fees are \$15.00 for members of the Museum and \$20.00 for non-members. Call the Museum at 255-0285 for more information.

Other courses at the Museum this fall include "Ecology Auto-Tour - Volusia County's Eco-Trail" and "Edible and Useful Plants of Florida."

We have been informed that the parking lot at the Coast Guard Station, New Smyrna Beach, has been closed; perhaps, we can try the lighthouse side of Ponce Inlet and hope that the closure will be rescinded.

Over one of the IV stations pictures were shown of a fire at Log Cabin Groves, on US 1 south of Oak Hill. The groves have been a regular stop for many years on our field trips to Titusville and Cape Canaveral. It is hoped the damage is not too extensive, though it was said that the retail salesrooms on the highway were not affected. We have had good birding there, and the folks have passed on tips about nearby birding areas.

Also more recently it was reported a funnel cloud touched down in the vicinity of Lopez Fish Camp near Oak Hill. We have passed this fish camp many times on our trips along this stretch of the North Indian River.

Our first field trip is on Friday, October 20, to Washington Oaks and Anastasia Parks. It leaves at 8 A. M. from the City Island parking lot at the west end of Memorial Bridge.

We have a number of copies of "Where to Find Birds in Florida". They cost \$1.50 each and can be obtained at the meetings or call 677-0647. Our own George Murray wrote the section on the Daytona Beach - New Smyrna Beach Area.

If this issue of the "relican" looks somewhat different, it is because it was not prepared by the skilled hands of Mrs. Bertha Conklin. We regret to inform you Mrs. Conklin suffered several heart attacks this summer, so that she has had to give up working on the "relican". The word is that she is recovering pretty well, and we hope the outlook continues favorable. All members and officers past and present wish to thank Bertha for her efficient work on our behalf over the years.

After serving as editor for several years Jeri Wyly has stepped down from that position. We certainly also her a debt of gratitude for editing the "relican", handling our publicity and arranging many fine field trips, such as the one to rayne's rrairie. In addition, she has been a fervent leader in many a conservation cause.

CONSERVATION NOTES

Florida Audubon urges all to write their congressmen in support of the bill de-authorizing the Florida barge Canal.

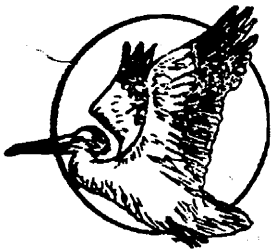
on the local front the Storm Water Ordinance was passed by the County Council. a tree ordinance is now being drafted by staff.

NEWS FLASH--October 5 County Council requested a new DRI (impact statement) for Halifax Plantation. Possibly this action may not hold. see the papers for further developments.

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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our program for November 20 will be presented by Miss Susan Connelly, public information officer for the St. Johns River Water Management District. It will include color slides of the area and will be an overview of the overall program. Especially featured will be the marsh acquisition efforts along the upper river. Try to be present to make sure that you fully understand this very important project.

We are indebted to Bob and Shirley Owens for arranging this presentation for us.

Our December program will be on the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary and will be presented by Mr. Jerry Outlip, curator of this National Audubon Sanctuary.

Watch for date in January when your society will co-sponsor, along with Museum of Arts and Sciences, a film presentation by National Audubon lecturer Richard Kern.

Carlton M. Smith
Program Chairman

FORT ORANGE SANCTUARY

At the last meeting of the board of directors of the Halifax River Audubon Society on November 6th, great alarm was expressed because of the proposed construction of a commercial pier very close to the Fort Orange Sanctuary.

The pier is to be built for a restaurant and will be only a few hundred feet away from a nesting site of brown pelicans. Pipeline construction down there is already frightening birds away. With the construction of the pier first and increased boat traffic later we fear the birds will abandon the nesting site completely.

Our Conservation Chairman, Dr. Walter Boardman, was commendably alert and expressed our reservations on the project to the Army Corps of Engineers and to the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation.

BIRDING NOTES

Our first trip on October 20 brought out 15 birders. Our route took us northward, with a number of stops along the way, to Washington Oaks where we picnicked. After that we stopped at the Fort Matanzas National Monument and later at the Anastasia Lighthouse. We took the boat ride to old Fort Matanzas on Rattlesnake Island where many of us had long wanted to go. Incidentally, there have been troubles at Matanzas Inlet as well as at our own Ronce Inlet. Weather was fine, except that the tide was high so that possibly we missed seeing a few species of birds. The count was 40 species, about the same as the corresponding trip last year to the same locations.

In contrast, the November 3rd trip to the Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge was plagued by bad weather, even though all the TV weathermen had forecast a fine day the night before. The poor weather seemingly was confined to the coastal area from Brevard County north. Probably more than 11 people would have gone otherwise. At the Refuge it was not so bad as in parts of town, but it still was windy and cool with intermittent showers. The 66 species tallied was quite a bit less than the trip one year ago. We saw only about three dozen white pelicans compared to several hundred November 5, 1977. There were 9 species of ducks, mostly clustered in one locality.

By the time you receive this issue of the pelican we will have gone on our third trip to Osteen and Mullett Lake. Succeeding trips will take us to Blue Springs on December 1st and on December 15th our ultimate destination will be the Welaka Fish Hatchery.

CONSERVATION NOTES

The bill to deauthorize the Cross Florida Barge Canal passed the Senate late in the second session of the 95th Congress, but hearings before the appropriate House committees were not arranged in time before the final adjournment. Thus the bill died and a fresh start will have to be made in the 96th Congress convening January 15, 1979. Assurances have been received that Senator Chiles and Senator Stone will reintroduce the bill in the Senate the next session.

The Halifax Plantation matter will have still another hearing before the Halifax Zoning Commission at the Court House Annex, City Island, December 5th at 7:30 P.M. As you may have read in the papers the developers may opt for the original plan with a projected population in the development of over thirty thousand.

As usual when the name "Mary McLachlin" heads an article in the Daytona papers, her articles on the National Wetlands Symposium held recently at Lake Buena Vista were informative and thorough.

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY CONFERENCE

The Florida Chapter of The Nature Conservancy held their fall conference November 10-12 at Longboat Key. Our Doctor Walter Boardman was nominated for trustee 1979-1981. Tax deductible contributions toward repayment of the nearly \$200,000 loan taken out to assure establishment of The Tiger Creek Nature Preserve may be sent to:

Tiger Creek Committee
P. O. Box 268
Lake Wales, Florida 33853

Checks should be made payable to Florida Chapter, The Nature Conservancy.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Since the helican mailing is by bulk mail, please check with our membership secretary Mrs. Esten if an address is changed or the zip number is incorrect.

ENDANGERED AND THREATENED BIRDS

In a recent issue of "Florida Wildlife" Lovett Williams listed the endangered and threatened species of birds, both on a national and state basis.

Endangered

Bachman's Warbler
Bald Eagle
Brown Pelican
Cape Sable Sparrow
Dusky Seaside Sparrow
Kirtland's Warbler
Everglade Kite
Peregrine Falcon
Ivory-billed Woodpecker
Red-cockaded Woodpecker
Cuban Snowy Plover
Florida Grasshopper Sparrow
Wood stork

Florida Status

Possibly extinct in Florida
Needs protection of nesting sites
Needs protection of nesting sites
Very uncommon
Confined to one area, very few
Very rare migrant through Florida
Rare in Florida
Rare in Florida
Probably extinct
Fairly common, habitat endangered
Rare breeder
Rare
Locally common, habitats endangered

Threatened

Caracara
Sandhill Crane

Florida Status

Uncommon
Common but needs protection from shooting

Rothchild's Magnificent Frigatebird One colony in the Keys

Threatened (cont.)

Florida Status

Osprey
 Southeastern Kestrel
 Roseate Tern
 Least Tern
 White-crowned Pigeon
 Florida Scrub Jay
 Louisiana Seaside Sparrow

Abundant now in Florida
 Uncommon
 Fairly common in Florida
 Needs nesting protection
 Common in summer in the Keys
 Needs habitat protection
 Needs habitat protection

TREES

As Daytona Beach has passed a tree ordinance and the county is considering one, the following poem seems appropriate:

I LIKE A REVERENT TOWN

I like a town that sees
 The sacredness of trees,
 Acknowledging their right
 To whisper half the night
 And all the day to talk
 Above a shaded walk.

I like a reverent town
 That hews no tree-trunk down,
 But lets it stand to know
 Sidewalks around can go,
 As if: "I comprehend.
 You were here first, my friend!"

CHARLES DIVINE

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SPECIAL

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Because of a conflict in dates, the Halifax River Audubon Society will be unable to hold its December and January meetings at Seareeze United Church. Our December meeting will be at the Security First Federal Savings branch at Mason Ave. and Nova Road, Monday, December 18, 1978 at 7 P. M.

This building is on the mainland a little over a mile west of Ridgewood (U.S. 1) and about a mile north of Volusia (U.S. 92). Mason Ave. extends west from the Seareeze bridge. This building is just off the southwest corner of the intersection, and it has a weather-time sign in front. Parking is to the west of the building.

Our January meeting possibly may take place at the Museum of Arts and Sciences. More information will be in our next newsletter.

We regret any inconvenience these changes may cause our members.

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are fortunate this month to have as our speaker Mr. Jerry Cutlip, superintendent of CORKSCREW SWAMP SANCTUARY. CORKSCREW is noted as the largest U. S. nesting site of the wood stork. Mr. Cutlip has seen both good times and bad times for this magnificent bird at the sanctuary. He has some very interesting theories relative to its survival and his slides are really something to behold. Don't miss them. Refreshments will be served.

On the afternoon of Sunday, January 14th, your society is co-sponsoring Richard Kern's "Fisheating Creek", along with the Museum of Arts and Sciences. The showing will be at 2:30 P.M. at the Museum on Museum Blvd., off Nova Road just south of Orange Avenue, Daytona Beach. There will be no charge for members of H.R.A.S. and the museum, but there will be slight charge for outside guests. This program is in addition to our regular January meeting which will be announced later.

Carlton M. Smith
Program Chairman

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

HALIFAX PLANTATION -- WHAT NEXT?

Bellemead and associated developers asked that time be given on December 5 by the Halifax Zoning Commission for consideration of the Final Development Plan for Phase One of the existing GDP. This is the old, higher density plan of 1973; HRAS and other environmental groups were in attendance to see what would happen. (The Zoning Commission will have another hearing February 13.) Watch the papers for further reports.

PIER AT CAPTAIN'S TABLE - PORT ORANGE SANCTUARY

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife has offered no objection to the plan for a pier and boat dock near the seabird resting place just south of the Fort Orange Bridge. We may, therefore, expect the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to give approval. It is hoped that the Fish and Wildlife's optimism about the impact upon the sanctuary proves justified.

DOT vs TREES

The Department of Transportation wants all trees, even near highways, to be removed. We are indebted to Councilman Bud Fleuchas for his strong stand against tree removal along our quiet, less traveled streets.

DER REJECTS PORT-MARINA

The Department of Environmental Regulation (Florida) has rejected the application of the Ponce Inlet Port Authority for approval of a port and marina facility in the mangrove complex near the New Smyrna Power Plant. The decision will be appealed and the campaign to protect the natural resources of the Halifax River must go on.

GOOD NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

- 1) President Carter vetoed the Water Projects Pork Barrel.
- 2) The Congressional fumble on the management of Alaskan lands was recovered by act of the President.
- 3) The most comprehensive national parks bill ever presented was passed.
- 4) Wilderness protection to 1,075,000 acres in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area was given.
- 5) The Clean Water Act escaped a determined attack.

FLORIDA AND VOLUSIA COUNTY

We have reason to anticipate a better year in the Florida Legislature and the same can be written regarding our Volusia County Council.

Walter S. Boardman
Conservation Chairman

CHANGES IN BYLAWS. Because of a change in dues schedule by both National Audubon Society and Florida Audubon Society, which your Board of Directors has adopted, and

because each corporation must set its own dues schedule in its bylaws, an amendment to our bylaws is imperative. The following is presented for your consideration. Action on these changes will be taken at the regular general meeting of the Society on Monday, December 18.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Para. 1 -- No change

Section 1 - which defines the primary class of membership shall be changed to read:

The Society's membership shall be "joint membership" which is offered by special arrangement between National Audubon Society and Florida Audubon Society and which provides for membership in the National Audubon Society, the Florida Audubon Society, and the local chapter -- the Halifax River Audubon Society, Inc., under the dues schedule set by National Audubon Society. The dues of this Society, which shall be included in the total "joint membership" dues, shall be:

Student	\$ 1.50
Individual	3.00
Family	3.75
Sustaining	6.00
Supporting	12.00
Contributing	25.00
Donor	50.00
Life	100.00
Dual Life	100.00

a, b, c, d, e - unchanged

Section 2 - unchanged

BIRDING NOTES

There is only one field trip to report on, as the trip of December 1st was canceled because of the heavy rain. On our trip of November 17 eleven observers drove to Tomoka Farms Road, Osteen bridge and Mullett Lake, with a final count of 42 species. Carlton Smith advises that he has seen sandhill cranes at our regular stopping place west of Crows Bluff on route 44.

MORE ON HALIFAX PLANTATION

The County Council backed down on its push for a new Development of Regional Impact Study and scheduled a workshop for January 8 at 7:00 P.M. Either plan, without substantial modification, represents an environmental disaster.--Walter S. Boardman

"SAVE THE BALD EAGLE"

With Christmas coming, everybody will be receiving many greeting cards. Suggestions for saving stamps for the Bald Eagle Fund include:

Omit Christmas issues--these are not worth your time and postage.

Cut with scissors (preferably) or tear carefully the paper bearing the stamp. If the stamp is torn, throw it away. If the perforation around the edge is cut, throw it away.

Do not attempt to tear or peel the stamp from the paper it is stuck to.

Whenever possible, include all foreign stamps.

Send intact picture postal cards rather than tearing off the stamp.

Bring stamps to any of our meetings and we will see they get sent along to Maitland. And watch your letters all year long for commemoratives, foreign stamps and the larger denominations of stamps.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

December 18 (Monday), Halifax River Audubon Society general meeting.

December 19 (Tuesday), Dr. Gordon Edmund, Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, will give a lecture at the Museum of Arts and Sciences on sloths and related animals.

December 20 (Wednesday), TV Special, Channel 24, 8 P.M., "Tusawilla Wanderer," a documentary on the giant sloth.

January 5 (Friday), Audubon half-day field trip.

January 14 (Sunday), Richard Kern's film at the Museum.

January 15 (Monday), Halifax River Audubon Society general meeting.

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