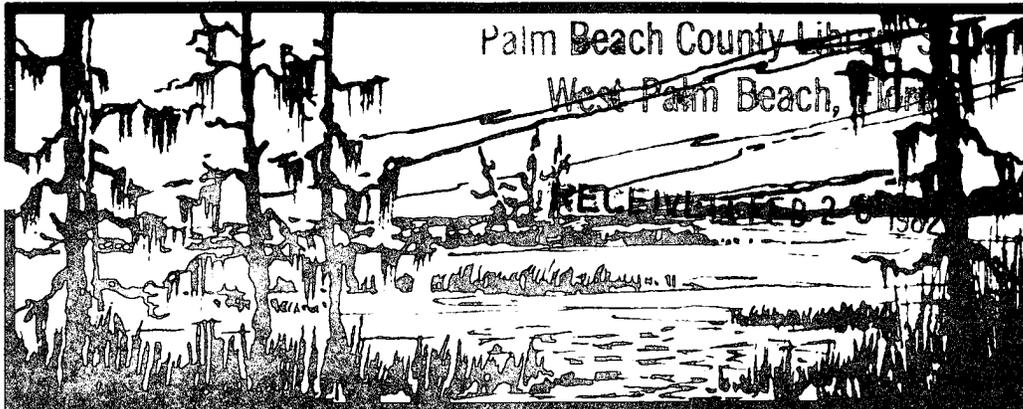


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Ruth Trumpower, Editor

MARCH 1982

ARTIC ENGINEERING

Colonel Alfred B. Devereaux, Jr., Commander and District Engineer of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, will be the guest speaker at our monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. at West Palm Beach Garden Club Center.

Colonel Devereaux's previous assignment was Commander and Director of the Corps' Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL) at Hanover, New Hampshire. This unique laboratory, which he will discuss with us, is totally involved in solving the problems presented by extremely cold temperatures.

Whether it's drilling for oil in the Artic Ocean or ice-clogged waterways; moving the DEW line radar station in Greenland or keeping a roof from buckling under the weight of snow, CRREL's scientists are prepared to battle the elements. This perhaps little-known facet of the Corps was featured in the February 1981 issue of Smithsonian Magazine.

Please join us for a most interesting slide/lecture on March 2nd at 7:30 p.m. Bring a friend. (L. Schad)

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MARCH 6 - Southern Palm Beach County Parks, Morikami County Park; leader, John Street. Take I-95

to Atlantic Ave. (SR 806) at Delray, west on Atlantic to Carter (Jog) Rd. (Kings Point intersection), south on Carter which ends in Morikami parking lot where group will meet at 8 a.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27 - Lignum Vitae and Indian Keys. Meet at the Lignum Vitae Marina at Islamorada past Mile Marker 77. Trip will begin with a boat trip to Lignum Vitae Key and a guided tour of island by resident park naturalist. Bring picnic lunch and liquids. We will then be ferried to Indian Key and return to the Marina at approximately 3 p.m. Suggest that you make arrangements for Friday evening lodging by checking with your local Chamber of Commerce for accommodation information in phone directory for the Keys. Limit is 25 people and your pre-paid boat trip fee of \$13.50 per person will confirm your reservation for the field trip. Make check payable to Audubon Society of the Everglades and mail to John S. Street, c/o County Parks & Recreation Dept., 2700 6th Avenue South, Lake Worth, FL 33461.

CONSERVATION NEWS

Legislative news bulletins are coming in fast and furiously. The Coastal Barrier Island bill, CSHB 863 is in sore need of support. Write to Representative Tom Mcpherson (The Capitol, Tallahassee 32304) and give him your support for this bill.

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WELL ATTENDED TRIP

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

As if on cue from a choreographer, the cloud cover lifted and the sun burst forth, illuminating the water below. "There's one!" "Look at the BIG one coming in now!" "Oh, there's two!" "Here's one coming to the surface!"

If you haven't guessed by now, those remarks were heard at ASE's manatee field trip on January 30th at the edge of Lake Worth in Riviera Beach.

Almost 100 people attended this wonderful excursion and they were not disappointed. At least two and as many as six manatee were in view at all times. Squeals of delight accompanied the sight of any manatee that surfaced.

The weather was cool and at times cold when the wind gusted, but the hardy group from Audubon huddled together to watch the manatee for about two hours. Two small shark were seen almost constantly, as well as a few sheephead who were busy gleaning breakfast from the backs of the manatee. For the birders present there were numerous pelicans, cormorants, and gulls to be seen flying by and on nearby piers. Paul Sykes identified the Common Loon and an immature Great Black-backed Gull.

However, all eyes were not on the wildlife. Leah Schad was the recipient of not a few stares after she donned an olive-drab maxi raincoat (G.I. circa WWI) to ward off the cold blasts.

Especial thanks to our field trip leader Steve Bass for doing such a fine job herding this large group to the site and for patiently answering the many questions posed by numerous people. We owe him a vote of appreciation for making this one of the best field trips of the year. Orchids, also, to our Field Trip Chairman John Street for including this trip in our 1982 schedule. (Peggy Teahan)

We are rapidly approaching the end of another year for our chapter with the upcoming April meeting which is also our Annual Meeting. We are most fortunate to have Marjorie Stoneman Douglas as our speaker and I certainly hope you'll join us.

My second term as president will end this year in April also. It has been a busy two years and has involved more work than I imagined. Most certainly we are fortunate to have a Board which has been very dedicated and has put in many hours to insure that programs, field trips, the film series, and many other activities were there to serve the members and the public.

There have been many changes in Palm Beach County's environment during the last two years and those changes seem to be accelerating. Water, of course, will be the limiting factor to continued growth. Hopefully, responsible officials will begin to take more deliberate action, either through a moratorium, if necessary, or a comprehensive water conservation program. Other than good rains, conservation certainly is the fastest and most economical means to resolve a water supply problem, yet seems to be the path least followed.

On the national level, the administration continues to follow a course, through weakening of laws and budget cuts, that will benefit few people and affect many. Attempts to weaken the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, EPA budget cuts, cuts in the Hazardous Waste Program, and minor in the Osceola National Forest are only a few of the changes known about that seriously endanger environmental protection.

Our chapter has almost 1200 members, but only a small number seem to actively participate. I hope in the coming years that more of you will join in chapter activities, particularly those involving conservation. (Walter Gworek)

A N N U A L M E E T I N G

This year we are again holding an annual dinner meeting for ASE members and guests. Date - Tuesday, April 13th (the second Tuesday). Time - 6:30 p.m. Place - Ramada Inn on Golf Course, Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. Those who do not want to attend the dinner, but wish to hear the speaker and attend the Annual Meeting may do so by arriving at 8 p.m.

Reservations for dinner (note choice of entrees) must be made by Friday, April 2nd. The evening's schedule is as follows:

- 6:30 p.m. - Social Hour, cash bar
- 7:00 p.m. - Dinner
- 8:00 p.m. - Speaker, Marjorie Stoneman Douglas
- 8:30 p.m. - Annual Meeting, Elections

Please clip below, mail reservation to: Ms. Leah Schad, 1628 Boardman Road, W.P.B. 33407
Questions? Call 848-9984 after 5:30 p.m.

Check choice of full course dinner, note how many of each (price includes tax and gratuity).

Tenderloin Tips of Beef/Burgundy Sauce - \$12.00 _____ Broiled Fillet of Sole - \$10.00 _____

My check for ___ dinner(s) is enclosed. (Make check payable to Audubon Society of the Everglades)

Name

Phone

Address

PROPOSED NOMINATIONS AND BUDGET

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Audubon Society of the Everglades, Article VII - Nominating Committee, and Article VI, Sec. 3 - Finance Committee, the following items have been approved by the Board for submission to the membership for its consideration at the Annual Meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 13, 1982.

PROPOSED OFFICERS
1982-1983

President Leah Schad
1st V. President Ruth Trumpower
2nd V. President Peggy Teahan
Secretary Martha Wade
Treasurer Don Braender

PROPOSED DIRECTORS
(3-Year Terms)

Charles Dennis Helen Gilmore
Gloria Hunter Tom McElroy
Ruth Trumpower

Nominations may also be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting, provided consent of the nominee has been obtained. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Tom McElroy, Leah Schad and Seymour Miller

A U D U B O N
W I L D L I F E F I L M S

Thursday, March 11, 7:30 p.m.

AMERICAN HEARTLAND-
THE GREAT RIVER STORY
by Walter Berlet

From the Gulf Coast to its headwaters in Minnesota, the Mississippi is the major source of nourishment for the American Heartland. Walter and Myrna Berlet traveled north along the river, filming its natural and cultural history - a pair of nesting loons, the fishing antics of the reddish egret, Mark Twain's paddlewheel steamer, and much more - in this tribute to the "father of waters."

Join us at Kirklane Elementary & Community School Auditorium, Palm Springs, for this last film in our 1982 series. Contact Larry Horning at 582-8275 for further information.

FREE NATURE WALKS

Every Saturday at 3 p.m. we have guided tours along the Custard Apple Nature Trail in John Prince Park, Lake Worth. Meet at bulletin board near Camp-ground Office. (Hella Wayman)

PROPOSED BUDGET
1982-1983

INCOME

Interest on Savings Account	\$ 600
Interest from Conservation Fund	4,670
Dues	3,000
Wildlife Film Series Ticket Sales	2,000
Sales Profit	300
Anticipated Donations & Bequests	6,000
Retained Excess Revenue	<u>1,780</u>
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME	\$18,350

EXPENSES

PRESIDENT	\$ 200
SECRETARY	100
TREASURER	100
EVERGLADE KITE	3,000
PROGRAMS	1,000
LEGISLATIVE	250
PUBLICITY	125
BIRD CENSUS	150
FIELD TRIPS	50
NATURE TRAIL	200
MEMBERSHIP	100
HOSPITALITY	150
EXHIBITS	600
SANCTUARIES	100
CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS, TRAVEL	700
CONSERVATION	
Friends of the Everglades	\$ 200
Nature Conservancy	100
Florida Conservation Foundation	200
Tall Timbers Association	100
General Conservation Expenses	<u>600</u> 1,200
EDUCATION	
Loxahatchee Natural History Assoc.	50
Science Museum	200
Pine Jog	300
Student Ed.(incl. WFS Matinees)	1,050
Education Workshops	500
Wildlife Film Series	<u>2,900</u> 5,000
SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, DONATIONS	
Florida Audubon	500
Explorer Post 290, B.S.A.	50
Dreher Park Bird Rehabilitation	370
Bonnie Findlay (Bambi Sanctuary)	300
School Memberships, Udell Gift	325
West Palm Beach Garden Club	720
Awards	200
GENERAL OFFICE EXPENSES	
Audit	1,800
Property Maintenance	50
Insurance	150
Stationery & Supplies	200
Audubon Telephone	<u>360</u> 2,560

TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENSES \$18,050

CONTINGENCY 300

TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET \$18,350

(Committee: D. Braender, W. Gworek, G. Hunter, R. Trumpower)

(Conservation cont'd.)

The concensus among conservationists is strong opposition to HB 875 and SB 826, bills that would consider hunting as a priority use on all state lands (refuges and preserves) except state parks. Also along this line are HCR 462 and 797, which would take the wetland in Payne's Prairie out from under the DNR and put it under the Game & Fresh Water Fish Commission, with a view to future hunting. Contact Senators John Vogt and Warren Henderson (same address) with your objections to these.

Charles Lee of FAS considers a very top priority the salvaging of SB 639, the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act. Call, wire or write Senator Tom Lewis, (904) 488-6472, and ask him to have the Neal amendment dropped. This bill is a good bill, but the amendment makes it ineffective. Contact Rep. Mcpherson on similar bill HB 362. Both bills are to help DER take into account the fish and wildlife resources when permitting dredge/fill operations, etc.

This is just the tip of the iceberg. Come to our Conservation Meeting on Wednesday, March 10th, at the County Parks & Recreation Dept., 7:30 p.m., and we will present more reasons for contacting our legislators. Advance announcement for April 14th meeting - we will have Mark Gumula, Regional Coastal Management Coordinator of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Board. Begin compiling questions now.

There will be a Wildlife Rehabilitation Workshop in Gainesville on March 6th. Anyone interested please get in touch with me, 965-2420. On March 14th there will be an all-day Youth Fair at the Youth Camp in Corbett Area to kick off the observance of National Wildlife Week. Displays, demonstrations, competitive events, barbeque, etc. will be featured. The Florida Wildlife Federation and the Game & FWF Com. are conducting this.
(Cissy Durando)

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KITE STRINGS

EVERGLADE KITE ALERT - During the 1981 drought, the Everglade kite, an endangered hawk thought to be on the road to recovery suffered a severe population decline, dropping from a record high of 651 birds in 1980 to 179 in January 1982. Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge acted as a clearinghouse in 1981, collecting kite sightings throughout the state. In view of the anticipated drought, this program will be continued in 1982. Please report any kite sightings and band marking to the staff at the Refuge, Rt. 1, Box 278, Boynton Beach 33437, phone (305) 732-3684.
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ATTENTION CAMERA BUFFS - Chuck Ayers will lead a 6-weeks class in nature photography sponsored by the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Dept. The classes will meet at a different location each week to provide participants with a variety of nature settings. Scheduled to begin the last week of March, the class size is limited, so call soon for details and registration. Call Debbie Thatcher, Parks & Recreation Dept., 964-4420.
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BIRDATHON - The date for ASE's participation in Audubon's 1982 Birdathon is definitely set for May 1st, the day of our Spring Bird Count. Gloria Hunter has agreed to coordinate local Birdathon activities and provide sign-up forms for those wishing to enlist sponsors. Details in April KITE.
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SPECIAL BOOK OFFER - Available at Marc meeting will be copies of "Birds of the Ca. bean." Cost will be \$5.00, as opposed to the regular price of \$15.00. The book, by Robert Allen Porter, has 98 beautiful color plates and is made available through FAS.
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