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Daytona Beach, Florida

Harold J. Nett, President
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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!!

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The Good News

A review of the accomplishments of the 96th Congress and the Carter Administration shows an outstanding record of actions to protect our natural resources and to enhance the human environment. While we are all aware of the big ones, such as the Alaskan Lands Bill and the Superfund legislation, there is a long list of other solid accomplishments, Coastal Zone management, new parks, refuges and wilderness designations are but part of a long list of constructive decisions reached.

The St. Johns River Water Management District has won significant court decisions to establish its authority. Now it is about to endorse a sweeping plan for management of the Upper St. Johns River. In Volusia County, it has purchased Trumbull Hammock, a magnificent tract of 1160 acres. Seminole Ranch which represents nineteen miles of river front, immediately south of Volusia has also been acquired.

It can be truly said that the Volusia County Council has been environmentally minded on many decisions. It is currently moving aggressively in negotiations for De Leon Springs.

Matters of Concern

The State of Florida has failed to meet the deadline for a firm offer to the Bellmead Corporation for the 2600 acres that we thought were secure. The corporation has extended the time for a settlement to the second week in February but if it cannot be worked out by that time we must expect to see the company proceed with its plans for development. It is hoped that our Volusia delegation to the Legislature will urge the state purchasing agents to expedite procedures.

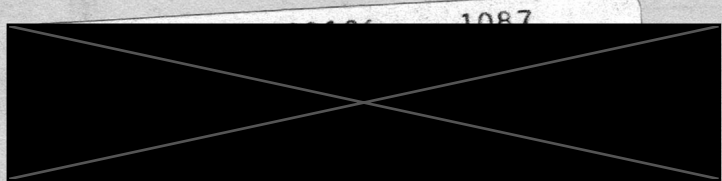
"The World's Most Famous Beach" has attracted thousands and unless a better management program, adequately funded can be developed, there is trouble ahead. The Conservation Committee, HRAS, has called upon Chambers of Commerce and municipal officials to hold public meetings and reach common understandings upon which coordinated actions can be taken. One of the major problems is funding the work necessary to patrol and clean the beaches. The most controversial issue is "motor vehicles versus people". Furthermore, some areas, away from the built-up sections, should be managed for bird and wildlife as well as beach vegetation.

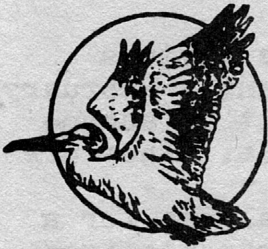
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FEBRUARY 16th - DR. RUSTY TAYLOR

Dr. Rusty Taylor will present our program this month. Those of you who have seen any of his slides need no recommendation. Those of you who have not have a special treat coming. Rusty is a member of both HRAS and Sierra. He is a nature-oriented person. He will show selections from pictures of recent trips he has made. I personally don't want to miss him. I hope you don't either.

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CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE: The meeting of this Committee of the Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce, scheduled for January, was postponed until February 4th. Dr. Boardman, who is a member, believes it will be difficult to accomplish anything which is not in the interest of the concessionaires. They are a small, but powerful group.

HALIFAX PLANTATION: The week of February 2nd was the crucial one for a final decision on the purchase of Halifax Plantation. State representatives are confident that a favorable deal will be worked out with Bellemead.

FISH KILLS: A local resident who lives on Spruce Creek, believes the cause of the fish kill there could be leaching from the County dump--something which was never supposed to happen. On January 26, representatives of several State agencies, and a scientist hired by a commercial seafood company, met to investigate the kills. There was a sharp difference between the government men and the private investigator, which leads environmentalists to be concerned about "stonewalling" by the State agencies in their statements about possible causes for the kills. The private scientist pointed out that not only fish, but scallops, birds and whales have died too, and that the severe Red Tide in this part of the State was unusual. As a representative of several environmental groups, Dr. Boardman has filed a brief with the Volusia Legislative Delegation to have them check on reports of environmental kills.

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Duval 168 species, St. Petersburg 152, Orange 125, Venice Area 121.

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MARCH 16TH - POT LUCK DINNER

Our last meeting of the 1980-81 season will be a pot luck dinner March 16th at 7 P. M. at Seabreeze United Church. Bring your favorite covered dish, casserole, dessert or salad with your place setting (knife, fork, plate, cup, etc.). Beverages and napkins will be furnished.

SING A SONG FOR WILDLIFE - DALE AND LINDA CRIDER

Together they form Anhinga Roose Music Company, a partnership for the protection of natural resources through music, art and photography. Their multi-media slide and musical presentations have been performed live and for TV audiences nationwide.

Dale, a biologist of more than ten years with the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, began putting his knowledge of wildlife into songs when he realized the urgent need for public concern toward preserving natural habitat. He now serves in the capacity of Information Specialist on endangered and threatened species in Florida, and captures attention through a foot-stomping bluegrass rhythm on a jumbo Gibson guitar.

Linda, former Director for the Florida Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, now directs the visual and musical productions, keeping time with an old German upright bass and adding vocal harmonies to their original songs. Linda received a Ph.D. in Educational Administration from the University of Florida where she taught Physical Education and Health for three years. She, like Dale, recognized the need to apply her training and talents toward a broader educational approach through media and public musical performances.

Dale and Linda reside on a hundred acre wildlife sanctuary at the edge of Newman's Lake near Gainesville where they are conducting a "Life-style Experiment" on a low energy budget. They feel they can best explain the benefits of a conservation ethic by living it first.

They will be with us for our annual meeting, March 16th. Come out and enjoy their pictures and their music.

Carlton M. Smith
Program Chairman

BEACH MANAGEMENT IS A CRUCIAL ISSUE

The Conservation Committee has suggested that the major environmental concern at this time, of HRAS should be the protection and upgrading of the beach. The advertising slogan, "Come to Daytona where you can drive on the beach", plus the shortsighted economy of using the shore as a public parking lot have combined to create a situation in conflict with the interests of those who come seeking a place of rest and relaxation. Many parents feel that it is unsafe for children to play. The County action in closing the seven miles south of the Flagler line to motor vehicles has made that section more attractive to many, especially families.

The Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce appointed a special committee to examine the problems and offer suggestions for future management. There is an uneasy feeling that this study will be too deeply commercial in outlook to judge what is really best in the public interest.

If the current trends are to be changed and the beach restored to a place for quiet recreation in safety and if safeguards are to be undertaken to protect people and property against the ravages of violent storms, those who care must raise their voices where it will do some good. That means citizen opinion expressed to the public officials of the municipalities having jurisdiction. With this in mind the Executive Committee, HRAS, took the following action on March 2, 1981.

"That HRAS adopt as a major concern, the maintenance and upgrading of the Volusia County beaches and that the Executive Board, through The Pelican, urge all HRAS members to support actively this concern by letters and phone calls to the city council members of Ormond Beach, Daytona Beach, Daytona Beach Shores, Ponce Inlet and the Volusia County Council."

SUGGESTED ACTION --- In study of the implementation of this motion, the following course is suggested as a means to the desired ends:

According to the municipality in which each member lives (those residing in other than the four cities should contact the County), make a preliminary call to the suggested person.

Daytona Beach -- Jerry Langston, Planning Director

Phone: 258-3100, Ext. 292

Ormond Beach -- Planning Director, Albert Boughey

Phone: 677-0311

Daytona Beach Shores -- Chmn. Planning Board, Art Cameron

Phone: 767-7121

Town of Ponce Inlet -- City Clerk, Marge Giacobe

Phone: 767-3425

Volusia County -- Environmental Control Officer, Barry Appleby

Phone: 258-7000 Ask for the above named.

BEACH MANAGEMENT (cont.)

HALIFAX PLANTATION

Note: The address for Marge Giacobbe is, 4680 So. Pen. Drive
Daytona Beach, FL 32019

The address for Barry Appleby is, P. O. Box 429
Deland, FL 32720

In calling or writing express an interest in the management of the beach and ask for his or her thoughts about it. In the conversation ask for the name and address of a council member thought to be specially interested.

We are not attempting to offer solutions to problems but to encourage study and perhaps means of public input on what improvements can be made.

Walter S. Boardman
Chairman, Conservation Committee

BIRD REPORT

Bea Childs reported 12 or 15 pine siskins were in the Childs' yard February 9th. Pine siskins are seldom seen in this area. Larry Griffin saw 4 evening grosbeaks at the Museum in the middle of February. Then, of course, there is the well-publicized black-tailed godwit at the Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge. There were stories on it in papers in Pompano Beach, Orlando and New York, so it is said, and birders came from many places, as far as Colorado, to catch a glimpse of it. The bird is supposed to be a first for Florida. The location is a little east of the junction of Routes 402 and 406 alongside of Route 402--all this east of Titusville, of course. There is a dike road on the right and the bird has been in a pond a little further on and across the road. Anyway, everybody on our trip of March 6th saw it, a rusty brown bird in its breeding plumage and with a long bill busy picking in the mud.

As for our field trip of February 20th, 13 people took part and 37 species were seen as we went on our way to High Bridge, Flagler Beach Recreation Area and Washington Oaks, with a first stop at the point in Holly Hill. There we had the pileated woodpecker again and oystercatchers in the Halifax River. Flagler Beach Recreation Area was bare but Washington Oaks provided several sightings, including hooded mergansers in the Matanzas River.

On March 20th 21 people went, 6 people in two cars going ahead a little earlier than the rest. Most of the 15 who followed never did make connections with the first group. Combined total for the two groups was 72 species, including the black-tailed godwit, several glossy ibis, dozens of white pelicans and bald eagles. The first two cars saw three bald eagles and most of the second group were told of an active bald eagle nest. This nest is one mile east of the railroad along Route 406. Actually there was only one real concentration of birds along Black Point Wildlife Drive, but there were quite a few more at the godwit location.

HALIFAX PLANTATION

To insure final approval of the purchase, it might be well to write to the Governor and Cabinet as follows: Governor Bob Graham, Lieutenant Governor Wayne Mixson, Secretary of State George Firestone, Attorney General Jim Smith, State Comptroller Gerald Lewis, State Treasurer Bill Gunter, Commissioner of Agriculture Doyle Conner, Commissioner of Education Ralph D. Turlington. Address for all is: The Capitol, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

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 April 3rd (Friday), field trip to Blue Springs, Hontoon Island, 8 A. M.
 April 10th (Friday), field trip to Washington Oaks, Anastasia Park, 8 A. M.

FLORIDA NATIVE PLANTS SOCIETY

The newly organized Florida Native Plants Society will hold a conference and workshop in Crummer Hall, Rollins College, Winter Park on April 24 and 25. Registration is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. Membership costs \$12 single and \$15 family. The address is Florida Native Plants Society, 935 Orange Ave., Winter Park, FL 32789. Make checks payable to Florida Conservation Foundation -FNPS.

FLORIDA AUDUBON NOTES

Forthcoming Florida Audubon Society field trips are March 21 to St. Marks N. W. Refuge (meet 8 A. M. at the refuge headquarters on US 98 east of Newport) and April 18 to Ft. DeSoto County Park, St. Petersburg (meet 8 A. M. just beyond the second toll station enroute to the park).

We have been invited to visit Florida Audubon's Madalyn Baldwin Center for Birds of Prey. Arrangements and confirmation will have to be made and a date set. May 1st has been suggested. Possibly a visit could be made also to the Central Florida Zoo at Sanford; this has an admission charge.

Florida Audubon Society and National Audubon Society have agreed to a continuation of the three-way membership, subject to confirmation by the Florida chapters.

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There are three field trips to report on. On March 20th, a very cool and windy day, the trip went to the Coast Guard Station at Ponce Inlet, but we did not stay there too long because of the chill and the wind. After we left the inlet we visited Edgewater Park, at lunch at a county park in Oak Hill and finished up at the Port Orange Bridge. Most of the 47 birds were water birds, including black-backed gull at the inlet and white pelicans in the Mosquito Lagoon off Oak Hill.

The trip to Blue Springs and Hontoon Island on April 3 was disappointing in that we saw practically no warblers among the 45 species. Highlights were sandhill cranes along the Hontoon Island Road, gnat-catchers and ruby-crowned kinglet at Blue Springs, hummingbirds at Hontoon Island and a red-headed woodpecker at the Deland cemetery. A bald eagle soared high in the sky over Blue Springs.

On April 10th we traveled to Washington Oaks, Fort Matanzas and Faver Dykes. We had to compete with the proposed launch of the space shuttle that day, which might have kept some people from joining us. Again we did poorly on warblers. A bright spot was Fort Matanzas with hairy and downy woodpeckers and black-and-white warbler. This time our count was 42 species.

To date we have checked off 137 species. The average seen on our trips to date has been 53, with the trip of March 6th to Merritt Island registering the most, 72 in all including the black-tailed godwit. The other two trips on November 29th and January 23rd to Merritt Island were also very productive.

As noted in the newsletter of the Duval Audubon Society some months back, this has been a winter for finches. Mr. and Mrs. Childs had pine siskins for visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Esten had goldfinches, Larry Griffin saw evening grosbeaks and Mrs. Branch advised that over on North Halifax purple finches were around for a while.

AUDUBON FILMS

The expectation is that next year the Museum of Arts and Sciences will show Audubon Wildlife Films at the Community College again, with four films instead of the three we had this year. This is good news.

TRIP TO MAITLAND MAY 1ST

A trip to the Central Florida Zoological Park at Sanford and to Florida Audubon's Madalyn Baldwin Center for Birds of Prey has been scheduled for Friday May 1st. This replaces the field trip to Dupont Road and Lake Dias as printed in the brochure. We'll leave City Island at our usual time of 8 A. M. and go to the Zoo first. Admission charges there are \$2.00 under 65, \$1.00 over 65, and hours are from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Afterwards we'll find a place for lunch and arrive at Florida Audubon headquarters about 1:30 P. M. Preliminary driving directions to reach Florida Audubon: enter the city of Maitland on Route 17-92, turn right on Packwood St. (traffic light, a Southeast Bank and an Audubon sign), turn left on Lake Sybelia Drive, and after a little bit turn right to Florida Audubon headquarters.

MARINA AT THE PORT ORANGE CAUSEWAY

Dr. Herbert W. Kale II, Vice-president, Ornithological Research, Florida Audubon Society, visited the site of the proposed 94-boat slip marina on the south side of the Port Orange Causeway March 18th. He concluded that there are circumstances in this case that suggest the proposed marina would have some potentially adverse effects on this Sanctuary.

As considerable shoaling has occurred in this area, he fears some dredging would have to be conducted in the future in order to dock boats and get them in and out of the pier area. The exposed oysterbeds and sandflats around the Audubon Sanctuary are heavily used by resting and feeding birds. During the nesting season numerous fledged brown pelicans and cormorants inhabit these flats. Also oystercatchers (a "species of special concern") nest on or near the Audubon Sanctuary and feed on the surrounding oysterbeds. In his letter of March 27 to the Department of Environmental Regulation, from which the discussion above is derived, Dr. Kale concludes "The potential for pollution and siltation resulting from the activities accompanying a marina of this magnitude presents a definite hazard to the oysterbeds and to the shorebirds and pelicans feeding and resting nearby."

ENVIRONMENTAL ALERT

As we hear of changes being proposed by the new administration in Washington, in its efforts to cut the budget, it becomes clear that much of the environmental progress made over the past 30 years will be quickly wiped out and our natural resources recklessly consumed. EXAMPLES -

- In mid-March, the entire professional staff of the Council on Environmental Quality was dismissed.
- On one day's notice, many of the Legal staff of the Department of the Interior were fired.
- A proposal has been made to eliminate ALL funds for Coastal Zone Management.
- Another proposal would eliminate ALL funds to States for land and water conservation, and for purchase of parks and habitats.
- The Interior Department has suggested that much of the management of the national parks be transferred from the Park Service to the concessionaires who operate the commercial facilities in the parks.

Well financed campaigns by big business are trying to convince Congress and the public that there will be new prosperity if industry is given the Green Light to override already enacted environmental legislation. Nowhere is this more evident than in the assault upon the Clean Air Act. The battle for clean air will be one of the biggest in the 97th Congress, and it is expected that 18 months will go by before the issue is finally resolved.

WHO WILL SPEAK FOR THE AUDUBON VIEWPOINT??

Only YOU can do that! You must act by sending immediate, clear messages to your Senators and Congressman. As them to THINK before voting on budget cuts which may cripple or wipe out environmental programs. Tell them you will stand up and support them. Audubon does'nt aim to be one of the groups saying, "Yes - I'm in favor of budget cuts - but just don't cut my program." What we do want is fair and equal cuts across the board - for business and industry as well as for social and environmental programs.

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE YOUR POWER to affect Congressional budget decisions, or your right to protect your world and that of your children. Letter writing is one of the most effective and persuasive forms of lobbying because YOU, the voter, are telling your representatives that you care about their voting records, not just in an election year, but all the time. Keep up to date on newspaper and magazine reports of pending legislation, and when you write use the Bill number (H.R. 10, or S. 100) or the title (The Clean Air Act) if you know them. If not, briefly describe the issue that concerns you.

WRITE TO:

Senator Lawton Chiles He is a member of the Budget and Appropriations Committees. Ask
United State Senate him to vote for equitable, across the board cuts in ALL budgets -
Washington, D. C. 20510 not just deep cuts or wipe-outs of environmental programs.

Senator Paula Hawkins)
(same address)) Ask them to vote the same way - and to consider
) especially Coastal Management funds so vital to
Representative William V. Chappell, Jr.)
U.S. House of Representatives) a State like Florida.
Washington, D.C. 20515)

IF YOU DON'T WRITE - YOU COULD BE WRONG!

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YES, I want to join the National Audubon Society. Enroll me as a member, start my subscription to Audubon, and send my membership card which entitles me to all the benefits and privileges of membership.

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- Supporting/\$50
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- Contributing/\$100
- Donor/\$250
- Life/\$1000
- Dual Life/\$1500
- Bill me later

All categories except Life & Dual Life.

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A membership application for the Audubon Societies is shown alongside. Those interested in joining should make checks payable to National Audubon Society, but mail to Halifax River Audubon Society, 3 Sunny Shore, Ormond Beach, Florida 32074. We can get credit for the membership if this is done. Renewals, however, can be sent direct to New York.

FLORIDA RARE BIRD ALERT

(1) Begin an alert when you find a Florida rarity; and (2) Pass on an alert to the next city after a call reaches you (if no one answers at the nearest city, phone the next city down the line, etc.) Some common sense must be used in deciding when to initiate an alert. The identification should first be confirmed and verified (ideally by more than one observer), and the bird should at least give the appearance of remaining in the vicinity for a while.

Peter R. Mott, President of Florida Audubon Society, has announced that beginning in March or April 1981 Florida Audubon Headquarters in Maitland will maintain a taped Rare Bird Alert message that can be heard by phoning the number: 305-644-0190.

The local number is 788-0989 for Roger Harshaw or 252-8257 for his office phone. Out-of-town numbers are Jacksonville, 904-733-7181, 904-733-2388, 904-733-3673; Cocoa Beach, 305-636-2797, 305-453-1087; Orlando Area, 305-275-1163, 305-647-2615, 305-339-7457.

Incidentally, James A. Lane of Massachusetts Audubon Society, has published a book entitled "A Birder's Guide to Florida". The book is distributed by L & P Press, P. O. Box 21604, Denver, Colorado 80221 and the price for the paper-back is \$7.00. Birding Places by Region and City (The Panhandle to Key West) are discussed, with maps. At the back are graphs showing the different rates of occurrence in parts of Florida and during the twelve months of the year.

CONSERVATION BRIEFS

Halifax Plantation: In a conversation with Dick Ludington, Dr. Boardman learned there is still one document which Bellemead Corporation has not yet produced. The Florida Cabinet is scheduled to give final approval to the Halifax Plantation purchase at its session on April 21, and it's fully expected that Bellemead will submit the necessary document on time. When asked about having the Volusia Legislative Delegation appear at the Cabinet meeting on the 21st, Mr. Ludington said it would be most advantageous to have them there.

De Leon Springs: The possibility of government purchase of the Springs looks good. Although the owner has been rather rigid during negotiations, County Council Chairman, Clyde Mann, has apparently established a good relationship with him and is making progress toward an agreement.

Mary Jane Brennan, Secretary
Conservation Committee

PORT ORANGE SANCTUARY

Returning to the subject of the Sanctuary at the Port Orange Causeway (space ran out on an earlier page), Dr. Kale's survey of the bird life there on March 18th might be of interest. He found more than 250 pairs of brown pelicans breeding on Sanctuary Island, many cormorants also nesting, as well as two great egret pairs and an oystercatcher pair. On the sandflats and oysterbeds he observed a great blue heron, some white ibis, quite a lot of western sandpipers, black-bellied plovers, ruddy turnstones, eastern willets, ring-billed and laughing gulls and a couple of Forster's terns. Along the shoreline on the causeway at the proposed pier site he listed a great egret, Louisiana heron, green herons, a least bittern, a prairie warbler and five palm warblers.

Recollecting offhand some other species seen in the past at the bridge and nearby--ospreys overhead, snowy egret, killdeer, herring gull, horned grebe, royal terns, little blue heron. On a Museum trip conducted by Mike Brothers a few years back there was a clapper rail along the shoreline on the south side of the causeway.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As customary after a summer pause, the Halifax River Audubon Society begins on a full season's activities for 1981-1982. We'll have field trips every two weeks, starting October 16th, with a short hiatus over the Christmas period. Our members' meetings again will be held at Seabreeze United Church, North Wild Olive on the Peninsula; the first will be on October 19th at 7 P. M. The brochure gives dates for succeeding field trips and meetings. Please keep it for future reference.

LEAST TERNS TO START OUR '81-'82 SEASON AFLYING

Mrs. Richard Wisniewski, Marine Biology instructor at Seabreeze Senior High School, and some of her advanced students entered into a "Save the terns" project this past summer. Our first program will be a report on that project.

For the past several years members of our society have been getting calls asking what could be done to save nesting least terns hatched in roof-top nests. As natural nest sites for this species have been destroyed by man, it has taken to nesting on graveled flat top roofs. This works fine until the babies are hatched and they start wandering around and fall off the roofs. At some sites hundreds of them have been killed in this manner. Until now we have had no answer to this problem.

This past spring Mrs. Wisniewski contacted Dr. Bob Loftin, an ornithological teacher from Jacksonville, a member of Duval Audubon Society in that city and Florida Ornithological Society and an active birder. Dr. Loftin made a simple suggestion that he thought might work. Starting with that suggestion and with the enthusiasm of Mrs. Wisniewski and her students, the approval of the school authorities and partial funding by our society, the project went forward.

The October 19th meeting will be a report by some of the people that worked on the project. It should be very exciting, and we should learn of a solution to a problem of the least terns in our area. Plan to be there.

--Carlton Smith, Program Chairman

WILL THE HOUSING BOOM
BE ALLOWED TO BUST US?

We are at the point where every additional resident in Volusia County means higher taxes and less of the "good life" we cherish.

The Halifax River Audubon Society has been a vital factor in every conservation achievement of East Volusia. Much has been accomplished in saving wildlife habitat and in the protection of natural surroundings. Now, our greatest contribution can be made through a better understanding of what is at stake in the population explosion that is upon us. The 1980 Census reported Volusia at 258,762, which is said to be a 53% increase over the ten year period. On the other hand, Dr. Keith Hansen, in a computerized study, found that we are already at, or a little beyond, the highest number that our resources will support adequately. Commercial interests and the county administration speak of the anticipated half million in a few years! Does it have to be so? If enough people care and show their concern, it can be controlled.

We are going to feel the adverse effects in the increasing cost of government. New residents do not contribute to the tax base as much as it costs to provide the necessary services. The difference between a budget to provide for roads, schools, police/fire and other vital services and the taxes paid by the new residents is far out of proportion. If you do not like your tax bills, blame those who advertise to induce more people to come here. Look to the developers of marginal lands and, especially, to the builders of the new highrise condominiums for your troubles. Also, look to the legislators who have exempted so many from paying a fair share of the taxes.

Higher taxes are only one way in which all of us must feel the impact of growth. Another 50% population increase will bring the cost of fuel and food up higher than the rate of inflation would warrant under a carrying capacity for the area. It will also mean a more serious water crisis than has yet been experienced. In brief growth now means less for all.

Our future problems can be greatly eased by an aroused public demanding that the real impact of every condominium and housing project be examined for its social, economic and environmental impact. The public interest must be placed above profit.

Walter S. Boardman
Chairman, Conservation Committee

THE WATER CRISIS

As of October 6th we residents in the Halifax area have had a solid week of hot glaring sunlight with no rain and little prospect of any rain soon. The U. S. Weather Bureau at the Daytona Beach Regional Airport reported that at the end of September this

area is still nine inches short of the average to date, even with the heavy rains registered at the airport station during August and September. Many local residents found much less in their own rain gauges. The Jacksonville newspaper stated in their weather summary that at the end of September there was an accumulated shortage up there of 19 inches. Still Jacksonville exceeded the St. Johns Water Management's standards by 13%, so Bob Owens says.

SUMMER BIRDING NEWS

Larry Griffin, on his birding trips by bicycle, saw upland plovers at the Regional Airport and later on smooth-billed ani. He visits the Tuscawilla preserve behind the Museum frequently and found quite a few northern water thrush there. Thelma Acosta and Norris Kahn heard of a purple gallinule down on the South Peninsula near the Longstreet School and went down to see it. Norris, Thelma and friends drove down several times to Black Point Drive in the Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge, and though the dozen or so species of ducks are absent in summer the trips were productive in many respects. Birds seen included bald eagles, roseate spoonbills, white pelicans, wood storks, sooty terns, a northern phalarope, a peregrine falcon, red-tailed hawk and reddish egrets. The warblers have arrived in Bob Owens' yard--ovenbird, black and white warbler, black-throated-blue warbler and redstart. If any of our members saw something interesting or rare during the summer, mention it at the meetings or let us know by 'phone or mail.

SOME NEW MEMBERS REPORTED BY NATIONAL AUDUBON

Hazel Bartz, Port Orange
 Mrs. W. L. Brookfield, Ormond Beach
 Sterling Dimmitt, Ormond Beach
 Sharon A. Edwards, Daytona Beach
 Mr. Henry B. Eubank & Family,
 Ormond Beach
 Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Fowler Jr.,
 Daytona Beach
 Mrs. Sam R. Heller, Daytona Beach
 Mrs. Charles L. Hicks, Ponce Inlet
 Mr. Clayton G. Jordan & Family,
 Port Orange
 Mr. John W. Martin Jr. & Family,
 Holly Hill
 Randy Miranda, Holly Hill
 Ernestine E. Parrish, Daytona Beach
 Mildred Pheasant, Daytona Beach
 Mr. Kenneth H. Recorr, Daytona Beach
 Adelaide Wilson, Ormond-by-the-Sea
 Brannone & Family, Ormond Beach
 Mrs. Gaines N. Bailey, Holly Hill
 Mr. Thomas J. Berry Jr., Port Orange
 Enid Billsborrow, Ormond Beach
 Mrs. Lynn Bromberg, Ormond Beach
 Lida L. Clyburn, Ormond Beach

Mrs. L. C. Collins, Holly Hill
 Rosalind Sansom, Daytona Beach
 Arelis Van Breda Jr., Holly Hill
 Mrs. Charles B. Estabrook,
 Daytona Beach
 Maximilian Iglich, Ormond Beach
 Genevieve Brinker, Port Orange
 Norma E. Brown, Ormond-by-the-Sea
 Ms. Hazel Callahan, Port Orange
 Mr. Hugo T. Ceraldi, Ormond Beach
 J. E. Meyer & Family, Ormond
 Beach
 Barbara & Lawrence Pivec, Dayton
 Beach
 Morrell & Lois Robinson, Daytona
 Beach
 R. J. Shaughnessy & Family,
 Ormond Beach
 Mrs. Stephen R. Whitmer, Daytona
 Beach
 Joan Campbell, Ormond Beach
 Mr. & Mrs. Edw. Clausek, South
 Daytona
 Mr. Frank E. Delp, Daytona Beach
 Johanna B. Ruse, Holly Hill

NEW MEMBERS (continued)

Mr. David R. Lear, Daytona Beach
Mrs. Joseph V. Bonds, Daytona Beach
C. Vogt, Holly Hill

(From National Audubon Society Membership Reports March 31-August 31)

We are grateful to those who have renewed their memberships, but we are sorry that many have let their memberships lapse.

FROM OTHER CHAPTER NEWSLETTERS

DUVAL AUDUBON--Least terns nested on several rooftops in the Jacksonville area, including a K-mart and at the South Campus of Florida Junior College.

FLORIDA AUDUBON SOCIETY--Wendy Hale of the New Smyrna Beach Audubon Society is the new Environmental Education Director.

LAKE REGION AUDUBON--Chuck Geanangel, their president, has attained 600 species for his life list and now has "700" on his mind. Harlan Herbert has also passed the 600 mark.

WEST VOLUSIA AUDUBON--Beth Brothers is president of this chapter. The first meeting was held on September 22nd, with a talk on Manatees given by Jim Ruth, Blue Springs State Park ranger.

COMING EVENTS

Friday, October 16th - Field trip to Hontoon Island and Blue Springs leaves the parking area east of the Courthouse Annex, City Island, at 8 A. M.

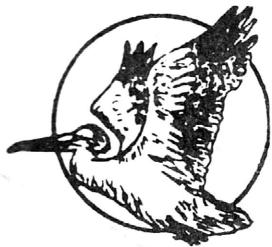
Monday, October 19th - General meeting at Seabreeze United Church, 501 North Wild Olive, on the peninsula, at 7. P. M.

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NOVEMBER 16TH - MANATEES

Our program this month will be on manatees and will be presented by a member of the staff of Blue Springs State Park. I am sorry that I am unable to tell you by whom, but information was not available at the time of our last contact. With temperatures dropping as they are now the manatees will soon, if they have not already, return to the warmer water of the springs for the winter. This program is timely and should be very interesting.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Monday, November 16 - HRAS membership meeting at Seabreeze United Church, 7 P. M.
Friday, November 27 - Field trip to Merritt Island, leaving City Island at 8 A. M.
Friday, December 11 - Field trip to Washington Oaks, leaving City Island at 8 A. M.

CHANGES IN BYLAWS

Because of a change in the 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 the bylaws, an amendment to our bylaws is presented for your consideration.

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:

CITIZEN'S MOBILIZATION CAMPAIGN

National Audubon Society's Citizen Mobilization Campaign is under way this November. At our meeting we'll have sheets for members to sign up to be counted in the fight. Ask your friends and neighbors to sign up as well. Those signing will be added to a mailing list to receive special environmental reports informing them of developments and explaining how they can help.

In the misguided belief that regulations to protect air, land, water and wildlife are stifling the economy, the Reagan administration, exemplified by Interior Secretary James Watt, is trying to wipe out the environmental gains and safeguards won by a generation of caring citizens.

Some examples of the administration's attack on our environmental laws:

BAD APPOINTMENTS. Most administration appointees to high environmental protection posts have been, like James Watt, leaders in the fight to undermine environmental laws. An example is the Environmental Protection Agency, where top jobs have been filled by lawyers who formerly represented polluting corporations against EPA.

STRIP MINING. Strip mining controls have curbed the ravaging of our landscapes and the poisoning of our streams. Yet the already hard-pressed inspection and enforcement staffs of the Office of Surface Mining have been cut by almost 70 percent, and all five of OSM's regional offices have been closed.

ENDANGERED SPECIES. The program's budget has been cut 40% and its essential research function nearly eliminated. Not a single new species has been proposed for protection, even though increasing numbers of animals and plants are imperiled by human activity.

NATIONAL FORESTS. Overriding advice from the Forest Service's professional staff, the administration plants to double and perhaps eventually triple the timber cut in our national forest--a step that would wipe out remaining virgin stands along with many of the birds and other creatures that depend on old-growth habitat.

WILDERNESS. The administration is trying to open up federally protected wilderness to mining and oil drilling--a move that could destroy the wilderness character of these areas.

CLEAN AIR. In collaboration with pollution industries, the administration seeks to lower air quality standards and reduce enforcement of clean air regulations. Acid rain is sterilizing lakes, destroying aquatic life, and harming birds and other creatures on up the food chain. Yet the administration proposes to permit more sulfur and nitrogen oxide emissions--the principal contributors to acid rain.

ENERGY. The administration proposed chopping 70 percent off the budget for solar energy and conservation while seeking to increase subsidies to the nuclear power industry by 35 percent--at a time when the

market continues to reject nuclear power as an investment.

PREDATOR POISONING. The EPA is attempting to lift the ban on Compound 1080 for poisoning coyotes on public lands. This would revive the discredited practice that indiscriminately kills eagles, hawks, foxes, badgers, marten, dogs, and a host other non-target animals, including non-offending coyotes.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Below is a membership application with the latest schedule of dues. The Senior Citizen individual and family dues apply to those 65 years or over.

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

Membership Application
Halifax River Audubon Soc.

YES, enroll me as a member in the National Audubon Society and my local Chapter. Start my subscription to Audubon magazine and send my membership card.

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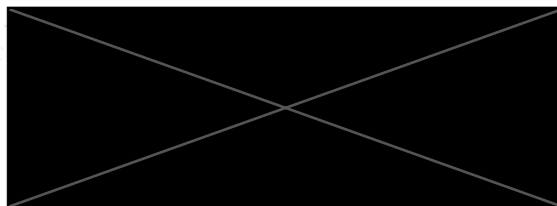
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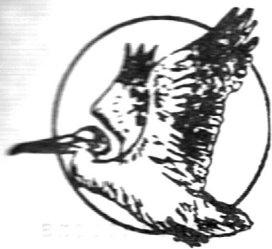
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 21 --BEAUTY IS NEW ENGLAND IN THE FALL

A color slide program by the writer featuring spectacular fall colors of Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. Foliage this past fall has been reported to be the most colorful of any year recently.

These pictures were made by the writer and his wife during their October vacation. A highlight of the trip was a week-long stay at Acadia National Park. This is an area, by the way, whose erosion problem is very minor. It seems to be a classic example of an irresistible force meeting an immovable object. That is the sea against the granite mountains. The result of all of this is spectacular scenery much different than that which we see in our area. It is hoped that you will enjoy them.

Carlton Smith, Program Chairman

P. S. Christmas refreshments will be served.

AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILMS

A brochure giving information on the National Audubon Society wildlife films to be shown at the Humanities Auditorium, Daytona Beach Community College Wednesdays January 13, January 27, February 24, 1982 is enclosed. We'll have some tickets available at our December 21 meeting.

BIRDING NOTES

Bea Childs reported on some of her avian visitors over the summer at Milton Road. They included lark sparrow, vesper sparrow, clay-colored sparrow at the end of September. Some 15 green and blue budgies showed up, also one blue and white parakeet. When a pigeon hawk (merlin) came on the scene, however, these colorful birds disappeared. Janice Brown called from the River Run Apts., saying she saw bald eagle on Thursday November 12. Marion Bigelow, our chapter's recording secretary, also saw bald eagles several times flying over Lakeview Estates and 6 ruddy ducks in the pond there.

As for our chapter field trips, we did not go to the Coast Guard Station on November 13 because of the strong winds and high tides; instead we improvised a trip to Dupont Road, Lake Dias and the Lake Woodruff Wildlife Refuge. The highlight of this trip was a flock of 5 sandhill cranes at Dupont Road and SR 11. The total species were 40. On November 27 we drove down to Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge and catalogued 65 species, including 8 species of ducks, several marsh hawks and many water birds such as reddish egrets, sandpipers, dunlins, dowitchers, godwits and yellow-legs. Traffic was heavy on the dikes of Black Point Drive, so that frequently we had to cut short our observations at some of the particularly good places. Because of the extremely cool weather our group was extremely small on December 11 as we wound our way via Addison Ave., Old Dixie, Walter Boardman Lane, John Anderson and AlA to Washington Oaks and Matanzas. We garnered 56 species as we went. These included dozens of wood storks, white ibis and green-winged teal at Addison Ave., more wood storks along with herons and egrets at Bulow Creek, bald eagles, sapsucker, merlins, ruby-crowned kinglet at Washington Oaks and a fine collection of shore birds at the Matanzas Inlet bridge.

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As for our chapter field trips, we did not go to the Coast Guard Station on November 13 because of the strong winds and high tides; instead we improvised a trip to Dupont Road, Lake Dias and the Lake Woodruff Wildlife Refuge. The highlight of this trip was a flock of 5 sandhill cranes at Dupont Road and SR 11. The total species were 40. On November 27 we drove down to Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge and catalogued 65 species, including 8 species of ducks, several marsh hawks and many water birds such as reddish egrets, sandpipers, dunlins, dowitchers, godwits and yellow-legs. Traffic was heavy on the dikes of Black Point Drive, so that frequently we had to cut short our observations at some of the particularly good places. Because of the extremely cool weather our group was extremely small on December 11 as we wound our way via Addison Ave., Old Dixie, Walter Boardman Lane, John Anderson and AlA to Washington Oaks and Matanzas. We garnered 56 species as we went. These included dozens of wood storks, white ibis and green-winged teal at Addison Ave., more wood storks along with herons and egrets at Bulow Creek, bald eagles, sapsucker, merlins, ruby-crowned kinglet at Washington Oaks and a fine collection of shore birds at the Matanzas Inlet bridge.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Monday, December 21, 1981 - General membership meeting at Seabreeze United Church, 501 North Wild Olive, 7 P. M.
- Friday, January 8, 1982 - Field trip to Blue Springs, Crows Bluff and Lake Woodruff, leaving City Island at 8 A. M.
- Wednesday, January 13, 1982 - Audubon Wildlife Film, "Superior--Land of the Woodland Drummer" with Tom Sterling, DBCC Humanities Auditorium at 8 P. M.
- Monday, January 18, 1982 - General membership meeting at Seabreeze United Church at 7 P. M. Program to be published in the January "Pelican."
- Friday, January 22, 1982 - Field trip to Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge leaving City Island at 8 A. M.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

THE FRIENDS OF THE EVERGLADES



The Everglades are dependent upon good water management.

A call has come from The Friends of the Everglades to all conservation organizations asking support of a petition for a South Florida water management program that is more in keeping with the public interest than has historically been the case. The Corps of Engineers, urged on by special interests, has been engaged in a massive ditching and draining program in the wetlands south of Kissimmee. Unanticipated results have been the silting of coastal estuaries, endangered water supply for cities and an irrigation water crisis in the croplands of the region. It also threatens the aquatic ecosystem of the Everglades National Park. While past errors are now recognized, government agencies have been slow in undertaking corrective measures.

The Friends of the Everglades has drawn up an ambitious program of steps that must be taken. The title is "Repair the Everglades" and includes a petition form by which organizations (and individuals) may place themselves on record as supporting the recommendations. The Halifax River Audubon Society and the Environmental Council of Volusia County have responded by sending their endorsement.

Copies of the publication may be obtained by writing to: "Friends of the Everglades", 3744 Stewart Avenue, Coconut Grove, Florida 33133.

PONCE INLET

Shall Ponce Inlet be Parks or More High Density Housing?

Those who have enjoyed the oceanfront, both north and south of Ponce Inlet are distressed to learn of proposals for high density development. It is unfortunate that the Ponce de Leon Port Authority did not act to acquire these properties when they could have been obtained for park purposes at a moderate cost. Even now, small parks are possible on both sides of the Inlet if action is taken promptly. To illustrate, the tip of marginal land and dredge spoil at the tip south of the lighthouse is available, but the sixty acres toward that landmark have been purchased by a foreign company for high density development. Citizen action to obtain a larger area for a park is being promoted by James Hunt of the Ponce Inlet Preservation Group. (Address: 4201 South Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL 32019 -- Phone 767-1494).

HIGH VOLTAGE POWER LINES

Public attention is being given to the plan of the Florida Power and Light Company to construct dual 500 kilovolt power lines, north and south, across the county. It is part of a plan whereby coal generated electricity in Georgia will be transmitted to customers in central and south Florida. The Volusia County Council has strongly protested the route selected because it passes too closely to the Communications Center off Highway 92 and suburban developments of East Volusia. There are also serious questions about the biological harm from the electrostatic field that surrounds high voltage power lines. Some who have studied the energy situation, question both the need for the power line and the method by which it is to be supplied.

There will be a public hearing, beginning January 11th at Daytona Beach at which answers to these questions may be provided.

Mrs. Leon Dickinson of Lake Helen, (phone: 1-228-3988) is chairperson of the group questioning the project.

Walter S. Boardman
Chairman, Conservation Committee